What initiated the understanding referred to as the *imminent return of YHWH*, Jesus the Messiah? The event is called the *ascension* of Jesus the Messiah. This event occurred about 31 AD +/- 3 years and is documented in Luke 24:44-53 and Acts 1:9-11.

Luke 24:44-53

44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, **Thus it is written**, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen. KJV

Acts 1:9-11

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. KJV

Jesus the Messiah's ascension takes His resurrected body, the Son of Man, into the spirit component of the universe, heaven, with the promise to return in the same manner as He ascended. This raises the question can YHWH return for an individual without physically returning to Jerusalem? Even being in heaven YHWH has a personal relationship with each individual who has ever existed.

Since the ascension people have been concerned about what happened to those who had already died or if they were in the Tribulation Period because they were being persecuted for standing for YHWH.

The word *imminent* means an event to can happen at any time. What are the possible assumptions for YHWH's imminent return?

- I. YHWH's imminent return for an individual-their death.
- II. YHWH's return for the church.
- **III.** YHWH's return during the Tribulation.
- IV. YHWH's return to Tread the Winepress, and establish His Kingdom.

I. YHWH's imminent return for each individual-their death.

The first aspect of YHWH's *imminent* return is to remove an individual's mortal body and bring the individual's spirit body to the mansion that YHWH has prepared for him in heaven. This occurs the moment the individual dies. After the Fall of Man, 0000 OS, the Holy Bible is very clear that every individual shall die, which means he shall shed his mortal body.

Hebrews 9:27

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: KJV

Since the Fall of man no individual knows the day or hour that *YHWH will return for him and he will die*. YHWH knows each individual's Soul Type and at YHWH's discretion He will return for each individual. Once YHWH has returned the individual is dead and can no longer change his Soul Type prior to his judgment. **Thus one must always be ready!!!**

Throughout the New Testament when Paul and other Apostles, who have a Philadelphian Soul Type, use the words <u>we</u>, or <u>us</u>, or <u>ye</u> or <u>your</u> or <u>you</u> they are referring to dedicated individual followers of YHWH with a Philadelphian or Smyrian Soul Type, and they are also referred to as the "church". The remaining other five soul types, churches, were told to repent and correct the errors in their understanding of YHWH's truth.

The fact is that the apostles taught to always be ready for YHWH's return at anytime. The early Christian church up to the present time, generally has taught the imminent return of YHWH is for the Christian church and neglects YHWH's return for each individual throughout history. For example:

<u>John 14:1-4</u>

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told <u>you</u>. I go to prepare a place for <u>you</u>.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for <u>you</u>, I will come again, and receive <u>you</u> unto myself; that where I am, there <u>ye</u> may be also. [YHWH takes you to your mansion that he has prepared the moment He returns for you, which is the moment you die.]

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

YHWH's imminent return for any individual is the day he dies and no man knows the day or hour he will die. Each individual is responsible to always be one of the sons of God that is to be a dedicated follower or servant of YHWH because no individual knows the day he will die !!! It is extremely important to among the "Dead in Christ".

II. YHWH's return for the church.

The second aspect of the imminent return of YHWH deals with the *"church"*. The church is composed of <u>individuals</u> who are dedicated followers of YHWH, Jesus the Messiah. In the Book of Revelation these individuals have soul types represented by the church of Philadelphia or Smyrna.

Philadelphia and Smyrna are the only soul types that do not need to repent and YHWH's promise to these soul types is that they will not experience any or at most 10 days of tribulation. YHWH's return to remove the Philadelphia and Smyrna Soul Types so they do not experience the impending Tribulation Period is referred to as the *Rapture*.

The idea that nothing needs to occur prior the Rapture of the Christian church occurs when scriptures like John 14:1-4 are considered to refer to the collective Christian church rather than YHWH returning for each individual.

The idea that the Rapture of the Christian church occurs at the end of the Tribulation Period occurs when scriptures like John 14:1-4 ignores YHWH's return for each individual and only considers YHWH's return in His resurrected body.

Quantitative Theology recognizes the seven churches in the Book of Revelation are individual Soul Types. It does not recognize the seven churches as the organized Christian church. However, most Philadelphia and Smyrna Soul Types are associated with some denomination of the organized Christian church if their circumstances permit it. Individuals with Philadelphia and Smyrna Soul Types will be the only people included in the Rapture. Quantitative Theology also demonstrates that the Rapture will occur during 5993 OS and is the first event of the seven year Tribulation Period.

The Rapture is unique because YHWH is protecting those individuals who are alive and dedicated to Him from the horrors of the impending the seven year Tribulation Period by returning and taking their lives and they become part of the group known as the "Dead in Christ". This is comparable to what the Ancient Book of Jasher noted prior to Noah's Flood.

Ancient Book of Jasher 4:17-20

17 And every man made unto himself a god, and they robbed and plundered every man his neighbor as well as his relative, and they corrupted the earth, and the earth was filled with violence.

18 And their judges and rulers went to the daughters of men and took their wives by force from their husbands according to their choice, and the sons of men in those days took from the cattle of the earth, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and taught the mixture of animals of one species with the other, in order therewith to provoke the Lord; and God saw the whole earth and it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon earth, all men and all animals.

19 And the Lord said, I will blot out man that I created from the face of the earth, yea from man to the birds of the air, together with cattle and beasts that are in the field for I repent that I made them.

20 And all men who walked in the ways of the Lord, died in those days, before the Lord brought the evil upon man which he had declared, for this was from the Lord, that they should not see the evil which the Lord spoke of concerning the sons of men.

The Rapture is described in 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:5, 1 Corinthians 15:50-54, and Revelation 4: 1-3.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:5

13 But I would not have you [who are alive with mortal bodies that function on earth] to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep [who have died with bodies that function in heaven only], that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

[Those souls who are asleep, dead, are individuals having Philadelphian or Smyrnian Soul Types that are dead but as of yet have not received their resurrected bodies, which can function both in heaven and on earth.]

15 For this we [Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus] say unto you [Philadelphian type souls] by the word of the Lord, that we [Philadelphian type souls] which are alive and remain [Philadelphian type souls that are alive at this particular point in time.] unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep [Who have died and currently have bodies that function in heaven only].

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [Receive their resurrected bodies first.]

17 Then we [Philadelphian type souls] which are alive and remain [Philadelphian type souls that are alive at this particular point in time.] shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air:[All Philadelphian and Smyrnian Soul Types will die.] and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

<u>1 Thessalonians 5</u>

I But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

[These are individuals having Philadelphia or Smyrna Soul Types and they know that if they reject YHWH's truth, the light, YHWH may come take, steal, their salvation from them like thief.]

3 For when they **[Soul Types that must repent.]** shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1 Corinthians 15:50-54

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood [mortal body] cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption [Soul Types that reject YHWH] inherit incorruption [Soul Types that embrace YHWH].

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep [be dead], but we shall all be changed, [die]

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: **[Yom Teruah 5993 OS]** for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

The Apostle John in Revelation 4: 1-3 demonstrates what a Philadelphian soul will experience during the Rapture.

Revelation 4:1-3

4 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven [Yom Teruah 5993 OS]: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately [in the twinkling of an eye] I was in the spirit [dead]: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

The Rapture of the Philadelphia soul type is YHWH's return to remove their mortal bodies during the first day of the Tribulation Period. Only YHWH knows who are Philadelphians, thus even a Philadelphian would not know the hour or day that he would die in the twinkling of an eye. The Philadelphian is the only soul type to experience zero Tribulation because they are present about the Throne when the first four Seals are opened.

The Rapture of the Smyrna soul type is YHWH's return to remove their mortal bodies during days 2-10 of the Tribulation Period. Even if one knew he was a Smyrnian he would not know the day or hour that he would die in the twinkling of an eye. The four Horsemen of the Apocalypse start their ride on day 2 of the Tribulation Period and the intensity continues to increase with time. People having any of the 5 remaining Soul Types will experience an ever increasing degree of tribulation before YHWH takes their mortal body and none of them will know the day or hour when they will die!!!

Throughout the Holy Bible the consistent message to each individual is learn what YHWH's expects of you and be obedient to it. That is be a faithful dedicated follower and servant of YHWH. If one is in rebellion against YHWH, He will come like a thief in the night and take one's life and along with the loss of his life goes any possible means to repent and become a member of YHWH's kingdom.

Weather the time is prior to the Rapture, or during the Rapture, or after YHWH's physical return, YHWH's imminent return for any individual is the day he dies and no man knows this day or hour. An individual is responsible to always be a follower or servant of YHWH because he does not know the day he will die !!!

III. YHWH's return during the Tribulation.

YHWH's imminent return for any individual including those with Ephesus, Laodicea, and Thyatira Soul Types is also the day the individual dies. Any individual could be in the midst of the Tribulation Period and he would not know the day or the hour he would die. Each individual is responsible for their soul's contents and that content will be exposed by extreme conditions that will occur during the Tribulation Period.

IV. YHWH's return to Tread the Winepress, and establish His Kingdom.

The third aspect of YHWH's return is His second coming, which is the return of YHWH's resurrected body to establish His Kingdom on earth with all His dedicated followers who have died since the Fall of Man to the Abomination of Desolation during the seven year Tribulation Period. YHWH's second coming is described in Matthew 24:1 - 26:2.

Matthew 24:1-26:2

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

NOTE: Jesus is addressing the 12 disciples who are responsible for the 12 tribes of Israel. The Apostle Paul who is responsible for the gentiles does not appear until after Jesus' ascension. It is only the Remnant of Israel with mortal bodies that will survive the entire Tribulation Period.

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Notice there is no mention of the Rapture because the Rapture does not apply to the Remnant of Israel who experience the entire Tribulation Period.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the **beginning of sorrows**.

Verses 6 - 8 describe the first part of the Tribulation Period when the 1-4 Seals are opened allowing the four Horsemen of the Apocalypse to ride for the next 2 years. Then verse 9 initiates the sounding of Trumpets 1-6, which starts the judgment of Laodicea and the persecution of the 12 tribes of Israel.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Verse 13 is a reference to the Remnant of Israel, which is the remainder of the 12 tribes of Israel from all the nations in the world that will survive the remainder of the Tribulation Period.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, **spoken of by Daniel the prophet**, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

To fulfill verse 15

- 1. Daniel lived from about 600 BC to 530 BC.
- 2. Jesus was crucified and resurrected probably during the Jubilee Period in 31 AD +/- 3 years.
- 3. The destruction of the Temple occurred 70 AD by the Romans.
- 4. The Book of Revelation was written about 95 AD after the Temple was destroyed.
- 5. The Abomination of Desolation referred to in Revelation 11:1-2 requires the nation of Israel and the Temple to be restored.
 - a. Israel restored as a nation in 1948 AD
 - b. Israel took control of the Temple mount 1967 AD.
- 6. Today 2018 AD, the temple must be rebuilt yet on the Temple mount, because the outer court will be given to Satan during the Abomination of Desolation.

The Abomination of Desolation is the midpoint of the seven year Tribulation Period and the Laodicean judgment.

- 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
- 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house:
- 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

The Abomination of Desolation initiates the last 3 1/2 years of Great Tribulation.

21 For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh [mortal bodies] be saved: but for the elect's [remnant of Israel] sake those days shall be shortened.

After the abomination of desolation the only individuals alive who are now willing to die for YHWH are the REMNANT of ISRAEL led by its 144,000 leaders with Enoch and Elijah who have not died yet. These are the elect who will remain faithful through the remainder of the Great Tribulation.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

End of the of Great Tribulation.

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

YHWH, Jesus, returns in power and glory to Tread the Winepress and establish the millennial Kingdom.

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

- 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.
- 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.
- 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

The fig tree represents the restoration of the nation of Israel.

- 1. Tender branch set in 1948 AD.
- 2. Israel put forth leaves when it took control of the Temple mount 1967 AD.
- 3. Rebuilding the Temple is not the nation of Israel, fig tree, and thus does not apply to start of the generation identified in verse 34. However, the Temple must be rebuilt prior to YHWH's return because of Abomination of Desolation requires it. Today 2018, the tabernacle can be rebuilt and operational in a matter of months.

Note, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus probably occurred during 29-30 Jubilee Period and it is very probable that His return will occur during the 40th Jubilee Period of 2029-2030, which is consistent with the current state of Israel and the generation identified in verse 34. The current life expectancy for an Israelite is about 83 years of age.

- 1. 2030 1948 yields a generation equal to 82 years.
- 2. 2030 1967 yields a generation equal to 63 years.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father **[YHWH's SOUL]** *only.*

Yom Teruah, or the Feast of Trumpets, or the day no man knows the day or hour, or the longest day. YHWH's time is not based on man's atomic clock, but on sunsets observed in Jerusalem. Note in verse 29 that the passage of time has ceased until the YHWH's glory brings light and only YHWH's SOUL knows when it will occur.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. [The following is post Rapture and applies to the 12 Tribes of Israel after the tribulation has started.]

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. [Those who are left form the Remnant of Israel.]

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Verses 37-51 are a warning to the 12 tribes of Israel to put YHWH first. This reinforces the first aspect of the imminent return of YHWH and that is YHWH can come at any moment and take any individual's mortal body and they die.

Conclusion

YHWH's imminent return is simply the moment you die and no man knows the day or hour he will die. This also applies during the Rapture and the associated seven year Tribulation Period. YHWH's return at the end of seven year Tribulation Period is not imminent, but it is rapidly approaching and it is very probable that YHWH's return will occur during the next 40^{th} Jubilee period 2031 AD +/- 3 years.

Once YHWH has returned for an individual they are now *dead*. To be *dead* means the individual has a non resurrected spirit body, which is located with one of four places until it is resurrected or the Great White Throne Judgment occurs per Revelation 20:11-15.

Revelation 20:11-15

11 And I saw a **great white throne**, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the **book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the <u>sea gave up</u> the dead which <u>were in it</u>; and <u>death</u> and <u>hell</u>delivered up the dead which <u>were in them</u>: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 <u>And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.</u> This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

1. Dead in Christ: Those dedicated to YHWH from Philadelphia and Smyrna.

2. Dead from the Sea: Those who testified for YHWH from Ephesus, and Laodicea.

[The dead in Christ and from the Sea are empowered by either the first or second Resurrection.]

3. Dead from Death: Those who followed Satan from Ephesus, Laodicea, and Thyatira.

4. **Dead from Hell:** Those dedicated to Satan from Pergamos, and Sardis.

[The dead from Death and Hell are destined to go into the Lake of Fire or the second death.]

The Question is when YHWH returns for you where will you be going?

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