

The Last Trump

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Text

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

1Co 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

1Co 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

1Co 15:48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 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.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

I. Man: A Living Soul

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

II. Image of the earthy

Gen 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

Gen 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Gen 5:3 And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth

III. Yahshua: A Quickenng Spirit

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved:)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Eph 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Psa 51:9 Hide thy face from my sins and blot out all mine iniquities.

Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psa 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Psa 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

IV. Flesh & Blood Cannot Enter the Kingdom of Elohim

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

a. Sin brought corruption: from flesh & bone to flesh & blood

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Gen 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen 2:23 And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

b. Sin brought death: no one could live more than 1000 years

c. Sin brought eternal death: the second death

d. Yahshua's resurrected body is flesh & bone:

Luk 24:36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

Luk 24:37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

Luk 24:38 And he said unto them, why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

Luk 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

Luk 24:40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

e. The Body of Christ: flesh & bones

Eph 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

V. Corruption Cannot inherit Incorruption

1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

- a. Purification via obedience
- b. Born of incorruptible seed

VI. Not all will Sleep [Die]

There is a generation that will not see death but will be transformed instantly into glorified bodies.

VII. We Shall be Changed

- a. From flesh & blood into flesh & bones
- b. From corruption into incorruption
- c. From the image of the earthly Adam into the image of the Heavenly Adam

VIII. In the Twinkling of an Eye

Almost instantaneously

IX. Qualification for the Rapture

1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

- a. Sanctification
- b. Obedience

Eph 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

Eph 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

Eph 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Eph 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

*Eph 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: **for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.***

*Eph 5:7 **Be not ye therefore partakers with them.***

- c. Sprinkling of the blood of Yahshua
- d. Kept by the power of Elohim through faith unto salvation

X. Rapture: At the Last Trump

Three possible explanations:

1. The 7th trumpet

*Rev 11:1 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.*

Rev 11:16 and the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Rev 11:17 Saying, we give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Rev 11:18 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.

- a. **Post-trib theory of the Rapture** believe this but this would mean the “called, chosen & faithful” will have to go through the Great Tribulation
- b. **Note:** Yahshua does not descend when the 7th trumpet is blown

2. Trumpet of Mt 24:31

*Mat 24:29 Immediately **after the tribulation of those days** shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mat 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.

- a. **Note:** again, this will place the rapture after the tribulation
- b. Yahshua descends visibly while, at the Rapture in 1Co15:52 & 1Thess 4:16, we meet Him in the clouds

3. Rapture at Feast of Trumpets

Lev 23:24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

Lev 23:25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

- a. **The last trump: the last blast of the shofar**
- b. **Jewish practice:**
 - [i] **Tekiah: a pure unbroken sound**
 - [ii] **Teruah: a broken, staccato trembling sound: at least 8 notes**
 - [iii] **Shevarim: a wave-like sound of alarm to break camp**
 - [iv] **Tekiah Gedolah: a prolonged unbroken sound [the last trump?]**
- c. **Paul refers to the Feasts in 1Cor 5:6-8: Passover & Unleavened Bread; 1Co 15:20-24: Feast of First Fruits [Yahshua's resurrection]. So was he referring to Feast of Trumpets as the occasion for the Rapture in 1 Co 15:51-2?**
- d. **Paul described the rapture of live saints as a mystery: 1Cor 15:51**