

Here is a reply to Question # 1:

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Lee from Indiana wrote (in BLUE):

I went to your website after receiving your IM on paltalk concerning your live evening message and saw the questions. I am sending you what I believe to be the correct answers. I am not sure but it probably will take more than one e-mail.

*Question #1: Where in scripture do we find the last trump spoken of in 1 Cor 15:52, so we can get a time for its sound?*

We can find the trump referred to in your question in 1 Thess 4:14-18. The same event is being discussed in both passages; however the answer to your question is found in 1 Thess 5:1.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.**

Notice the very first word in the verse: "But"-This is a conjunction that directly connects what is being discussed in the verse with the previous verses. Paul is telling us that there is no need to know the times and seasons of this event.

**1 Thessalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.**

Notice that verse two starts discussing an event that will come as a thief in the night.

I will have additional explanations about this trump and the trump found in Rev 11:15 when I address question #2. Along with discussing the trumps I will discuss the first and second resurrection.

I would at this time like to present two verses of scripture in light of questions 3 & 4. I will present details when I address these questions fully in a future e-mail.

**Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**

**Colossians 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;**

Christ said in Matt 24 that the world would end when the gospel He and the 12 preached was preached to all nations. If Paul and Peter preached the same gospel, why didn't the world end when Paul's gospel was preached to every creature under heaven? This shows that they could not have been preaching the same gospel.

Here is my response (in RED with scripture in BLACK):

Thanks for taking a stab, at least, at the 1st question. It may be interesting to you that there has been no consensus among 'mid-Acts-ers' to any of the answers in the responses I have received. Actually none of them have even been in agreement, and everyone who is promoting their doctrine has given a wrong response. However, here is my brief response, as I have "thought **and studied MUCH** about it."

You are right and I agree about this: that the last trump of 1 Cor 15:52 .... is the same trump of God as in 1 Thes 4:14-18 .... and that the same event is being discussed in both passages.

However the 'answer' to my 1st question is NOT found in 1 Thes 5:1, which says:

**1 Thess 5:1** But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

You are right and I agree about this: that the 'But' is a conjunction that directly connects what is being discussed (in chapter 5) with the previous verses (in chapter 4).

However, here is where you are wrong: You said, "Paul is telling us that **there is no need to know** the times and the seasons of this event." *There is your flaw, brother. Be CAREFUL with the actual WORDS of the verse:* Paul did not say they did not need to KNOW about the times and seasons of this event .... what he said was .... he did not need to WRITE IT to them .... because of the next verse (they already knew it perfectly):

**1 Thess 5:2** For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night.

The day of the Lord .... the day the Lord comes .... the day of Christ's return .... will be the day **when unbelievers will be surprised by swift destruction .... but the saints will not be surprised, because they 'know' the signs to watch for .... of when the time will be near:**

**1 Thess 5:3-4** For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

**4** But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

The same thing is explained in further detail in Paul's other letter to the saints at Thessalonica:

The saints will be .... being persecuted for their faith:

(as also in **2 Tim 3:12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.) ....

**2 Thess 1:4-10** So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

**5** Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

God will avenge the enemies of Himself and of His saints:

**6** Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

The saints will get rest from their persecutions .... when the Lord comes:

**7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

**8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction (like "sudden destruction" in **1 Thess 5:3**) from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

The saints will be resurrected to glorified bodies .... in that day .... when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven:

**10** When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony (who's testimony? Paul's and the apostles') among you (saints alive at that time) was believed) (when will this all occur?) in that day.

.... and staying in the same context .... in the next chapter .... Paul identified "that day" as the day of Christ:

**2 Thess 2:1-4** Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (when He comes from heaven taking vengeance on His enemies -- like in **2 Thess 1:7-9**) and by our gathering together unto him, (when He comes to be glorified in His saints -- like in **2 Thess 1:10**):

**2** That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ** is at hand.

(These events will occur at the last half of the 7 years):

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first,**

**and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Paul plainly told them not to be worried that these things were in the immediate future for them .... because .... before these events occurred .... before the day of the Lord (the day of Christ, "that day") came .... 1st there will be **a falling away:**

(read **Luke 13:8** They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which **for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.**) FYI, **they will be tempted to deny their faith and take the mark of the beast to save their physical life .... but doing so will damn their soul:**

(see **Mark 8:35-38** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall **the Son of man** be ashamed, **when he cometh** in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Rather than fearing the man of sin/the son of perdition and the false prophet .... who are threatening their life and killing them if they don't worship him and take his mark -- (see **Rev 13:14-17**) .... they better fear God (see **Rev 14:6-11**):

**Matt 10:28** And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

.... and the man of sin will be revealed (.... as the son of perdition .... when he goes into the temple and proclaims himself to be God .... the abomination of desolation .... and an image of him is erected that all the world will have to worship or be killed .... and his mark will be required for all buying or selling).

**The believers will know and understand what is going on then:**

**Dan 12:9-11** And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and **none of the wicked shall understand;**

**but the wise shall understand.**

11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and **the abomination that maketh desolate set up,** there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. (the last half of the 7 years)

**Dan 11:31-36** And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place **the abomination that maketh desolate.**

32 And **such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.**

33 **And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.** (the time of great persecution of the saints -- like **2 Thess 1:4-6** explained):

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, **even to the time of the end:** because it is yet for a time appointed.

36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper **till the indignation be accomplished:** (through the end of the 7 years) for that that is determined shall be done.

**God wants the saints to know and understand** .... when these things will take place .... how to identify what is going on around them. Although the 70th week is a time that God is specifically dealing with the nation Israel .... all saints and believers everywhere (see **Dan 7:21** and **Rev 13:7**) will be affected by the control and power of the anti-Christ:

**Dan 9:24-27** Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, **to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness,** and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

25 **Know therefore and understand,** that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 And **he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation,** (the end of the 70 weeks .... when the Lord will return to avenge His enemies and be glorified in His saints .... when He accomplishes **Dan 9:24**) and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Hopefully, this is enough to get you 'thinking' .... and listening to the verses .... instead of twisting them because of a preconceived notion that someone has convinced you of that you can't "mix the prophecy with the mystery" (which, Paul **many times** quoted the old testament scriptures in his writings). Our apostle Paul (actually, God) did it often .... so why are we told not to? That is really ridiculous.

Regarding your other comments about the gospel Peter and Paul preached .... the world didn't end .... because the things have not yet happened that must happen .... before it can end (as I have already shown with the above verses). This next passage shows how believers will know when the time (the day of the Lord, the day of Christ, that day, the day of vengeance on God's enemies, the day of salvation/deliverance/rest for His saints) is near:

**Luke 21:24-36** And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; (These things will happen at the 6th seal - see **Rev 6:12-17**, as God's wrath is coming soon upon them and they will realize it):

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for **looking after those things which are coming on the earth:** for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

27 And **then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**

28 And **when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 When they now shoot forth, **ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.**

31 **So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.** (That's the kingdom of God that the saints in **1 Thess 1:4-6** were suffering for, because of their faith)

32 Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.**

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time **your** hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and **so that day come upon you unawares.**

35 **For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.**

36 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.

Even believers must be careful not to 'fall away' or deny the faith (2 Pet 1:10-11) .... even as Paul warned about the last days:

**1 Tim 4:1** Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that **in the latter times some shall depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

In the context of the resurrection, Paul also said:

**2 Tim 2:12** If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:  
if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Just like Jesus said:

Mt 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33 But **whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.**

It will be important .... especially **in THAT day** .... not to deny your faith:

**Tit 1:16** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

**Rev 2:13** I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and **hast not denied my faith**, even in those days wherein Antipas was **my faithful martyr, who was slain** among you, where Satan dwelleth.

**Rev 3:8-10** I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and **hast not denied my name.**

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee **from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.** (when everyone is faced with worshipping the beast and taking his mark .... or being killed for their faith.)

I hope you will see the truth, and not be confounded by a paradigm that does not allow the verses to speak for themselves.

Really, you did not even answer the 1st question, because the only thing you really did was post **1 Thess 5:1** .... and your comment after it ("Paul is telling us that **there is no need to know** the times and seasons of this event.") was proven to be **inaccurate** with what the verse actually said ("But of the times and the seasons, brethren, **ye have no need that I write unto you.**")

By the way, as my time permits, I am planning to post responses on the website, as I did with the bishop-pastor issue. Again, I appreciate that you wrote me back, and I hope to hear your response to my reply.

Here is Lee's reply (in BLUE) to my response:

I fully understand what you are saying and everything you said about the Day of the Lord is true. The error that you are making is that the event in 1 Thess 4 is not the Day of the Lord. The saved are being taken in this passage.

**1 Thessalonians 4:14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

**1 Thessalonians 4:17** 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.

The event you are describing is in Matt 24 and it will be as in the days of Noe:

**Matthew 24:37** But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

**Matthew 24:38** For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

**Matthew 24:39** And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

The unbelievers are being taken here and not the believers. This event is totally different than the one in 1 Thess 4:14-18. I did answer the question because I know the difference. You choose to disagree, but the scriptures are very clear on this issue to me. Taking unbelievers is not the same as taking believers.

Here is my response to Lee:

You said the saved are being 'taken' in **1 Thes 4** .... but the scripture actually says they are being 'brought' --- not 'taken'.

**1 Thes 4:14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus **will God bring with him.** (I can see where you might get that God is 'taking' the souls of saints out of heaven .... but the verse says God will 'bring' --- not 'take' them --- to the clouds with Him.)

Even **1 Thess 4:17** does not say that believers are 'taken' --- it says they will be 'caught up'.

I strongly suggest that you do a 'word study' and compare the usage of the same Greek words, to get some understanding:

**1 Thess 4:17** Then we which are alive and remain **shall be caught up <harpazo>** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (By the way, 'we' are going to 'ever be with the Lord' .... now where do you think the Lord will be? He is coming to the EARTH, to judge His enemies and set up His kingdom. We will 'ever be with' Him --- where ever He is!)

**John 10:12** But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf **catcheth <harpazo>** them, and scattereth the sheep.

**John 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* **pluck <harpazo>** them out of my hand.

You are the one who said that the events in **1 Thess chapter 5** were the same as **1 Thess chapter 4**. You quoted the verse:

"1 Thessalonians 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

Now I quote you .... this quotation is YOUR words (right after **1 Thes 5:1**),

"Notice the very first word in the verse: "But"-**This is a conjunction that directly connects what is being discussed in the verse with the previous verses.**" ..... which is 1 Thess chapter 4, isn't it? Of course, it is.

If you ignore the chapter division, in the **same context**, Paul names the 'time' he is discussing in **1 Thess chapters 4 and 5** as 'the day of the Lord.'

You should also consider how the Lord's enemies will be 'taken':

**Isa 13:13-15** Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.

15 **Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.**

**Joel 2:7-11** They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and **when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.**

9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

11 **And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army:** for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

In that day, the godly will be delivered, and the unbelievers will be punished:

**2 Pet 2:9** The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Jesus, Paul, and Peter all talked about the Lord's coming as a thief in the night.

Whenever Paul wrote about the 'coming' or the 'appearing' of the Lord .... it is the same 'coming' and 'appearing' that Peter wrote about. There are not 2 separate 'comings' and 'appearings' separated by several (at least 7) years. There is nothing in scripture to indicate that they are writing about different events .... only a paradine, or a man, tells you that. You do not get it from reading the verses.

Again, it would be to your advantage to look up some words and see the various ways in the verses that they are used:

**Matt 24:39** And knew not until the flood came, and took **<airo>** them all away; **<airo>** so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

**Matt 24:40** Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, **<paralambano>** and the other left.

FYI, The Greek word <paralambano> (for 'taken') is also translated 'received' in **1 Cor 15:1,3 (the gospel that both the saints at Corinth and Paul 'received')**; Gal 1:9, 12; Phil 4:9; and Col 2:6, as well as several other passages. So we see that the word <paralambano> means 'taken' and it also means 'received.' Therefore, you cannot logically make the assumption you did by trying to compare "The unbelievers being 'taken' (or 'received') in **Matt 24** .... to the believers being 'taken' (actually, the verse says 'shall be caught up' --- not 'taken') in **1 Thess 4:17.**"

**Acts 1:9** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up;** **<epairo>** and a cloud received him out of their sight.

You might feel like you answered my question "because you know the difference." But you didn't. You failed to PROVE any difference **from the scriptures.** Your explanation of "taking unbelievers is not the same as taking believers" was a cop-out because those words are not even there the same way in the verses. I don't want you to continue being deceived, by pre-supposed divisions that are not in the verses, yet are on charts, etc. I hope you will consider these scriptures that I have sent you, and let them say exactly what they say, and not change them, as you have done.

Lee wrote:

1 Thessalonians 4:17 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.

We who are alive are caught up to meet Christ and those that He brings with him.

Where are the clouds and the air that is "up"?

Compare this verse:

Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

"HARPAZO" has several meanings, why didn't you choose the one that said "catch-(away, up)?"

Rev12:5 says CAUGHT UP UNTO GOD AND TO HIS THRONE.

I looked up HARPAZO AND ONE OF THE DEFINITIONS WAS CATCH-AWAY, CATCH UP.

1 Corinthians 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

We must compare verse with verse to get the understanding.

Point 1b

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

According to this verse Christ can be on earth and in heaven at the same time. So I would be able to be forever with him in heaven while He(Christ) would be here on earth. God(Christ) is a Spirit and one of his attributes is that He is omnipresent.

Point 2

1 Thessalonians 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

I said that this verse is making reference to the verses in chapter 4, not chapter 5. That is the position you are taking. Paul's writings never gave signs for the passages in 1 Cor 15:52 or 1 Thess 4:14-18.

Signs are for the Jews: There are no Jews or Greeks in the Body of Christ.

The catching away of the saints will not be as a thief; we are looking for it.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

1 Corinthians 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Point 3

The following verses in Matt and Luke show that the unbelievers were taken away and it will be the same at the coming of the the Son of Man.

The result is that here the unbelievers did not end up where they started; whether they were taken, received, removed, etc. (not in original place)

Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

Matthew 24:39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Luke 17:36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luke 17:37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

In English "taken" and "received" do not mean the same thing so how are the Greek words *airo*, *paralambano* & *epairo* helpful. Greek or English these individuals were no longer where they started.

You are putting yourself in the position of choosing which definition to use or which words are the correct ones. It seems to me that if one is going to use Greek or Hebrew why not use a Greek or Hebrew Bible. How do you understand Greek definitions and word usage and not understand Greek grammar and composition? This approach to God's word is very troubling to me.

My brief reply, until I had time to answer his response:

If you still claim the KJV, it is translated from the Hebrew and Greek. As long as people are told to stay away from Hebrew and Greek, they are taught to depend upon others to do the study for them.

Regarding the use of Greek, do you correct any who say "Maranatha" (the Lord cometh)?

Lee wrote:

The definition of Greek words (like maranatha) I have to accept because I don't know Greek. I accept it like I would if it was something else because I can't prove it. The difference is that at least the English makes sense but even without it I know the Lord is coming from other verses.

Based on scripture I can't accept Greek words or definitions that make the word (saying) in 2 TIM 2:18 AS JUST KIDDING AROUND -nor a Greek definition or word for (caught up) when Rev 12:5 is very clear as to what it means. Unless there is a verse of scripture teaching otherwise this is the meaning of caught up in 1 Thess 4:17.

I have noticed you making me a part of group you consider to be wrong doctrinally and that is OK. I follow what the Bible has persuaded me to believe and not men. If I am wrong in what I believe then show me scriptures that reflect my error. I am inspired and edified by these discussions and I hope that you are also.

My response:

Point 1a. Obviously, the clouds are in the air, we see them everyday. Regarding the verses I showed that had <harpazo> in them, I don't understand why you asked why I didn't choose 'the one' (Rev 12:5) that said "catch -away, up" because in my previous e-mail, I showed <harpazo> in **1 Thess 4:17** as 'shall be caught up.' My point was that the word was used other ways as well .... but that 'taken' was not one of those ways, and you were substituting being 'taken' for being 'caught up.'

Point 1b. It seems to me like you are 'spiritualizing' being in the presence of the Lord out of **1 Thess 4:17** rather than accepting the verse in its natural meaning .... because when 'we' are caught up to meet the Lord in the air .... we will be able to see Him. He will be visible, because that will be His 'appearing':

**2 Tim 4:1** I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall **judge the quick and the dead at his appearing** and his kingdom;

When Jesus comes back (when He returns, when He appears) .... He will be coming to judge and set up His kingdom on earth. Everyone will know it:

**2 Tim 4:8** Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, **the righteous judge**, shall give me **at that day**: and not to me only, but unto all them also that **love his appearing**.

**1 John 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**.

**Rev 1:7** Behold, **he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him**, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Point 2. If I understand you correctly, you are saying that **1 Thess 5:1** is talking about the events in chapter 4 --- **but NOT in chapter 5?** That would not make sense because it is nestled in the context of BOTH of chapters 4 and 5. To use chapter 4 and eliminate chapter 5 from **1 Thess 5:1** would separate it from its context WITH chapter 5. The point here is that **1 Thess 5:1** IS talking about the events in BOTH chapters 4 and 5. If you don't think it is, then I think you are being illogical here. I know that you divide the events in chapter 4 .... into a 'different day' .... than the events in chapter 5, which you see as the 'day of the Lord' .... however, there is no indication in the verses to separate them into different 'days.' That is fabrication, making Christ have 2 appearings/comings/judgments when there is but one yet to come. He had a 1st advent, and He will have a 2nd one .... but the 2nd appearing is just that, it is the 2nd appearing --- not the 3rd. He will not appear 'secretly' to catch up the body of Christ .... and then not have that appearing 'count' in the 'number' of appearings:

**Heb 9:28** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and **unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time** without sin unto salvation.

'Mid-Acts-ers' do the same thing with the 1st resurrection. They create a 'secret, mystery' resurrection exclusively for the body of Christ --- which they do not count --- BEFORE the 1st resurrection .... which is my 2nd question (in the 5 questions on the website). When the scripture says it is the 1st resurrection, then that's what it is.

Point 3. I have no problem with unbelievers being 'taken' when the Lord comes. Those verses are very clear that they will be 'taken' in judgment, as I have already written (2 Thess 1:7-9, Isa 13:13-15, Joel 2:7-11).

I am not 'choosing' which definition to use. I am believing the KJV ENGLISH words that are translated correctly. May I remind you about the KJV ENGLISH word 'bishop' (overseer) which I have defended, when many others preferred to be called a 'pastor' (shepherd of sheep), while claiming that Israel is God's sheep. If it wasn't sad, it would be funny. They were unwilling to stand for the KJV:

**1 Tim 3:1** This is a true saying, If a man desire **the office of a bishop**, he desireth a good work.

No, I'm not the one questioning or changing the KJV. I accept it. But there is nothing wrong with study, which we are instructed to do, and whereas, for many years, I have been instructed that there is no need to 'go to the Greek or Hebrew' .... I have actually found out that it is helpful to do so at times.

We have actually moved off the subject of Question # 1, which I wanted to stay focused on. You did not answer when or where we find '**the last trump**' .... because there MUST be some trump sounds before the 'last' one .... otherwise, it could not be the 'last'. There would be no point to saying it was the 'last' trump if it could not be identified as the 'last' one. Simply saying you "know the difference" or that "taking unbelievers is not the same as taking believers" are not reasonable explanations for the question. I asked for you to show the 'last' trump to me in the scriptures (other than the ones I already used 1 Cor 15:52 and 1 Thes 4:16). You have the 'last' trump on a chart without using the verses where it is found in Revelation. If you don't agree that that's where the last trump is, then show me verses where it is. But please stay on the subject question.

Your first response to me said that you had not received any correct answers and that mine was incorrect also. The first two questions cannot be answered correctly because they are based on an incorrect conclusion. You have concluded that the passages in 1 Cor 15:50-57 & 1 Thess 4:14-18 are explaining the same event as Rev 20. They are not talking about the same event so there are no correct answers to the questions. The details presented in Corinthians and Thessalonians are not the same ones in Revelations. A detailed study shows this to be true.

#### Study of Passages

1 Cor 15:50-57

Paul calls this a Mystery-We shall all be changed

- a) put on in-corruption & immortality
- b) Death is swallowed up in victory
- c) No death-no sin
- d) spiritual bodies-flesh & blood cannot enter

1 Corinthians 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.1 Corinthians 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Revelation 20:1-11

The first resurrection is no mystery

John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,John 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Christ spoke of the first and second resurrections in his earthly ministry.

- a) corruption & mortality still exists-Satan is put in bottomless pit so that he cannot deceive the nations
- b) people that sin in Rev 20 die-death & sin still exists-
- c) corruption & mortality still exists
- d) flesh & blood still exists

Job 19:26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

1 Thess 4:14-18

- a) must believe that Jesus died and rose again(even so them that died)

1 Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

- b) voice of the archangel & trump of God ( angel & trump identified)

1 Thessalonians 4:16 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:

c) will be with the Lord forever

d) caught up together to meet in clouds and air

1 Thessalonians 4:17 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.

Outlined here from the passage in 1 Thess are details that are not found in Rev 20.

Revelation 20

a) the resurrected dead in Old Testament did not know that Christ died on the cross and rose again

) Old Testament saints died in faith expecting promises

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

b) angel in Rev 20 is not identified

Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

c) the seventh trumpet was sounded by an angel-not God

Revelation 11:15 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.

d) those in Rev 20 will reign for 1000 years (1000 years mentioned in 6 of first 7 verses

e) those sitting on thrones and judging (12 apostles)

Luke 22:30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

God is dealing with nations in Rev 20

Revelation 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

This is not forever as in 1 Thess 4

f) this is the first Resurrection (not caught up) caught up is not the same as the resurrection into the Kingdom

Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Conclusion:

These are just some of the details that show 1 Cor 15:50-57 & 1 Thess 4:14-18 is not the same event outlined in Revelations chapter 20. Revelation 20:4-11 lasts for a thousand years and not forever as those caught up to be with the Lord forever. Death and sin has been defeated in 1 Cor and 1 Thess but not so in Revelations 20. God is dealing with nations and ruling them with a rod of iron and not the church. The scriptures speak for themselves.

My response:

You SURELY believe that 1 Cor 15:50-57 and 1 Thess 4:14-17 teach a resurrection, and so do I.

But what you obviously do NOT believe, is that it is the 1st resurrection (Rev 20:4-6) .... because you place it as a 'mystery resurrection' (that you don't 'count') .... BEFORE what GOD says is the 1st resurrection.

You said they are not talking about the same event .... so that would make 2 resurrections. BUT the scripture defines the 1st resurrection (Rev 20:4-6) .... and you are refusing to accept it .... as the 1st.

**1 Cor 15:51-55** Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: (The only place you find future trumpets, where you can positively identify one of them as 'the LAST trump' is in Revelation. But you refuse to accept the last trump as the last trump.)

for the trumpet shall sound, (You said the 7th trump will be sounded by an angel -- not God. Using that kind of thinking, then 'Moses' law' belonged to Moses -- not God.)

and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So **when** this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, **then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written**, Death is swallowed up in victory. (Isa 25:8)

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

You have been deceived by a parade that tells you that you cannot MIX prophecy with mystery .... but GOD (through Paul) just did .... in vs. 54. Not only there, but PAUL wrote the words "It is written" 31 times .... and 6 times he refers to "the scripture saith."

**WHEN** the dead are raised incorruptible at THIS VERY resurrection PAUL is writing about ....

**THEN** will the 'PROPHETIC' scripture be fulfilled .... that PAUL quoted in vs. 54:

**Isa 25:8** He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

THIS is the resurrection that was written in the scriptures! Paul said it was .... but you are refusing to accept it.

In closing, I wanted to remind you of Paul's own testimony .... about his message .... and notice how far into the book of Acts he said it --- all the way in Acts 26:22. Don't 'mid-Acts-ers' say that Galatians, Thessalonians, and Romans had all be written by that time?

**Acts 26:22-23** Having therefore obtained help of God, **I continue unto this day**, witnessing both to small and great, **saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:**

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

Thus, I don't think that I need to waste any more time trying to convince you that 'first' means 'first' and 'last' means 'last'. Yes, the scriptures speak for themselves. Our place is to believe them. So I am not planning to continue this discussion with you.

I'll close with

Rom 4:3-a **For what saith the scripture?**