

Part 1: The Mystery of the Trumpet Call for Those Left Behind

...This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:11

Several months ago, I posted a blog entitled, "Starting a Conversation: A Message for Those Left Behind." In it I said that I could almost hear the Last Trumpet being tuned for the one blast that will announce the beginning of the end.

I asked readers in that blog, when that moment comes, and they are caught up to meet the Lord, what they would wish they could say to those who are left behind. I want to answer my own question now in a series of four messages in these days leading up to Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish Feast of Trumpets.

First Message: What is the Mystery of the Trumpet Call?

The Apostle Paul, in 1 Cor. 15:51-52, refers to a mystery when the trumpet sounds. He gives a little more detail in 1 Thess. 4:13-18, **but once again refers to the "trumpet call of God" that announces the return of Jesus Christ for those who have placed their faith in Him.**

Because of the reference to the "trumpet," many believe when Jesus returns for those who belong to Him, He will do so on the Feast of Trumpets. It seems reasonable to assume that if He was crucified on the Feast of Passover, buried on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, raised on the Feast of the Firstfruits, that the pattern would continue, and He would return on the Feast of Trumpets.

Interestingly, the Feast of Trumpets is also called the

“Hidden Day,” because no one knows the exact day or hour of Rosh Hashanah. The only certainty is that it is one of the designated days. This year those days are Sept. 24, 25 and 26.

Whether or not Jesus returns on this year’s Feast of Trumpets, we do know without doubt that there is coming a day when all people in the world who have put their trust in Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord are going to be suddenly removed. Caught up in the air to be with Jesus forever.

While His followers will be experiencing the joy of His visible presence, those left behind are going to be plunged into worldwide grief and fear, chaos and confusion.

In light of this, God has placed on my heart several messages I want to give to those who would be left behind if the rapture occurred today. In addition to this message, I will post three more on the next three days.

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