

Lesson 2

What Is the Message Amanuwal Brought From Heaven?

Revealed throughout the Bible -- is the TRUE GOOD NEWS proclaimed by Yahuwah's Divine Messenger, Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach! It's the GOOD NEWS of the soon-coming Kingdom of Yahuwah on earth with headquarters at Jerusalem -- the future CAPITAL CITY of the world!

Learn in this second lesson what the Bible reveals about the amazing Good News of Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach -- and what it all MEANS to YOU!

HERE'S GOOD NEWS ... THE MESSAGE SENT FROM HEAVEN

WHY ISN'T the TRUE good news of Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach being preached by the churches TODAY? WHY haven't most people heard Amanuwal's own good news -- the message HE preached?

Understand that AMANUWAL came into the world not as a HUMAN philosopher or idealist, but as A DIVINE MESSENGER DIRECT FROM YAHUWAH, the Creator of heaven and earth, the One who gives you your very life and breath, the One who is All-Wise and who knows the end from the beginning.

Have you ever HEARD His message?

What Good News?

From the beginning to the end of the New Testament, that MESSAGE -- that GOOD NEWS -- is repeatedly taught. And yet we have HUNDREDS of different denominations, each teaching a DIFFERENT message -- and all of them appropriating Ha'Mashyach's NAME to their messages!

WHY all this confusion? The truth is that men are unwilling to take Amanuwal's message LITERALLY. They fail to realize that the Yahuwah who inspired Isaiah, Daniel, Micah, and the other prophets to write of His coming Kingdom, was the One who also sent Amanuwal into the world to PREPARE THE WAY for that Kingdom!

Amanuwal BEGAN His ministry when He came into Galilee, "PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF YAHUWAH, and saying, *The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of Yahuwah is at hand: REPENT ye, and BELIEVE the good news*" (Mark 1:14-15).

Amanuwal proclaimed REPENTANCE in connection with the good news of Yahuwah's Kingdom, or government. He said you have to be willing to CHANGE -- TO REPENT of YOUR WRONG WAYS -- in order to ENTER that Kingdom.

Notice that Amanuwal didn't say, "Just believe in ME." He said, "*BELIEVE the GOOD NEWS.*" What was this good news -- or GOOD NEWS? Amanuwal came preaching the good news -- not only about Himself as Savior -- but about the KINGDOM of Yahuwah -- the MESSAGE that Yahuwah is Supreme RULER of the universe, that He is soon going to establish His GOVERNMENT on this earth, and that we should BEGIN to acknowledge His rule in our lives NOW. This is the true good news! That IS the MESSAGE Amanuwal brought to this earth from Yahuwah the Father!

Message Perverted Today

Most of YOU have been hearing a vague, sentimental good news which DENIES the message Amanuwal brought from the Father about the SOON-COMING, WORLD-RULING KINGDOM OF YAHUWAH.

Instead, you hear a lot of vague, spiritual SOUNDING ideas like the following: "By Christians everywhere working together to bring peace, tolerance, and brotherly love, the Kingdom of God may at last be established in the hearts of all mankind."

Have YOU heard this kind of talk? Probably you have, because this is the kind of philosophy set forth by thousands of ministers throughout the world today. In spite of the gripping FACT of the prophesied end of this present age which we studied in the first lesson, these men apparently SEE NO NEED of Yahuwah's intervention in human affairs. They TRY TO "SPIRITUALIZE AWAY" Yahuwah's prophesied intervention, and to hide their eyes from the REALITY of mounting WORLD CHAOS and the threat of COSMOCIDE!

About the only time the expression "Kingdom of God" is used is to define an UNREAL state of idealism which "religiously inclined" men hope to attain some day THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS. Of course, the name of Yahuwah is employed to give the idea a more "spiritual" flavor, but everyone knows that the results would depend entirely on MAN'S INGENUITY.

Yes, most of you have heard MAN'S good news about the PERSON of Ha'Mashyach, and MAN'S sentimental theories about a so-called "kingdom" to be set up in your "heart." But spiritual TRUTH does NOT proceed from human ideas and reason; it comes as a DIVINE REVELATION from Yahuwah. It is contained in His Word -- the Bible!

Your BIBLE reveals Yahuwah's Kingdom as an OBJECTIVE REALITY -- A LITERAL KINGDOM which will rule THIS EARTH. But WHO is to be the KING of that Kingdom? WHAT are its LAWS? WHEN will it take over the RULE of this earth?

As you study this introduction -- and the questions to follow -- KEEP THESE QUESTIONS IN MIND. The answers are found in YOUR BIBLE!

Good News Revealed to Miriam (Mary)

Before Amanuwal was born, an angel told Miriam of His destiny: *"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Sovereign Yahuwah shall give unto him the THRONE of his father DAVID: and HE SHALL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER; and of his Kingdom there shall be no end"* (Luke 1:32-33).

This inspired angelic messenger from Yahuwah revealed to Miriam important truths of which this world is in TOTAL IGNORANCE! He revealed that Amanuwal would someday take over an actual throne -- an EARTHLY THRONE -- the THRONE OF DAVID! History and prophecy both prove that David's throne is in existence TODAY -- awaiting Amanuwal's return!

The angel also foretold Ha'Mashyach was to rule over the HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER. He did not say "reign spiritually, invisibly, in the hearts of believers." He said "reign over the house of Jacob" -- A LITERAL NATION. Amanuwal is to rule from an actual EARTHLY throne!

Amanuwal Preached the True Good News of the Kingdom

Amanuwal himself preached throughout His entire ministry "the good news of the KINGDOM" (Mat. 9:35) -- the GOOD NEWS OF HIS COMING WORLD RULE. The apostles knew that He would return and bring this present "world" (the inspired Greek word means "age") to an end by establishing His Kingdom over all nations. They asked Amanuwal for details: *"What shall be the sign of Thy coming and of the end of the world?"* -- *"the end of this AGE"* (Mat. 24:3).

It is well known that the early New Testament church expected Amanuwal's RETURN TO THIS EARTH at THAT time. To teach them that this would not occur until a GREAT PERVERSION of the truth first set in, Sha'ul was inspired to write that there would be a great "falling away" from the truth before Amanuwal returned (II Thes. 2:3). It had commenced even as he wrote these words: *"There be some that trouble you, and would PERVERT THE Good News of Amanuwal"* (Gal. 1:7). The chief conspirator in that perversion was Simon Magus who masqueraded as the apostle Peter.

Then in our time -- at the crisis at the close of this age -- AMANUWAL SHALL RETURN TO RULE ALL NATIONS WITH A ROD OF IRON (Rev. 19:15) for a thousand years, or millennium (Rev. 20:4) here ON THIS EARTH (Rev. 5:10).

Stop and THINK. Do these scriptures indicate that the KINGDOM OF YAHUWAH was to be the church, or that the church -- MEN THEMSELVES -- would improve this world's society to the place that IT would be called the KINGDOM OF YAHUWAH? Definitely NOT!

Even the world-recognized historian, Gibbon, in his "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire", shows us that the EARLY ASSEMBLY BELIEVED in Ha'Mashyach's LITERAL return to set up Yahuwah's Kingdom here on earth. In his well-known 15th chapter on the Assembly, Gibbon says:

"The ancient and popular doctrine of the MILLENNIUM was intimately connected with the second coming of Christ. As the works of creation had been finished in SIX days, their duration in their present state, according to a tradition attributed to the prophet Elijah, was fixed at six thousand years. By the same analogy it was inferred that this long period of labor and contention, which was now almost elapsed, would be succeeded by a joyful SABBATH of a THOUSAND YEARS; and that Christ, with the triumphant band of the saints and the elect who had escaped death, or who had been miraculously revived, would REIGN UPON EARTH till the time appointed for the last and general resurrection." (Of course he did not have the understanding of Yahuwah's or Amanuwal's true names.)

Here is amazing proof even from a famous secular historian that Ha'Mashyach's message of Yahuwah's rule here on earth was TAUGHT and BELIEVED by early Truth Seekers. Those who lived SHORTLY AFTER AMANUWAL and who had the TRUTH. It had not been LOST yet!

The message of HIS future establishment of Yahuwah's rule here on earth was proclaimed by the Old Testament prophets, by the New Testament apostles and evangelists, by Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach Himself, and is even referred to in numerous secular histories!

This message is the very HEART of the true good news of Amanuwal! Study the following questions IN YOUR OWN BIBLE and PROVE this fact with your very own eyes.

Before You Begin

This lesson is intended to direct you to the BIBLE -- to help you learn the truth of Yahuwah's Word. Here is the method of study:

Is your Bible in front of you? If not, GET your Bible BEFORE YOU CONTINUE WITH THIS LESSON! Also several sheets of notebook paper, and a pencil or pen, so you can MAKE NOTES to help you remember what you learn. (This course is based on the King James Version.)

REMEMBER -- you must **open your Bible to EVERY passage** we give you in answer to the questions we ask. You must read, and REREAD, and actually STUDY EVERY PASSAGE IN YOUR BIBLE. Don't forget that this is a BIBLE STUDY course -- a STUDY of the BIBLE.

Be SURE to WRITE OUT the scriptures which answer each question. Writing down every word of each Bible passage and your own comments takes a little more time, but you will really LEARN and REMEMBER the Bible that way.

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Coming Kingdom Proclaimed

1. Does Yahuwah intervene in world affairs without first revealing it to His prophets? Amos 3:7.

2. Hundreds of years ago did ISAIAH, the prophet, FORESEE a time when Yahuwah shall establish His Kingdom here on earth? Isaiah 2:1-4. Is it pictured as being a LITERAL KINGDOM ON EARTH? (The mountains referred to here symbolically represent kingdoms or nations. See Dan. 2:35, 44.) Will there be strife and war in Yahuwah's Kingdom as there is now among nations? Verse 4.

3. Is Yahuwah's rule over this earth FORETOLD BY DANIEL? Read Daniel 2:36-45 and WRITE down verse 44. Will other kingdoms still be in existence when Amanuwal BEGINS to set up His rule? Verse 44. What will happen to them? Does all this indicate that Daniel knew Yahuwah's Kingdom would be a LITERAL kingdom with POWER over all the nations?

4. Did DAVID speak of Yahuwah ruling over the earth? Psalm 67:4. 5. Did MICAH say Yahuwah would establish His Kingdom ON THE EARTH in the future? Micah 4:1-5.

6. Where does JEREMIAH say the throne of this Kingdom will be located? Jeremiah 3:17.

7. Notice who Isaiah prophesied would rule over the earth. Isaiah 11:1-4. Who is the "STEM of Jesse"? Acts 13:22. Isn't it David? Then isn't the rod or shoot Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach? Verse 23. Does the BRANCH that grows out of Jesse's roots also refer to Ha'Mashyach? Jer. 23:5-6. This prophecy reveals that Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach will rule ON THE EARTH!

8. Did DANIEL foresee a time when the SAINTS will be given rule over the earth in Yahuwah's Kingdom along with Amanuwal? Dan. 7:18, 21-22, 27.

9. From our study, don't we find that the Old Testament PROPHETS and EVANGELISTS ALL AGREE in telling us that Yahuwah will intervene in human affairs and establish His government -- His Kingdom -- here on earth under Amanuwal? Does Yahuwah's basic purpose ever change? Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8.

COMMENT: We have now seen that Yahuwah, through many inspired Old Testament prophets, gave ADVANCE notice to the world of the coming Kingdom of Yahuwah. But in addition to this, He also sent Amanuwal as His SPECIAL MESSENGER to proclaim the ADVANCE news of this same glorious event. And Yahuwah sent still OTHER MESSENGERS to proclaim the same GOOD NEWS to us who live IN THESE END TIMES! Let's understand.

AMANUWAL -- the Special Messenger

1. Was Amanuwal sent to this earth with a specific MESSAGE? John 12:49; 14:24.

2. From WHERE was Amanuwal sent? John 3:13. WHO sent Him? Verse 34.

3. To WHOM was He sent? John 1:11. COMMENT: Amanuwal was sent primarily to "His own" nation -- the Jews -- with His message of the Good News CONCERNING THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM OF YAHUWAH. Later, however, He prophesied His disciples would PROCLAIM THE MESSAGE TO THE WHOLE WORLD (Mat. 24:14).

4. In the first sermon TO GENTILES, Peter tells more which verifies what we have learned, and adds to our knowledge about this New Testament message. Read Acts 10:36-37 and answer these questions: (1) Who sent this word, or message? (2) To whom was it sent FIRST -- to Gentiles? (3) By whom was it preached? (4) Where was it published or preached? (5) Where did Amanuwal begin preaching it? (6) When did this message first begin?

5. Read Mark 1:14-15. (1) WHEN did this Message begin? (2) Who preached it? (3) From WHERE did He begin preaching it? (4) WHAT WAS THE MESSAGE, sent from Yahuwah, that He preached?

6. In Mark 1, compare verse 1 with verse 14. Is the good news OF Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach the very good news He preached? -- the news of the coming of the Kingdom of Yahuwah? Then it is NOT PRIMARILY A MESSAGE ABOUT HIMSELF PERSONALLY, is it?

COMMENT: Few know what "the good news OF Amanuwal" really is! People today are taught in the churches that the "good news of Christ" concerns only the EVENTS in the life of the Ha'Mashyach, and of His being our Savior. THEY ARE NOT TOLD THE GOOD NEWS MESSAGE HE BROUGHT -- THE GOOD NEWS OF THE COMING KINGDOM OF YAHUWAH!

7. What does the expression in Mark 1:15, "the Kingdom of Yahuwah is AT HAND," mean? Remember, the good news of the Kingdom which Amanuwal preached was NOT a message about restoring self-rule to the people in Palestine 2000 years ago. How do we know? Let's read on.

8. When the Jews WANTED to make Amanuwal their king, what did He do? John 6:15. When the disciples asked if Amanuwal would restore the Kingdom then, what was His reply? Acts 1:6-7. Did Amanuwal deny the Kingdom would be of that age? -- did He not rather imply it would be of A FUTURE AGE? John 18:36. The Greek word used here for "world" is "cosmos," that is, the system of the age of MAN'S WAY. The meaning of Mark 1:15 is that THE TIME IS "AT HAND" FOR US TO REPENT SO WE CAN QUALIFY TO ENTER YAHUWAH'S KINGDOM.

COMMENT: The word "GOOD NEWS" would better be translated "GOOD NEWS," or "Glad Tidings." You are now reading of the "Glad Tidings" of the Kingdom! Yahuwah knows far more than WE can realize, what a joyous place it will be! FOUR THINGS ARE NECESSARY TO CONSTITUTE A KINGDOM: (1) TERRITORY of a (2) KING or ruler, over (3) SUBJECTS or citizens, with (4) LAWS and government. Therefore we might define the true Good news as "the GOOD NEWS of the TERRITORY of a KING ruling over SUBJECTS with LAWS and government."

The true Good news, therefore, includes the message ABOUT Amanuwal who is the King. Amanuwal, when He comes, will become the Supreme Ruler over ALL nations, ruling them by the Laws of Yahuwah. And the true Good news also includes the message of SALVATION by which one can become a member of the ruling SPIRITUAL Kingdom of Yahuwah (John 3:3).

Apostles Continue the Message!

1. Did AMANUWAL COMMAND HIS DISCIPLES TO PREACH this same good news? Luke 9:1-2. As the apostles went to the nations, were they to teach the SAME MESSAGE Amanuwal had taught them? Mat. 28:19-20.
2. Did PHILIP, the evangelist, preach the good news of the Kingdom to the Gentile Samaritans? Acts 8:12.
3. Did SHA'UL preach the good news of the Kingdom? Acts 19:8 and 14:22. Among the Gentiles in Ephesus, what good news did Sha'ul preach? Acts 20:25. What good news did the Jews at Rome finally reject? Acts 28:23-24. Also READ verses 25-29.
4. Following the Jews' rejection of the good news, did Sha'ul preach the SAME GOOD NEWS TO THE GENTILES? Verses 28, 31. Then Sha'ul preached ONLY ONE GOOD NEWS the good news of the Kingdom of Yahuwah -- to both Jews and Gentiles, didn't he?
5. Would FALSE MINISTERS attempt to preach "DIFFERENT" GOOD NEWSS -- other good newss instead of the true good news of Amanuwal? Gal. 1:6. How many tidings are right, besides the ONE which Sha'ul preached? Gal. 1:8. Are these other good newss actually PERVERSIONS of the good news of the Kingdom brought by Amanuwal? Gal. 1:7.
6. Since there are FALSE MINISTERS TODAY, wouldn't they therefore be PERVERTING AMANUWAL'S MESSAGE of the real territory, the rulers, the citizens, the laws, or the government of the Kingdom of Yahuwah?
7. What TIDINGS is to be preached and published TODAY? Mat. 24:14; Mark 13:10.

COMMENT: The preachers, as a whole, in these dark days do NOT preach the good news of the imminent establishment of Yahuwah's PERSONAL control over the earth and the preparation which we should make in view of this. Rather, their energies are occupied with the "Ecumenical Movement" -- a movement of MEN'S churches to band themselves together for mutual protection!

You have now seen that the good news MESSAGE is proclaimed from one end of your Bible to the other. It is not some vague idea of uninspired men, but has been proclaimed "by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:21). It is the WORLD'S ONLY HOPE FOR PEACE!

Let us REJOICE in this GOOD NEWS! The next vital part of this lesson will reveal WHEN Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach will return to set up the perfect RULE OF THE KINGDOM OF YAHUWAH on this earth. Let's understand this all-important truth.

WHEN Will Amanuwal Come?

THE agnostic or the atheist may ridicule the teachings of Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach. But he cannot deny that AMANUWAL CAME over 1900 years ago!

It is one of the most conclusively PROVED facts of history. (A soon-coming lesson will reveal the irrefutable proof!)

Yet what few realize is that AMANUWAL PROMISED, *"I WILL COME AGAIN!"* (John 14:3.)

At His ascension, the apostles were startled by the appearance of two divine messengers who said: *"This same Amanuwal, which is taken up from you into heaven, SHALL SO COME in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven"* (Acts 1:11).

Here we have two angelic messengers sent directly from Yahuwah to confirm the words of Amanuwal that He would come again. The EARLY inspired New Testament church KNEW Amanuwal MEANT what He said. They believed it. They taught it. But the world has DISBELIEVED it.

Gradually, says Gibbon in his famous history, "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire", chapter 15, the fact that Amanuwal must come a SECOND TIME to intervene in world affairs was regarded as unnecessary. Within a century and a half after Amanuwal, it was treated as a profound allegory -- as a fable of the Jews. Finally it was regarded as rank heresy and punishable by death. The WORLD STILL RIDICULES THE IDEA!

Three Common Ideas

IN THIS FRIGHTENING ATOMIC AND SPACE AGE, some sober thought is once again being directed toward the possibility of divine intervention such as Amanuwal's return. Yet among those who realize that Yahuwah alone can save humanity, there is utter confusion -- there are literally hundreds of HUMAN IDEAS concocted to explain WHEN, HOW and WHY Amanuwal will return.

The ASSEMBLIES ARE IN CONFUSION and doubt. Most do not believe Yahuwah will intervene, yet they are afraid that man will obliterate human life!

It is high time we realize WHEN Amanuwal will fulfill His promise, "I will come again!"

Outstanding among the hundreds of differing ideas are THREE GENERAL CONCEPTS about Amanuwal's return.

Are these Churches Yahuwah's Kingdom?

Certainly the MOST DEEPLY ROOTED CONCEPT is the ASSUMPTION THAT THE ASSEMBLIES TODAY CONSTITUTE THE KINGDOM OF YAHUWAH, and that Amanuwal

Ha'Mashyach CAME the second time through the Ruwach Ha'Kadosh on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Since Amanuwal declared in the good news that He would return to rule, it is taught that Amanuwal committed to the apostles and their successors the right to rule and judge the nations.

From this concept developed the practice in the Middle Ages of church rule over nations, of imposing the ecclesiastical will on the temporal rulers of this earth. THIS MADE THE ASSEMBLY -- which called itself the kingdom of Yahuwah -- a PART OF THIS WORLD, a part of this system of human rule. It OVERLOOKS the fact that Amanuwal said: "*My Kingdom is not of this world*" -- *this system* (John 18:36).

This is the AGE of mortal human rule guided by the influence of Satan (Luke 4:5-6). Amanuwal' Kingdom is NOT OF THIS AGE. It is of the World Tomorrow -- "the world to come" (Heb. 2:5).

When asked if He would restore the Kingdom at that time, Amanuwal replied to the apostles: "*It is NOT for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power after that the Ruwach Ha'Kadosh is come upon you: and ye shall be WITNESSES unto me ... unto the uttermost part of the earth*" (Acts 1:6-8).

NEVER DID AMANUWAL COMMAND HIS APOSTLES TO RULE THE NATIONS OF THIS WORLD. INSTEAD, HE COMMANDED THEM TO WITNESS AND PREACH THE GOOD NEWS!

Notice that the apostles were NOT to know the time of the establishment of the Kingdom, but they WERE to be filled with Ruwach Ha'Kadosh on Pentecost. The coming of Ruwach Ha'Kadosh could NOT have been the second coming of Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach. Instead, the apostles were empowered by Ruwach Ha'Kadosh to be witnesses -- of what? -- of the resurrection and the good news of the Kingdom. Amanuwal ordered the disciples to "teach all nations." He promised to be with them in Spirit until the END of this age -- the end of this present world of human misrule (Mat. 28:19-20).

"And this good news of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the END COME," said Amanuwal (Mat. 24:14). The end of what? This AGE, this world order -- WHEN AMANUWAL WILL COME AGAIN! (Mat. 24:3.)

AMANUWAL DID NOT return to found the Kingdom in the days of the apostles. Instead, He ordered the good news preached to PREPARE the world for His return -- His INTERVENTION in human affairs and to rule this world for 1000 years! (Rev. 20:4.)

NOT After the Millennium

Another and more modern concept is the doctrine that Amanuwal will COME ONLY AFTER peace and harmony permeate the EARTH and all nations are in perfect accord! What WOEFUL MISUNDERSTANDING of world events and Bible prophecy!

The restoration of peace and harmony FOLLOWS the intervention of Amanuwal Ha'Mashyach. Amanuwal is now in heaven. It is He "whom the heaven must receive UNTIL THE TIMES OF RESTITUTION" (Acts 3:21).

When Amanuwal returns, "the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly. The highways lie waste" (Isa. 33:7-8). The earth will be in chaos -- not at peace -- BEFORE He returns.

AMANUWAL DOES NOT COME AFTER A MILLENNIUM (1000 years) of perfect human rule. It is to ABOLISH HUMAN MISRULE and establish the Kingdom -- the rule -- of Yahuwah that Amanuwal returns a second time. Resurrected Truth Seekers will then "live and reign WITH Amanuwal a thousand years" (Rev. 20:4, last part). Since they will reign WITH Amanuwal, He must already have come BEFORE the 1000 years commence!

BEFORE the Millennium!

The third general teaching is that Amanuwal comes BEFORE the millennium. THIS WAS THE DOCTRINE TAUGHT IN THE EARLY NEW TESTAMENT ASSEMBLY BEFORE THE TRUTH WAS LOST! The early inspired apostolic Assembly knew that Amanuwal was to come BEFORE the Millennium.

The second coming of Amanuwal is a vital part of the PLAN OF YAHUWAH. It is all through the Bible -- Old and New Testaments. Yahuwah has been declaring the end or conclusion of His plan "from the beginning" through His prophets and apostles. But the world has not heeded their message (Isa. 46:10).

Amanuwal made VERY PLAIN, just before His ascension, that He would return visibly AFTER A FIXED SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. He gave an outline of these events to His disciples upon the Mount of Olives. You will find it recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21.

About sixty years later He gave the Revelation to John, giving a more elaborate and detailed account of world events that lead up to Yahuwah's Day -- the Day of Yahuwah, the day when Amanuwal returns.

In Matthew 24:32-33, Amanuwal gave a PARABLE so that we might know the time of His return. Since Amanuwal put such stress upon watching and waiting lest that day come when we are not aware, it is high time that we STUDY and GRASP the significance of the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!

WHEN Amanuwal Will Return

1. Did the people in Amanuwal's day anticipate that the Kingdom of Yahuwah would be established in their time? Luke 19:11. What did Amanuwal speak in final answer to this mistaken idea? Verse 12.

2. In this PARABLE, who is THE NOBLEMAN mentioned in verse 12? What is the far country? Compare Matthew 25:13, 14 and 15 with the parable in Luke.

3. Will Amanuwal receive a kingdom while away in heaven? Compare Luke 19:12 with Daniel 7:13-14. Doesn't this parable plainly cover the PRESENT AGE AFTER WHICH AMANUWAL RETURNS from the far country -- heaven?

4. Is there a DURATION OF TIME during which the servants must trade and increase their talents? Who are the servants in Luke's parable? Are Truth Seekers ever called servants? I Peter 2:16.

5. WHAT DUTY must THE SERVANT FULFILL before the end of this age and the second coming of Amanuwal can occur? Mat. 24:14. Did Amanuwal promise to be with His Assembly in its preaching of the good news of the Kingdom UNTIL THE END OF THIS AGE? Mat. 28:20.

COMMENT: The GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom MUST yet in these final days GO TO ALL NATIONS BEFORE THE END comes! (Mat. 24:14.)

6. What was Sha'ul's good news? Acts 28:31. Was it the only one he preached? Gal. 1:9.

COMMENT: The churches today preach good news ABOUT HA'MASHYACH the PERSON -- and NOT the good news message He came to preach. Their good news is NOT the TRUE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF YAHUWAH (Gal. 1:6).

7. Not long after the New Testament Assembly began, did FALSE TEACHERS arise proclaiming that the day of Amanuwal had already occurred? II Thes. 2:1-2. Did Sha'ul reject the doctrine that Amanuwal had already returned a second time? Verse 3. Isn't it plain that the coming of the Ruwach Ha'Kadosh (Acts 2) was NOT Amanuwal's second coming?

8. Was there to occur a falling into error at the close of the apostles' ministry, but before Amanuwal returns? Verse 3.

9. Did Amanuwal also speak of it as occurring BEFORE He returns? Compare Mat. 24:5 with Rev. 6:2.

COMMENT: Amanuwal used the horseman of Rev. 6:2 to symbolize the FALSE teachers' claiming to represent Him or to be ruling IN His PLACE over a great mother church. The REAL Amanuwal comes on a WHITE horse described in Rev. 19:11. Notice, too, that the perversion of Yahuwah's Truth marks only the BEGINNING of a long sequence of events covering 1900 years and culminating in Amanuwal's return!

Amanuwal Gives a Warning!

1. Will the day of Yahuwah's intervention and the second coming of Amanuwal be universally expected? Matthew 24:36, 42, 44. Or will it COME AS A SURPRISE?

2. To what period in earth's history did Amanuwal compare His return? Mat. 24:37. Did the people before the DELUGE realize that Yahuwah would intervene supernaturally? Do people today realize Yahuwah will intervene in OUR day?

3. Will Amanuwal come at the moment that we would suppose He should? Luke 12:40. Will we know the day and hour of His return? Mat. 25:13.

COMMENT: These utterances of Amanuwal have often been taken to mean that the APOSTLES would not know the day or the hour, but that WE in these last days can know it. This is NOT true! Notice:

4. Did Peter ask Amanuwal if He meant ONLY the apostles would be unable to know the hour or if HE meant all -- even WE today -- would not know? Luke 12:41. What was Amanuwal' reply? Verses 42-43.

5. Is Amanuwal' WARNING especially for OUR generation -- those who are living "when he cometh"? Notice Amanuwal' reply in Luke 12:43 again. Are the apostles alive today?

COMMENT: How plain that Amanuwal meant that WE would NOT KNOW THE DAY OR THE HOUR. That is why Amanuwal told us to WATCH WORLD EVENTS so we could know perhaps even to the exact year -- so that we could be READY whenever He comes.

6. If we cannot know the day and hour, can we KNOW VERY NEAR the actual time of His return? Mat. 24:32-33. Had Amanuwal already given in this chapter the SIGNS OF THE TIMES to which He referred?

7. Does Yahuwah ever act in human affairs without making KNOWN HIS PLAN of action? Amos 3:7 and Isaiah 46:10.

Isn't the SPREADING OF THE GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom BEFORE the end of the age A PREPARATION for the time of Amanuwal's return to rule the nations?

8. Some denominations and sects spread the doctrine that the Ha'Mashyach is already here. Did Amanuwal warn that such ideas would be spread BEFORE He really returns? Mat. 24:26.

9. Would others, however, believe that it is far off in the future? II Peter 3:4 and Mat. 24:48. Are either of these right?

A Sequence of Events Tells!

1. Daniel gives a DEFINITE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS which must occur before Amanuwal will return. Read Daniel, chapter 2, especially verse 44. (Dan. 2:44) Notice the order of Gentile world kingdoms described in verses 36 through 42.
2. During a FINAL UNION OF 10 FASCIST NATIONS in Europe, symbolized by the toes (Dan. 2:42), will the Yahuwah of heaven set up a kingdom? Dan. 7:7, 17, and 18.
3. Will this kingdom be left to mortal men of yet another nation? Dan. 2:44. Or will Amanuwal take this kingdom? Dan. 7:13, 14.
4. In the parable recorded in Luke's tidings, did Amanuwal receive a kingdom? Luke 19:11,12. Aren't these accounts dealing with only ONE kingdom -- the Kingdom of Yahuwah?
5. Amanuwal fills in more details in the SEQUENCE OF EVENTS given in Mark 13 and Luke 21. Before continuing, READ both of these chapters. Now turn to Matthew 24. Does Amanuwal describe a TREMENDOUS NOISE WHICH WILL REND THE AIR? Mat. 24:30-31. Does Sha'ul mentions a TRUMPET'S SOUND at Amanuwal's return? I Thes. 4:16.
6. Is this the time of the RESURRECTION? I Thes. 4:16-17. WHICH trump sounds when the resurrection occurs? I Cor. 15:52.
7. Now notice in Scripture what is to happen at the LAST TRUMP. Rev. 10:7 and 11:15,18. Is this the time of Amanuwal' return? -- of the resurrection? -- of the establishment of the Kingdom? This tells us WHEN Amanuwal will return.

COMMENT: Many claim that the LAST trumpet, mentioned in I Cor. 15:52, is different from the seventh or last trump mentioned in Rev. 11:15. But notice that John was inspired to write that THE SEVENTH OR LAST TRUMP IS THE TIME OF THE RESURRECTION (Rev. 11:15-18).

John is describing the same momentous event as Sha'ul in I Corinthians. Thus we see that AMANUWAL WILL RETURN AT THE MIGHTY BLAST OF A GREAT TRUMPET, which will be heard by all the earth and ALL WHO UNDERSTAND will KNOW that Amanuwal has come!

HOW Amanuwal Will Return

1. Will Amanuwal return in the SAME MANNER AS HE DEPARTED? Acts 1:11. How did Amanuwal DEPART? Acts 1:9. Was He taken up in a cloud? Will He RETURN in a cloud? What does Mat. 24:27, 30, say about this? Did He leave from the Mount of Olives (Mt. Olivet)? Acts 1:12.

2. What will HAPPEN IN THE DAY THAT HE COMES? Zech. 14:4. Will His feet stand upon the MOUNT OF OLIVES? And who will appear with Him? Zech. 14:5, last part.

3. Did Amanuwal VISIBLY ascend from the Mount of Olives? Acts 1:9-11. Will ALL SEE Him? Rev. 1:7. Does this, then, say there will be a "SECRET RAPTURE" of the saints from this earth?

COMMENT: When Amanuwal returns VISIBLY and in great glory (Mat. 25:31), He will travel AS LIGHTNING from east to west around the earth to gather the elect (Mat. 24:27). This is the only possible way by which people on a ROUND earth could see Him.

John 14:19 is often misapplied in an attempt to prove that Amanuwal will come secretly and invisibly. This verse does NOT say that the world will NEVER see Amanuwal return. It says that the people then living -- 2000 years ago -- would see Him no more because He went to heaven. But He WILL be seen VISIBLY when He returns!

The expression, "and they also which pierced Him" (Rev. 1:7), refers not to the ONE Roman who literally pierced Amanuwal's side, or only to the Jews, but to the ENTIRE human family -- YOU and ME! Our SINS took His life (Zech. 12:10).

4. Note I Thes. 4:16-17. At what SIGNAL will Amanuwal return? Will there be a SOUND to announce His coming, or will He come SECRETLY?

5. Does the word "we" which is mentioned in I Thes. 4:17 mean everyone, or just the SAINTS -- those who will RISE to meet Amanuwal at His coming? Will they be with Amanuwal forever? Verse 17. Doesn't I Cor. 15:51-52 obviously refer to the same glorious event?

6. Do the HOLY ANGELS also come WITH Amanuwal? Mark 8:38. When Amanuwal came to the earth the first time, did He come with POWER? Or was He scourged, mocked, and abused? Isa. 50:6; John 19:1. Will His second coming be with POWER and GREAT GLORY? Mat. 24:30. Will ARMIES of angels follow Him? Rev. 19:14.

COMMENT: We now see that Amanuwal and His armies of angels will descend in clouds and that the saints (the righteous -- both the resurrected dead and the living who were then changed into spirit) will rise to meet him in the air. As He and His angels travel SWIFTLY AROUND THE EARTH (Mat. 24:27), the SAINTS JOIN Amanuwal and remain with Him FOREVER.

Amanuwal's Return Now Imminent!

Through His prophets and apostles, Yahuwah has revealed a FIXED SEQUENCE OF EVENTS leading up to the IMMEDIATE RETURN OF AMANUWAL HA'MASHYACH. Contrary to the WOEFUL MISUNDERSTANDING in the churches of this world, Amanuwal will come VISIBLY to a Yahuwah-rejecting world to save it from itself. HIS Coming will usher in the BEGINNING of the MILLENNIUM -- 1,000 years of peace and prosperity for all mankind!

National leaders now REALIZE that the only hope of saving our civilization from self-destruction is the formation of a strong WORLD GOVERNMENT. But all attempts at this encounter suspicion, distrust, and HATE. The hard FACT is that MAN HAS CONSISTENTLY FAILED -- AND WILL CONTINUE TO FAIL TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE.

HUMAN NATURE HAS NOT CHANGED! Men are still quite willing to spill the blood of their fellows to satisfy their LUST and GREED. Do the men of this world really know the WAY to PEACE? Yahuwah Almighty says of sinful men in general: "The WAY of PEACE have they NOT known" (Rom. 3:17). We hear a lot of sentimental platitudes about the hopes of achieving peace through the United Nations -- but the pitiful RESULTS confirm Sha'ul's inspired statement that CARNAL MEN SIMPLY DO NOT KNOW THE WAY TO PEACE.

The history of human woe proves that in trying to govern himself, man has been attempting the impossible. It shows that carnal-minded man is UTTERLY INCAPABLE of mastering this world and bringing about lasting peace. History also shows the churches have FAILED in their attempts to reform civilization. Only Amanuwal's return can inaugurate the promised age of peace!

But why are men so ignorant of this vital truth today? Because they are in total ignorance of the countless prophecies which clearly reveal that Yahuwah has ordained Amanuwal shall RULE this earth, teach men the WAY TO PEACE, and show all the world the right way to live. Your Bible shows that this is to occur after a definite series of events -- and after man has had time to write lessons in human suffering, showing once and for all that his OWN ways lead only to DEATH! (Prov. 14:12.)

THE WORLD IS TERRIBLY UNHAPPY TODAY. Just look at all the misery and death portrayed through the various news media! But there is HOPE! Amanuwal said, "I am come that they might have LIFE [here and hereafter], and that they might have it MORE ABUNDANTLY!" (John 10:10.)

PEOPLE WILL LEARN TO LIVE HAPPY ABUNDANT LIVES AFTER AMANUWAL RETURNS TO RULE THE EARTH! UNDER HIS GUIDANCE the necessary changes will be made in this world so ALL may receive Yahuwah's abundant blessings.

But more about this in coming lessons.