

The Bridal Rapture and the Second Coming of Messiah

1. **The gift of salvation (eternal life) is free and cannot be earned by our good works**
 - A. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (NKJV)
 - B. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast Eph 2:8-9 (NKJV)
 - C. not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:5 (NKJV)
2. **Inclusion in the Imminent, Unpredictable Bridal Rapture is a Reward for our Passionate Devotion, Agape' Love for and Radical Obedience to Y'shua that is manifested through Holy Living and Righteous deeds demonstrated through a servants Heart and and Surrendered life!** (The word "rapture" does not appear in scripture, but the concept is there. Rapture in Greek=Harpazo=to seize with force, to snatch away, to be caught up.) **Ephesians 5:26-27**
 - A. Rev 2:1-7
 - i. 1 Corinthians 3:1-15>Rev 4:10 – They fell down, worshipped and cast their crowns before Him
 - ii. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. 2 Tim 4:8 (NKJV)
 - iii. Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. James 1:12 (NKJV)
 - B. Matthew 22:1-14
 - i. Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." ⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' Rev 19:7-9 (NKJV)
 - ii. In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know." John 14:2-4 (NKJV)
 - iii. 1 Thes 4:13-18
 - C. Matthew 25:1-46 > Mark 13:1-37
 - D. Luke 12:35-49 > 2 Thes 2:1-8 & Rev 14:1-14

- i. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. ³⁷ Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*. Matt 21:36-39 (NKJV)
 - 1. Rev 3:7-13 (see verse 10)
 - 2. Phil 3:11
 - ii. Matthew 24:29-51 > 2 Peter 3:1-14
 - iii. Zech 12:1-10 > Zech 14:1-9
 - iv. 1 Cor 15:20-28 & 50-54
3. Contrasting Differences between the Bridal Rapture and the 2nd Coming of the Messiah
 - A. The Translation of the Bride / The translation of all believers
 - B. In the Bridal Rapture, Saints go to Heaven for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb- Yeshua Claims His Bride / At the 2nd Coming of Messiah, The saints return with Messiah to Earth – He comes with His Bride
 - i. Messiah comes in the air (clouds) / Messiah comes to the earth
 - ii. Only His own (His Beloved Bride) shall see Him / Every eye shall see Him
 - C. At the Bridal Rapture, the saints are judged / At the 2nd coming the earth is judged.
 - D. The Bridal rapture is secret and imminent / The 2nd Coming follows predictable events (the rise of Anti-Messiah, apostasy, tribulation etc)
 - E. Before the wrath of G-d / After the wrath of G-d
 - F. After the Bridal Rapture, the tribulation begins / The 2nd coming of Messiah is after the Tribulation and before the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom of Messiah.