

SEVENTH  
TRUMPET  
RAPTURE

It is generally agreed that a trumpet will herald the Rapture. Will it be a trumpet from Israel's past or will it be a trumpet from the Revelation?

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## ***The Return Of Jesus***

We live in a world that is unaware;  
Yea, they don't even seem to care  
That the day is perhaps very near  
When Jesus is going to appear.

We live in a world that has little concern  
That one day Jesus is going to return.  
They're too busy searching for earth's treasure  
And forbidding nothing that brings them pleasure.

We live in a world where there is little fear  
Of the day when Jesus will suddenly appear;  
'cause their minds are evil and their souls black,  
They couldn't care less that Jesus is coming back.

We live in a world that struggles each night and day;  
Each one making a life in his own helpless way.  
Their mortal bodies are tired and their spirits sour  
Yet aren't consoled by His return at some soon hour.

## Aids And Explanations

I wish to apologize for any mistakes to be found in this book. I wish there were none but that is unlikely. Some mistakes may be mine while others will occur in the production process. I hope that any grammar, punctuation, or typographical errors will not detract from the value of the information or your enjoyment.

Following are the explanations of terms used throughout this book.

**Tribulation period** refers to the **last seven years** just prior to Christ's return to earth to set up His Millennial Kingdom (1,000 years of earthly rule in Jerusalem).

**Pre-tribulation** means **before** the tribulation period begins.

**Pre-tribulation rapture** suggests a rapture which occurs **before** the tribulation period begins.

**Pre-tribulationists** are those who believe that the rapture of the church will happen **before** the tribulation period begins.

The below examples show how to read Bible references used in the book.

**Revelation 19** refers to Revelation Chapter 19

**Revelation 19-21** means Revelation Chapters 19 thru 21

**Revelation 19,21** means Revelation Chapters 19 and 21

**Revelation 19:21** means Revelation Chapter 19 verse 21

**Revelation 19:21-24** means Revelation Chapter 19 verses 21 thru 24

**Revelation 19:21,24** means Revelation Chapter 19 verses 21 and 24

**Revelation 19:21-24,30** means Revelation Chapter 19 verses 21 thru 24 and verse 30

## Seventh Trumpet Rapture

The Bible inarguably teaches that the rapture will happen at the sound of a trumpet. Before addressing the rapture trumpet it will be beneficial to discuss the prophetic role of the trumpet. No Revelation trumpet can be the rapture trumpet according to pre-tribulationists because their rapture precedes the tribulation period. They associate the Revelation trumpets to Israel as in the Old Testament.

The trumpet played an important role in Israel's society in Old Testament times. A trumpet was blown to call them to worship, to religious observances, to memorial feasts and to war. Israel was God's nation of the Old Testament. God created a new nation with the New Testament covenant which is the church. Unlike Israel, the trumpet has had no official function in the ministry or worship of the church.

Proper Bible interpretation requires that we define New Testament language from within the New Testament writings before referring to the Old Testament. We should first search the New Testament for definition or explanation of words, terms or phraseology before consulting the Old Testament. The reasons include:

- Language. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew. The New Testament was written in Greek. Words carry different meanings in different languages.
- Time period. Over a thousand years separate some writings of the two testaments. Language and its meaning change over time.
- Recipients. The Old Testament was written to an earthly nation - Israel. The New Testament was written for a spiritual nation - the church.

There are three important differences between the trumpets of Israel and the prophetic trumpets of the New Testament.

1. Israel's trumpet calls were made by appointed Jewish trumpeters. The prophetic trumpets of The Revelation are blown by angels in heaven.
2. Israel's trumpet calls were usually known beforehand because they

Heralded scheduled times and events. The time of the Revelation trumpets will be unknown by those on earth.

3. Israel's trumpets were of no concern outside Israel. The trumpets of Revelation will affect all of earth and mankind.

## The Rapture Trumpet

We will examine Bible verses which present the rapture and a trumpet. This is a relatively easy study but is very important to understanding that the rapture will be heralded by a heavenly trumpet.

Matthew 24:31 *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. Notice, a great sound of a trumpet.*

What is this event that includes the blowing of a trumpet? It was methodically proven to be the rapture in the E-book, "The Lord's Rapture." Jesus will dispatch His angels to gather (rapture) the church with *a great sound of a trumpet*. Is this a particular trumpet? It most certainly is and it will be identified as we continue.

The "trumpet" was mentioned by Paul three times in his writings. In two of those mentions he explained the trumpet's role in the appearing of Jesus Christ at the rapture.

I Thessalonians 4:16-17 *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: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

These verses are unanimously considered to be expressing the rapture and for the second time we see it linked to the sound of a trumpet. Whereas Jesus simply mentioned a trumpet Paul identified it as *the trump of God*. Several things happen with the blowing of this *trump of God*.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ leaves heaven to come for the church.

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2. The archangel Michael shouts loudly as Jesus leaves heaven.
3. The *trump of God* is blown.
4. The deceased Christians rise from their graves.
5. The living and risen Christians are caught up to meet Jesus in the air.

Quite a noisy departure: Jesus gives a triumphant shout, the Archangel Michael is heard and the shrill blast of a trumpet! Will these sounds of the coming Lord be heard on earth? The Bible is not clear on that so whatever one believes is not arguable.

I Corinthians 15:52 *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* Paul explains the resurrection and transformation that will take place at the rapture. This is the third time that a trumpet is related to the rapture. This time it is identified as the *last trump* or last trumpet.

There is no reason that we should not see the trumpet in these verses as being the same trumpet. We have learned that: (1) A trumpet call will herald the rapture. (2) It will be the trumpet of God. (3) It will be the last trumpet. If it is to be the last trumpet then there must be a series of trumpets. Is there such a series of trumpets in the Bible? Oh, yes.

Revelation records a series of seven trumpet blasts from seven angelic trumpeters. (Revelation 8-11) Naturally, the seventh trumpet will be the *last trump* or last trumpet. Pre-tribulationists deny that the seventh trumpet of Revelation is the rapture because they say: (1) the rapture happens before the tribulation and (2) the trumpets pertain to Israel and not the church. Both beliefs are wrong.

Most Christians know that a trumpet is associated with the rapture but they fail to recognize it as the seventh trumpet of Revelation. This makes it a seventh trumpet rapture. John introduced the seven trumpets with, *And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.....And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.* Revelation 8:2, 6

The first four trumpets are heard and the events which follow them are

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seen in Revelation 8. Trumpets five and six are given in Revelation 9. The seventh trumpet is mentioned but not blown in Revelation 10. *But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God** should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants, the prophets.* Revelation 10:7

An angel informs John that when the seventh trumpet begins to blow the *mystery of God* will be completed. A preacher was recently heard saying that the *mystery of God* was the seventy weeks of time which God prophesied for the nation of Israel. (Daniel 9:24-27) There are a couple of problems with that comprehension. First, "mystery" is not once found in the Old Testament and nowhere is Israel's seventy weeks presented as a mystery.

Secondly, the *mystery of God* is a New Testament concept which involves all aspect of the church. Paul said this about the mysteries of God: *Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.* I Corinthians 4:1 The *mystery of God* is expressed in many ways in the New Testament. Here are a few.

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| * the mystery of the kingdom of God    | Mark 4:11         |
| * the mysteries of God                 | I Corinthians 4:1 |
| * the mystery of God's will            | Ephesians 1:9     |
| * the mystery of God in Christ         | Colossians 2:2    |
| * the mystery of Christ                | Colossians 4:3    |
| * the mystery of Christ and the church | Ephesians 5:32    |

It is unnecessary to discuss each of these mysteries because they all merge into one great mystery, the church. Thus, the seventh trumpet will herald the end of God's mystery, the church. It is then that the church will be completed and taken home.

The seventh trumpet is sounded and followed by a grand proclamation in Revelation 11. *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD ARE BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD, AND OF HIS CHRIST; AND HE SHALL REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER.* Revelation 11:15



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A heavenly chorus of Christians loudly announce an absolute political coup on earth. All world kingdoms will be ruled by Jesus Christ. Theocracy will be the rule. All forms of human government will be abolished. No more evil dictators or godless democracies will rape mankind with their beastly rule. Jesus Christ alone will rule. Come Lord Jesus!

The Kingdom Rule of Jesus Christ is proclaimed in the present tense in Revelation 11:15. It reads, *THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD **ARE BECOME** THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD, AND OF HIS CHRIST ...* This is known as prolepsis which is really a statement of anticipation or expectation. It speaks of something as having happened or happening though it is yet to come. John often employed this form of expression in Revelation prophecy

Christ's possession of the kingdoms actually occurs later. Later on John wrote, *Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.* Revelation 15:4 Here Christ's rule still remains future so He could not have taken control of the kingdoms in Revelation 11:15.

In the prelude to the pouring of the vials of God's wrath the announcement is heard that all nations *shall come* and worship Christ. (Revelation 15:4) When will that happen? At the same time when *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ...* Revelation 11:15 When will that happen? When Jesus Christ returns to earth and defeats the armies of the world at the Battle of Armageddon. (Revelation 19)

The proclamation of Christ's Kingdom Rule is made at the sounding of the seventh trumpet because that is when it will happen - after the seventh trumpet. However, there are several more works to be completed before Christ rules which are named in the following verse.

*And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.*  
Revelation 11:18

Here is a breakdown of the actions called forth by the blowing of the

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seventh trumpet.

*the nations were angry* - The nations are not angered by the trumpet. It is an angry world when the seventh trumpet blows. That is easily imaginable upon observing the condition of our world today. Anger, unrest and violence fill our world daily as we head toward the blast of the seventh trumpet.

*thy wrath is come* - This again is prolepsis (expression of anticipation). God's wrath comes with the seven vials which follow the trumpets. (Revelation 15-18) God's wrath follows the rapture of the church.

*the time of the dead, that they should be judged* - The dead are those without Christ (lost) both dead and alive. Their judgment begins at the rapture (they are left behind) and ends at the White Throne Judgment. (Revelation 20:11-15)

*thou shouldest give reward* - At the seventh trumpet God will reward His people (Christians) both dead and alive. Dead Christians will be resurrected with their eternal bodies and the living Christians will be instantly changed into their eternal bodies. They both will be taken up together to meet the Jesus Christ in the air. (I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

*shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth* - Those who *destroy the earth* are those who corrupt humanity with false gods, false religions and false gospels. God is not pleased with those who destroy the souls of people. Those destroyers will be destroyed by God.

Now for the tying together of these truths of the seventh trumpet. Jesus made these two statements concerning rewards.

Matthew 16:27 *For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.*

Revelation 22:12 *...behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be.*

Jesus will come quickly at the rapture. The rapture is a time of reward.

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The seventh trumpet is blown in Revelation 11:15. Three verses later it is said that *...thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great...*

Revelation 11:18 The *prophets* and *saints* (Christians) will receive reward following the seventh trumpet. Jesus said that the reward comes with Him. When does He come? AFTER the seventh trumpet.

Many Christians believe that the rapture comes before the tribulation and the seventh trumpet. Though unrecognized by most readers, the rapture is pictured in Revelation AFTER the tribulation and AFTER the seventh trumpet. Please give close attention to the discussion which follows.

## The Two Gatherings

Remember, the seventh trumpet was heard in Revelation 11:15 signaling the time for several things including the granting of reward to God's servants. We will jump ahead to Revelation 14 and see the reward of the rapture.

*And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. 19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. Revelation 14:14-20*

Two gatherings are easily detected in this passage. The first gathering (reaping) is of the good of the harvest. The second is a gathering of the rejected of the harvest which is destroyed. To put it in the spiritual sense, the first reaping is of the righteous. The second gathering is of the

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unrighteous. Both gatherings occur AFTER the seventh trumpet blows in Revelation 11:15.

### The SECOND Gathering

The second gathering, verses 17-20, will be addressed first because it is more obvious. Also, it will aid in understanding the first gathering. In the second gathering there are two key expressions which define it.

*vine of the earth.* The *vine of the earth* grows from Satan and produces sinners. Moses preached of this vine while delivering his last charge to Israel before his death. He reminded them of their privileged position with God compared to that of their enemies. Referring to the Gentile nations which Israel would soon be facing in their land of Canaan Moses said,

*For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter. Deuteronomy 32:32* What did the *vine of Sodom* and the *fields of Gomorrah* yield? Wickedness! The Gentile nations which Israel would soon battle were of a vile and wicked character. There was no hope of repentance in them so God would destroy them by His nation Israel.

God set Sodom and Gomorrah forth as an example to all the world as Peter witnessed. *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly. II Peter 2:6* All who live ungodly will be overthrown and destroyed as those of Sodom and Gomorrah were.

The *vine of the earth* was described similarly by the prophet Jeremiah. By his mouth God reprimanded Israel for their waywardness. He said, *Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? Jeremiah 2:21*

Israel had degraded into a *strange vine* before their God. They forsook God's way of righteousness and adopted the ways of the ungodly Gentiles. This made them the *vine of the earth* rather than the vine of God. So it is today. All who are not of God and Jesus Christ are of the *vine of the earth*.

What happens to the *vine of the earth*? First it will be *cast into the great*

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*winepress of the wrath of God.* (Revelation 14:19) This means that they will suffer God's wrath from the seven vials. Following that they will face the wrath of Jesus Christ at the Battle of Armageddon. (Revelation 19:15) Lastly the *vine of the earth* will be *cast into the lake of fire* where they will spend eternity. (Revelation 20:14)

Jesus taught that the *vine of the earth* would eternally suffer in a burning fire. His words were, *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.* John 15:5-6

Jesus called Himself the true *vine* (the source of life) with humanity as the branches. We either abide (live) in Him and bearing fruit or we abide in the world as lost and fruitless. Fruitless branches are dead branches. They will be cut away, gathered and burned. That burning is the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:14)

*the great winepress of the wrath of God.* This is a metaphorical expression for the battle of Armageddon when Jesus Christ slays the armies of the world. The Battle of Armageddon is the winepress and Jesus Christ is the One who crushes the grapes of the *vine of the earth* (lost souls). *...and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.* Revelation 19:15

Pre-tribulation preachers all agree that the second gathering, verses 17-20, is descriptive of the Battle of Armageddon. Christ will utterly destroy all the kings and their armies which assemble against Israel. The second gathering offers little problem. It is the first gathering which pre-tribulationists somehow miss either inadvertently or conveniently.

### The FIRST Gathering

*And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the*

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*time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.* Revelation 14:14-16

...and the earth was reaped denotes a gathering. When a farmer reaps his harvest he gathers that which is ripe or good. Reaping comes before the gathering of the bad or unusable harvest. The reaping (gathering) here is the rapture of the church which precedes the gathering at the Battle of Armageddon, the second gathering. Both Jesus and Paul described the rapture as a gathering. (Matthew 24:31, II Thessalonians 2:1)

Jesus used the agricultural chore of reaping the harvest to explain the saving of souls from the fields of humanity. It relates directly to John's first gathering quoted above. Of the harvest Jesus said,

*Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.* John 4:35-36

It is important to note that that which is reaped in Jesus' harvest analogy receives eternal life. John's first gathering is said to be a reaping of the harvest. (Revelation 14:15) The spiritual application here is that those who are reaped in the first gathering are kept or saved unto life eternal. This pictures the rapture of the church. Note: John's second gathering is not called a reaping.

There are also language clues which identify John's first gathering as the rapture. Here are three.

cloud. The "gatherer" was situated on a white cloud. Clouds are part of the rapture scene.

Son of man. Jesus Christ is the Son of man and He will supervise the reaping (gathering) of the good crop at the rapture.

angel. Jesus will send angels to reap (gather) the good crop (Christians) at the rapture.

The two gatherings occur AFTER the tribulation period but at different

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times. The first gathering being the rapture happens at the appearing of Jesus Christ *immediately after the tribulation...* Matthew 24:29 The second

gathering is the Battle of Armageddon which follows Christ's return to earth. (Revelation 19) The two gatherings are separated by a time of God's wrath from the seven vials. (Revelation 15-18)

A third party's view of the two gatherings in Revelation 14:14-20 is offered here which supports the interpretation that the first gathering is a gathering of believers while the second is a gathering of sinners for judgment. Following is an excerpt from the **Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary**. It reads:

"According to Rev. 14:14-16, "the Son of Man" will gather the grain harvest (the believer), while Rev. 14:17-20 describes angels as gathering the unbelievers for the purpose of judgment."

We already know that the gathering of believers is the rapture of the church. After the rapture God's wrath will fall upon the sinners left behind. Then many will have their blood spilled at the Battle of Armageddon.

## Where Do They Go?

There are two destinations for those of the two gatherings which are revealed in Revelation prophecy. Ignorance therefore will not be a defense for anyone who is unhappy with their final destination.

*And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his name, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God, Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Revelation 15:2-3*

As the time approaches for the wrath of God we see a great assembly of Christians who had gotten victory over the beast (the Antichrist). They had refused to worship the Antichrist or take his mark in the tribulation period. They now are in heaven standing on a magnificent crystal sea before the throne of God.

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This joyous Christian choir sings the songs of Moses and the Lamb - songs of deliverance and why not? They have been redeemed and rescued from a doomed world and placed with God and Christ in heaven. These are those who were reaped in the first gathering. (Revelation 14:14-16)

The disposition of those of the second gathering (Revelation 14:17-20) is not as glorious as those of the first gathering. They will feel the wrath of God poured from the seven vials (Revelation 15-18) including the *great winepress of the wrath of God* - the Battle of Armageddon. (Revelation 14:19-20; 19:17-21)

Those who survive God's wrath and the Battle of Armageddon will enter into the Millennial Kingdom. They will be subjects of the rod-of-iron rule of Jesus Christ and the church for a thousand years. ((Revelation 12:5; 2:26-27; 20:6) After the Millennial Kingdom they will stand before God's White Throne Judgment. (Revelation 20:11-15) They will be judged, found guilty and committed to the lake of fire for eternity. Not a pleasant ending.

All who are alive when Jesus Christ returns will be affected by the two gatherings in Revelation 14:14-20. Our relationship with Jesus Christ will determine which gathering we will be part of. Born again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ (Christians) will make up the first gathering which is the rapture of the church. Unbelievers (lost souls) will be left behind for the second gathering. One wonders how many will wish they had gone in the first gathering.

Unbelievers often say that a loving God would not punish people or send them to hell. They think that way because they do not know God or His Word. God has made promises of reward and punishment. Would these people think that God should keep His promises? A loving God surely would be disposed to keeping His promises. If He were to neglect His promises of judgment then we could not be assured of His promises of reward or heaven.

Immediately after the two gatherings in Revelation 14 we see the redeemed of the first gathering (tribulation Christians) standing safely before God in heaven. (Revelation 15:2) Then the vials of wrath are spilled upon the earth and upon those of the second gathering. (Revelation 16-18) They are the unbelievers who were left behind at the first gathering.



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We see those of the first gathering again after the vials of wrath and just before Jesus Christ returns to earth. *And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Allelula: salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments...* Revelation 19:1-2

Doubtless this *great voice of much people* is a concert of praise to God from all Christians in the Church Age. They praise God for salvation and proclaim His judgments as being true and righteous. From the first Christian to the last they are all here in heaven as the time nears for two wondrous events. The first is the wedding of Christ and His church. (Rev 19:7-9) The second is the return of Jesus Christ to earth with His new bride, the church. (Revelation 19:11-14)

We end our study of the two gatherings with this question for each reader. Will you be in the joyous throng praising God for your salvation and for His righteous judgments? Or will you be left on earth to suffer God's wrath and judgment? It is a choice we all must make.

## Heaven Is Purged

There is more evidence in Revelation prophecy which undergirds the truth that the rapture cannot happen before the seventh trumpet.

*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.* Revelation 12:7-9

There will be a mighty clash between two angelic forces - the forces of the Archangel Michael and the rebellious forces of Satan. This epic battle will stir heaven at the middle of the tribulation period. It will not be seen on earth but humanity will pay greatly because of it. *...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.* Revelation 12:12

Noteworthy is the declaration which follows Satan's banishment from heaven. *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation,*

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*and strength, and the kingdom of God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.* Revelation 12:10

Satan's access to heaven has been forever revoked. He and his fallen cohorts can no more enter God's heavenly realm. This opens the way for these grand occurrences mentioned in the preceding verse.

Salvation. Having been made forever free of Satan's presence and influence heaven is now ready for the church.

Strength. At the rapture the church will receive power it had not known before. It will not only escape the world but it will rule it with Jesus Christ.

Kingdom of God. The kingdoms of this world will become one kingdom ruled by the King of kings, Jesus Christ.

Power of Christ. The world has not known the true power of Jesus Christ. Now the world will experience His true person, position and power.

When do these things happen? After *the accuser of our brethren is cast down*. The accuser, Satan, is thrown out of heaven in the middle of the tribulation period. Until this happens it is not time (the conditions are not right) for the church to enter heaven. Heaven is purged by the permanent removal of Satan making it habitable for the raptured church.

The church is on earth when Satan is expelled from heaven in the middle of the tribulation period. That is shown by the words, *for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.* Revelation 12:10 Satan is the *accuser of our brethren*. The *brethren* are Christians on earth. It would be pointless for Satan to accuse Christians already in heaven.

The next verse gives the legacy of the Christians on earth when Satan and his angelic henchmen are cast to earth. *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.* Revelation 12:11 The Christians on earth at the time of Satan's eviction from heaven were victorious over him because:

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- \* They were washed in the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.
- \* They witnessed to others about Jesus Christ.
- \* They became martyrs for Jesus Christ.

Who else could these brethren be other than Christian brethren of the church?

When will the rapture of the church happen? It will not - it cannot - happen before the tribulation period begins as the pre-tribulationists predict. Sufficient scriptural information has been presented which establishes the rapture AFTER the blowing of the seventh trumpet of Revelation.

Jesus said, *Immediately after the tribulation of those days...he shall send his angels **with a great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall gather together his elect...* Matthew 24:30-31 According to Jesus Christ the rapture follows the sound of a trumpet - **the seventh trumpet of the Revelation.**

## THANK YOU...

...for reading this short book on the rapture. I hope you enjoyed it and learned from it. I would consider myself as failing if you did not.

There is much more to be learned about the rapture which is presented in the following e-books offered on this website.

1. The Lord's Rapture
2. A Misplaced Rapture
3. A Secret Rapture

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