



Let my people go!
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The Old Ship of Zion
Only believers are
"content with such things as ye have"
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Email message to the Captain

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Captain's response

Dear shipmates of the Old Ship of Zion,

I've steered the ship, with my many Gentile shipmates, into very unfamiliar waters. I believe we've found a friend in Rabbi Koniuchowsky, a born again believer in Yeshua. It is wise, I believe, to major on those many points that we agree upon. Before I proceed further, I wish to express a "thank you" to Rabbi Koniuchowsky for his complimentary, "Good message, Gordon," in my "Response to the wife of a Messianic Rabbi," Channah.

Then the good Rabbi added, "Except that the rapture is not biblical but the change from mortal to immortality is."

Rabbi Koniuchowsky is a 20th Century John the Baptist

I've found another John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness of our times, "No one is left behind!" This is probably the biggest single lie ever purported upon the Christian ekklesia. Any voices screaming out in the wilderness of religion against this particular doctrine are few and far between. I've always maintained that the Protestant Evangelical church will forsake this "Jesuit pre-trib rapture theory," when Romanism forsakes the doctrine of Purgatory. These doctrines make it easier to raise money.

Two Doctrines That Enrich Religion

Without these two doctrines, John Darby's pre-trib rapture and Purgatory, the coffers that hold the money of these churches would be empty. There is an origin for both of these doctrines, and believe me, prior to their inception the church was broke. Oral Roberts wrote one book on "seed faith giving" and birthed the present day Prosperity Gospel. All denominations accepted the theology. *"For the love of money is the root of all evil."* (1 Tim. 6:10) Who cares what the Bible says? Just fill up the coffers! Seed faith giving and the imminent return (like tomorrow) of Yeshua, makes multimillionaires of our televangelists. *"Will a man rob God?"* (Mal. 3:8) The church uses false doctrines to rob the people, exactly as Paul warned they would. (2 Thes. 2:2)

If the church thought for one minute they were going to be alive and well with Anti-Messiah giving orders over public television, the public would hold on to their "seed" money. But with Yeshua coming in the morning, who needs it? Many Christians fail to vote because of this belief system engraved into their thinking. "We are out of here soon! Let those 'left behind' worry about it! Why should I bother to vote? I'm out of here!"

If they thought they were going to see Anti-Messiah on the boob tube, and had to live with him on earth, they'd make it to the polls come hell or high water! The "I'll fly away" gospel is a lie, as Rabbi Koniuchowsky points out very distinctively.

Rabbi Unravels the Origin of the Pre-Trib Rapture Doctrine

The scholarly Rabbi points out the origin of the "pre-trib rapture doctrine" in an article written by him called, "A Stumbling Block to Restoration," Vol. 11 No. 4 August 2000. You guessed it, the "stumbling block" the Rabbi is referring to is this incorrigible "pre-trib rapture doctrine." Apparently, many Messianic Jews have swallowed the leaven that will leaven their whole lump. (Gal. 5:9) The Rabbi is appealing to Messianic Jews to repent. The Captain quite agrees with the Rabbi, and admires his boldness to speak out! *"Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."* (Matt. 3:2)

The Rabbi places the earliest date that this particular doctrine surfaces as "1747 when an exiled Chilean Jesuit named Emanuel Lacunza wrote a book (released in 1816) in Italy entitled: 'The Coming Of The Messiah in Glory and Majesty'...This was the historical germ that grew into the now commonly taught error that Messiah comes three times. The second time for His people and the third time with His people. Emanuel Lacunza introduced three comings of Messiah in 1747 CE..."

"...The Jesuit Lacunza wrote under the pen name of Iben Ezra, and desired to infiltrate Protestantism with this Roman Catholic doctrine. He wrote using the name of Rabbi Iben Ezra to make Protestants think he was a Hebrew-Christian espousing a "traditional Jewish position". (Messianic Judaism today sadly holds to this position as a "Jewish position" as well)..."

"...A young Scottish Presbyterian minister was so enthralled with Iben Ezra's "secret rapture" theory, that he translated the work into English from Spanish. This man, Edward Irving, later founded the Irvingites based on the Jesuit secret pre-tribulation rapture lie.

This order of the Irvingites were considered to be an apostate group, even by the Vatican itself! After the Irvingites, "The Brethren" movement in Ireland adopted Iben Ezra and the Irvingites error and began releasing literature stating that only "The Brethren" were the true "church of Christ." They adopted the pre-tribulation Jesuit teaching in order to separate their "only true church", from the rest of the "false brethren". They found the divisive rapture of the pre-tribulation theory, most convenient in their massive excommunicating practices towards "heretics", whose ultimate punishment would be to be "LEFT BEHIND" in their pre-tribulation rapture.

"The Brethren" excommunicated the legendary George Muller, champion of the poor orphans, who ran Bristol England's many orphanages, for opposing the new Brethren position of "a pre-tribulation secret and separate rapture". The leading figure in George Muller's excommunication was a man by the name of John Darby..."

"...early Protestants groups in order, to sow division, discord, and variance, among the body of true believers, used this doctrine of "Jesuit-Roman-Popery". It was this most repulsive of doctrines that succeeded in dividing the believing community into two tiers of believers. Those who were going, and those who were not going. Many were excommunicated, killed and even tortured, if they did not follow the ways of Irvingism and Darby. Darby ultimately took this demonic doctrine many steps further than any of his predecessors..."

"...Like most 19th century theologians, John Darby was anti-nomian (anti-Torah), teaching that Torah had passed away at the cross...." ¹

Do You See Why The Captain Loves This Rabbi?

I wish to thank Rabbi Koniuchowsky for this input. Isn't it great to understand how this diabolical lie took root? It reminds me of the story Yeshua gave in the Bible. *"Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."* (Lk. 13:20-21) This Darby-Scofield lie penetrated every Bible College in America. In addition, Dr. C.I. Scofield spread the leaven further with the publishing of his own Bible in 1909. This Bible, as well as the Dallas Theological Seminary that he founded, was anti-Torah in that Darby's "unconditional eternal security" completely destroys the law, thus providing additional leaven to hide in her "three measures of meal."

The Second Biggest Lie in Christendom!

Unconditional eternal security to every believer, simply on the merits of being "born again," is the second biggest lie sown into the body of Yeshua. Yeshua plainly teaches, *"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth* (or obeys "Holy Ghost commandments" – Acts 1:2 – written on the hearts of believers) *the will of my Father which is in heaven."* (Matt. 7:21) This doctrine also destroys the Torah!

I must admit the Rabbi presents some tremendous logic in his treatise on a "no rapture of the church." Dr. Walter Martin held the same position as Rabbi Koniuchowsky that the children of Israel and the church will survive Daniel's 70th week.

¹ For the complete article – http://yourarmstoisrael.org/Articles_new/restoration/?page=10&type=12

The Leaven of a Jesuit Priest Hid in the Meal

I agree that John Darby and C.I. Scofield sowed some devastating leaven that it seems nigh impossible to get out of the hearts of believers. Then to create Dallas Theological Seminary to produce preachers to spread these heresies is unbelievable. Is it any wonder the Bible asks the question, *“Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find (the) faith on the earth?”* (Lk. 18:8) So much leaven is being hid daily into the three measures (Father, Son and Holy Ghost) of meal until that meal is leavened. One cannot eat it: it is like poison to the soul. Nonetheless, Jude tells us to keep on keeping on! We cannot go back. *“Contend for THE FAITH which was once delivered unto the saints.”* (Jude 3)

Myles Monroe, the King of the Bahamas

On the Benny Hinn show on TBN, more leaven was being hid in the three measures of meal. Benny was in the Bahamas with Myles Monroe. Myles Monroe’s books on how to “subdue the earth,” will flood all the Bible bookstores in America with his doctrine that every pastor is a king over his own kingdom. Pentecostalism is becoming exactly like Romanism. This is what an archbishop is in the Catholic Church. He is a king, subject only to the Pope. Legally, the San Francisco diocese is a sole corporation, owned by whoever holds the office of archbishop. The archbishop is like a miniature Pope over his own diocese; he can buy and sell, hire or fire, acting “as god.”

Myles Monroe’s Books confirm Pentecostalism’s “Government”

Through his books, Myles Monroe is confirming to every Pentecostal preacher’s mind that he is to be “as the gods.” (Gen. 3:5) He denounces democracy in a church as unscriptural, for we are called to be kings. As kings, they are “as gods,” answerable to no one on earth but the IRS. The government has aided and abetted the preacher to become “as gods” by simply following the instructions given by the Secretary of State to form a non-profit religious incorporation. Any three family members can apply, usually consisting of:

The President – the Pastor

Vice President – his wife

Secretary/Treasurer – their son or daughter.

These are the only people that the law recognizes as having any authority or vote. Most all Pentecostal televangelists are as “little gods” who rule over their congregations as kings. Myles Monroe of the Bahamas believes this is the only way scripturally to have church, to which Benny Hinn gives a hearty, “Amen!”

The Captain Spent Over 60 Years in the Wilderness of the Kings!

This is my religion, where I spent over 60 years of my life. But like Abraham, I heard the call, *“Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee.”* (Gen. 12:1) *“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.”* (Gen. 11:1) Babel, the confusion of tongues under a dictatorship of the known world under *“Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.”* (Gen. 10:9) There are only three major religions in the world,

1. Catholicism and her children (Protestants)

2. Islam

3. Judaism – *“In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.”* (Zec. 8:23)

I became a Christian Zionist because of what our own Christian televangelists teach for doctrines to enrich their own coffers. “Follow the money, stupid, and you’ll know whether the doctrine is of man or God.” We live in the hour that man desires to be “as gods.” (Gen. 3:5) How do you talk to a “little god”? Is it any wonder each god must own his own kingdom? Which “god” will you submit to? So you look for a man?

Marv Rosenthal, a Jew, and Robert Van Kampen, a Gentile. What a team!

The founder of Zion’s Hope is a Messianic Jew, Marv Rosenthal. Robert Van Kampen, who has since passed away, was a board member and patron supporter of Zion’s Hope. Van Kampen, by his own genius, was a multi-millionaire in his own right. To actually see a Jew and a Gentile work together as ONE NEW MAN is what I believe Ephesians 2:15 is speaking about. In the same way, the two witness of Revelation 11:3-7 are described as the two olive trees, who are Elijah the Tishbite and Moses the Jew.

When the disciples found one man casting out devils all alone, they rebuked him. *“We forbid him, because he followeth not us.”* (Mk. 9:38) The disciples of Jesus were sent out two-by-two.

Apostle Paul, at Antioch, was sent by the Holy Ghost Who said, *“Separate me Barnabus and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.”* (Acts 13:2) Paul would not go it alone simply because of John Mark. He chose another whose name was Silas. Today, we ship them off to a Bible College to learn how to be a preacher, instead of sending them out two-by-two. Just like the Mormons and the Jehovah’s Witnesses when they come to your door, one is a learner and the other is the teacher.

I used to love going to Modesto, Calif. every year to hear Marv Rosenthal of Zion’s Hope ministry. It was from this Messianic Jew I first learned that the restrainer of 2 Thessalonians 2:7 was Michael the

Archangel, who was assigned by God to protect the Commonwealth of Israel. Darby-Scofield theology attempts to create a rapture from the same verse.

There is no question in my mind that the “restrainer” is Michael the Archangel who watches over Israel. It was Michael who miraculously helped the Jews win the Six Day War against Egypt and the Arabs. *“Only he who now letteth (or restraineth) will let (continue restraining), until he be taken out of the way”* (2 Thes. 2:7), or until God orders Michael to stop because of Israel’s sinning, immorality and idolatry. Jerusalem became as wicked as Sodom and Egypt. (Rev. 11:8) God would no longer permit Michael to defend Israel.

Two Events Must Transpire First Before the “Day of the Lord”

“Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him.” (2 Thes. 2:1) Apostle Paul is addressing the same question the Rabbi and I are discussing, the second coming of Yeshua. His first coming was as a babe in Bethlehem.

“That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word (of some prophet), nor by letter as from us (the apostles), as that the DAY OF CHRIST is at hand.” (2 Thes. 2:2)

Apostle Paul is warning the ekklesia not to listen to John Darby, Edward Irving or Cyrus Scofield, not even if you receive a letter from the apostles stating, *“the DAY OF CHRIST is at hand,”* which all pre-trib doctrine preachers declare. Don’t believe them!

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first (apostasia), and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.” (2 Thes. 2:3) This falling away is brought about when they realize the Darby-Scofield doctrine on the rapture is a lie. Believing you’re going to “fly away” soon, you make an entirely different preparation than if you knew the man of sin must be revealed first, say at the opening of the sixth seal of Revelation 6:12-17. We will see Daniel’s abomination of desolation before seeing Yeshua in the clouds.

Moon Must Turn to Blood Before Yeshua Returns

“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. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 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: 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.” (Matt. 24:27-30)

Jesus gives us a clue in *“the MOON shall not give her light.”* Do you know why not? Apostle Peter gives us the answer, *“And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath*

(earthquakes); *blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke* (volcanoes): *the sun shall be turned into darkness, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE that great and notable day of the Lord come.*” (Acts 2:19-20) The moon has to turn to blood before the Lord can return. Do you ever hear a pre-tribber say that? Paul knew the doctrine of the second coming of Christ would be used by shake down artists to shake loose your money. You won’t need your money, they say, because Jesus is coming soon. Have you seen the moon turn to blood? There is no way Christ can return until the moon turns to blood first, according to Apostle Peter. (Acts 2:20)

The second event is the apostasia, or “falling away.” (2 Thes. 2:3)

Moses, a Jew, and Elijah the Tishbite. What a Team!

The Anti-messiah reigns forty-two months (3½ years). *“And power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.”* (Rev. 13:5) *“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet BEFORE the coming of THE GREAT AND DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD.”* (Mal. 4:5) *“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.”* (Rev. 11:3) Moses and Elijah, the two witnesses, will be on the earth for 3½ years.

Elijah, Moses and the moon turning to blood, will all happen BEFORE the DAY OF THE LORD. This DAY OF THE LORD is the biblical “wrath of God,” which is cut short, and is a part of the last 3½ years. *“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”* (Matt. 24:22) This period of time is called “the wrath of God.” The DAY OF THE LORD begins with the sounding of the first of the seven trumpets. (Rev. 8:7)

Tribulation? Yes. But Wrath? No!

“Tribulation worketh patience.” (Rom. 5:3) *“And that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.”* (Acts 14:22) Tribulation is what the Apostle John refers to as *“the hour of temptation”* which God *“also will keep thee from.”* (Rev. 3:10)

“For God hath not appointed us to wrath.” (1 Thes. 5:9) Just to behold God’s wrath causes men to scream *“to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”* (Rev. 6:16-17)

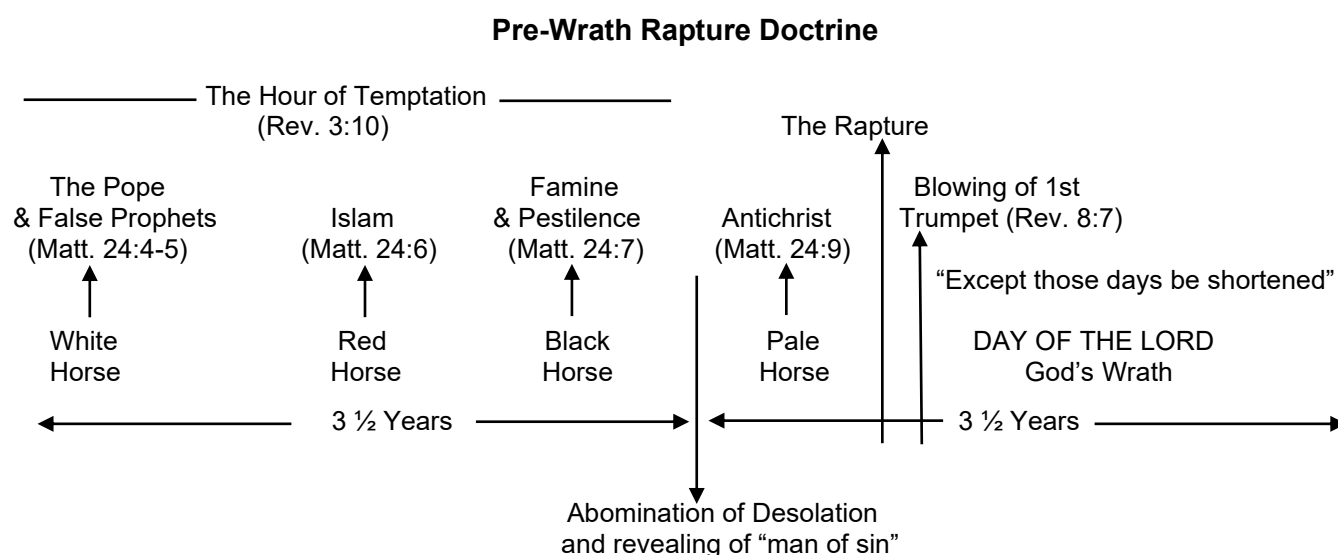
The Great Day of His Wrath is Come! (Rev. 6:17)

Why were these men of the earth screaming, *“Hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne,”* if they hadn’t of been peering up into the sky and onto Yeshua’s face when *“the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together”*? (Rev. 6:14)

“And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man” (Rev. 6:15), saw the heavens open up like a scroll and saw the rapture of the ekklesia. This was not any “secret rapture.” Jesus said, “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape ALL THESE THINGS that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Lk. 21:36)

We know this is the period of time for the rapture to occur due to a certain sign. The irrefutable sign? Here it is in Revelation 6:12, *“And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, AND THE MOON BECAME AS BLOOD.”* Almost the same exact words used by the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost.

Whence Came They?



After the opening of the opening of the sixth seal (Rev. 6:12-17), we read in the following chapter of *“a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.”* (Rev. 7:9)

“And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?” (Rev. 7:13) Here was an elder up in heaven who stumbled upon this multitude of people. The elder asked John, *“whence came they?”* and John answered, *“Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”* (Rev. 7:14) They did not come out of the period of time designated as “the day of the Lord,” or God’s wrath. *“Who shall be able to stand?”*

Biblically, what the Captain believes relative to the “pre-wrath rapture doctrine” is a book called, The Sign by Robert Van Kampen, former chairman of Zion’s Hope, led by Marv Rosenthal, a Messianic Jew.

Wildbranch Ministries Encourages a Christian Zionist

Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2005 8:46 PM
Subject: Re: My Response to a Messianic Rabbi

Right on Gordon!

Captain's Response

Dear Brad,

Shalom! Your response did not go unnoticed. I wanted you to know that. I have another long exegesis to another Rabbi, Rabbi Koniuchowsky, that I believe will cause you to shout again, "Right on, Captain!"

We are living in troublesome times, as described in Matthew 24:10-13. *"And then shall many be offended."* If you say anything relative to truth today, you will offend someone. The only way you can please everyone is to seal your lips entirely. *"And (they) shall betray one another."* Jeremiah 5:31, gives you the reason. *"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means* (dominion rights via these three-name non-profit religious incorporations - they own the church); *and* (this is the sad part) *my people love it so; and what will ye do in the end thereof?"* I'll answer that question for you. You'll drift in the siren's call of the Mother of Harlots (Rev. 17:5) to come home, it's supper time! *"And his deadly wound was healed* (that was inflicted by Martin Luther): *and all the world wondered after the beast."* (Rev. 13:3) Religion calls it ecumenicalism. God calls it MYSTERY BABYLON.

These are uncharted waters for the Captain. I ask you for your prayers as I *"contend with horses"* (Jer. 12:5); these various Rabbis. However, I've run with footmen for years in the wilderness of Pentecostalism's kings of religion. The footmen never wearied me, so God must know I am ready to contend with horses.

"If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" (Jer. 12:5)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

The Cpt.

PS - If there is no peace in Jerusalem, God gets angry and sees there is no peace anywhere else. Sharon gave away the Gaza strip by hearkening to President Bush's road map. The Lord's voice *"roared out of Zion"* (Joel 3:16 & Amos 1:2), and we who are wise heard Him roar in Katrina in Louisiana.

The world stuffs and plugs their ears with a plug called "global warning." They just don't want to hear God's roaring.