

Trump and Trumpet

In this study, we will examine the words 'trump' and 'trumpet'.

I have been told by several people

that one of them is **an INSTRUMENT**

and the other is **the SOUND** that instrument makes.

When I researched 'trump' and 'trumpet' myself I found

there are 2 Greek words to consider that have similar root:

<salpigx> and <salpizo>.

A Lexicon defines each of those Greek words:

- <salpigx> as 'a trumpet, a trump'

(both those English words, as an instrument, a noun),

and it shows

- <salpizo> as 'to trumpet, to sound a trumpet'

(like a verb, or as a noun like a sound that the instrument makes).

The Greek word <salpigx> that is written 11 times in scripture

is translated in the KJV **BOTH** • trumpet = 9 times

and • trump = 2 times.

Thus we cannot use the explanation I was given by my friends

because **the KJV translates <salpigx> as BOTH English words**

'trump' and 'trumpet'.

So we cannot read 'trump' and 'trumpet' in our KJV as **one** being an instrument and **the other** as being the sound the instrument makes.

The Greek word **<salpizo>** is written 12 times in the scripture.

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| It is translated | • sound = 10 times |
| and | • sound of a trumpet = 1 time |
| and | • trumpet sounds = 1 time. |

We'll keep these things in mind as we look at the verses in this study and the translation of the Greek words into the English KJV (which I believe to be entirely correct and without error).

Let's begin with a verse that contains both those Greek words. Turn to:

1 Cor 15:52 In **<en>** a moment **<atomos>**,
in **<en>** the twinkling **<rhipe>** of an eye **<ophthalmos>**,

at **<en>** the last **<eschatos>** **trump <salpigx>**:
(the instrument)

for **<gar>** **the trumpet shall sound <salpizo>**
(the sound 'the trump / the trumpet' makes)

and **<kai>** the dead **<nekros>** shall be raised **<egeiro>**
incorruptible **<aphthartos>**,
and **<kai>** we **<hemeis>** shall be changed **<allasso>**.

We all claim to believe that the Bible says what it means and that it means what it says. So let's not change the verse, but listen to it.

When we study the Bible, we should let the Bible explain itself.

For example, when we read a verse

we ought to find another verse, or verses, to give us light on that verse.

Thus, when we read:

1 Cor 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.

Let's look to study that verse in sections. These things will happen fast:

1 Cor 15:52-a In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,

The last words in the Bible say **Jesus will come quickly:**

Rev 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely **I come quickly.**
Amen. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

21 The **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

There are many people that **explain away or entirely avoid**
this next phrase in 1 Cor 15:52:

1 Cor 15:52-b **at the last trump:** (<salpigx> the instrument)

Here is how that phrase is taught by some. **A SERIES of 3 trumpet**
sounds are FABRICATED because they are NOT in the scripture.

The 1st trump sounds --- when the Lord descends from heaven.

The 2nd trump sounds --- when the dead in Christ rise first.

The 3rd being the LAST trump sounds ---
--- when the alive believers are RAPTURED.

Now, we'll look at the verse that is used to **MAKE UP those 3 trumps.**

1 Thess 4:16-17 For <hoti> the Lord <kurios> himself <autos> shall descend <katabaino> from <apo> heaven <ouranos> with <en> a shout <keleuma>, with <en> **the voice <phone>** of the archangel <archaggelos>, and <kai> with <en> **the trump <salpigx>** of God <theos>: **(That will be the 1st toot.)**

and <kai> the dead <nekros> in <en> Christ <Christos> shall rise <anistemi> first <proton>:

(There will be the 2nd toot

even though the BIBLE does not say there will be ANOTHER toot then.)

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:

(The 3rd toot will be the LAST toot

even though the BIBLE does not show another toot there at the 'catching up' either.)

and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (Notice 'heaven' is not in the verse.)

But we Bible students know that we ought to **locate a series of trumpets**

IN THE BIBLE then go to find the last one and that's it.

1 Cor 15:52-b at the last trump: (<salpigx> the instrument)

Do you know where a series of trumps are? They come out of the 7th seal:

Rev 8:1-2 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given **seven trumpets <salpigx> (the instruments).**

Rev 8:6 And the seven angels which had the **seven trumpets <salpigx> (the instruments)** prepared themselves to **sound <salpizo> (the sound the trumpets make).**

At the last trump when the 7th angel is about to sound his trumpet is when **the mystery of God** will be accomplished, according to God's word:

Rev 10:7 But <alla> in <en> the days <hemera> **of the voice <phone>** of the seventh <hebdomos> angel <aggelos>, when <hotan> **he shall begin <mello>** (The Greek word <mello> is to intend, to be about to do in the sense of purpose, duty, or necessity.)

to sound <salpizo>

the mystery <musterion> of God <theos>

should be finished <teleo>

(The Greek word <teleo> is to end, complete, conclude, finish, accomplish.) as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Now let's compare that verse (Rev 10:7) with **the one and only other time** that the phrase '**the mystery of God**' is written in the scriptures.

It is in **Col 2:2**, but we will begin reading in Col 1:25 for context.

Notice that the mystery of God is in the dispensation of grace that was given to Paul that Christ would dwell in the Gentiles:

Col 1:25-29 and Col 2:1-4 Whereof I am made a minister, according to **the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil <pleroo>** (The Greek word <pleroo> is to finish, complete, end, fulfil, accomplish) **the word of God;**

26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

(Keep reading and keep in mind **the mystery** that we just read about in verses 26 and 27 because **that mystery** will show up again in **Col 2:2**.)

Col 2:1-4 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

(This next verse **EQUATES** the mystery of God and the mystery of Christ:)

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of **the full assurance of understanding,**

to the acknowledgement

of the mystery of God, (<musterion> <theos>)
and of the Father,
and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

4 **And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.**

We can see the mystery of Christ (which is the same as the mystery of God in Col 2:2) also explained the same way in **Eph 3** as it was in **Col 1 and 2:**

Eph 3:1-6 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2 If ye have heard of **the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:**

3 How that by revelation he made known unto me **the mystery;** (as I wrote afore in few words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in **the mystery of Christ)**

5 **Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;** (Here is what the mystery is same as Col 1:27 and Col 2:2:)

6 **That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:**

Remember that Rev 10:7 told us that when the 7th angel is ready to sound the last trumpet the mystery of God will be finished.

That is when the dispensation of grace will come to a close

AFTER WHICH God will return to deliver all the saints

and Israel will RISE to kingdom glory.

Follow the progression of events.

- Israel was cut off because of unbelief
- The Gentiles were brought in as partakers with the believing remnant.
- When the Gentiles are fully come in (the mystery of God will be complete)
- Israel will be saved:

Rom 11:16-27 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy:
and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

17 And if some of the branches be broken off,
and thou (Gentiles, as Paul is speaking to them in this passage,
according to **Rom 11:13**), being a wild olive tree,
wert grafted in **among them**, (as in **Acts 26:18**)
and **with them partakest** (as in **Eph 3:6**)
of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

18 Boast not against the branches.

But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

19 Thou wilt say then,

The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

20 Well; **because of unbelief they were broken off**, (**Heb 3:12,19; 4:6**)
and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

21 **For if God spared not the natural branches,**
take heed lest he also spare not thee.

22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God:
on them which fell, severity;

but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness:
otherwise **thou also shalt be cut off.**

23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in:
for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and
wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall
these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 **For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant**
of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits;
that blindness in part is happened to Israel,
until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

(Notice the next thing in the verses to happen after the Gentiles come in:)

26 **And so all Israel shall be saved:**

as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer,
and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 **For this is my covenant unto them,**
when I shall take away their sins.

Now let's read about when the 7th angel sounds his trumpet.

That will be God's day when He takes control over the earth's kingdoms
.... and resurrects the dead believers:

Rev 11:14-18 The second woe is past;
and, behold, the third woe **cometh quickly**.

15 And **the seventh angel sounded <salpizo>**;

(the sound 'the trump / the trumpet' makes)

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.

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

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.

(This next verse shows the resurrection will occur at the 7th angel's sound:)

18 And the nations were angry,
and thy wrath is come, (Saints will be caught up at the last trump, before the wrath of God comes on the unbelievers - see 1 Thess 5:9, Rom 5:9.)

and the time of the dead, (resurrection)

that they should be judged,

(glory for the saints, as 2 Thess 1:10; 2:1:)

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 punishment for the unbelievers, as 2 Thess 1:7-9:)

and **shouldest destroy** them which destroy the earth.

Now let's go back to **1 Cor 15:52** to see that it is **at the last trump**

when the dead will be raised:

1 Cor 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,
at the last **trump <salpigx>** (the instrument):

for the trumpet shall sound <salpizo>

(the sound 'the trump / the trumpet' makes) ,

and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,

and we shall be changed.

Matthew recorded these events.

The nations will be angry when Christ returns in the clouds:

Matt 24:30-33 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**.

(The angels will **gather believers with a trumpet sound** at the resurrection:)

31 And he shall send his angels

with **<meta>** a great **<megas>** sound **<phone>** of a trumpet **<salpigx>** (the instrument),

and they shall **gather together** (**<episunago>** to collect upon the same place --- see page 10 --- 2 Thess 2:1) **his elect**

from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

(Christ explained to His disciples how to know when the time was near:)

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, **when ye shall see all these things,** know that it is near, even at the doors.

Luke records a companion passage that after the Gentiles' times

are fulfilled (see Rom 11:25) Christ will return soon. The time will be near:

Luke 21:24-31 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.** (also Rev 11:2)

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; (see Rev 6:12-17)

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.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, written by John, also gives the same events.

Christ will return in clouds and unbelievers will fear in anguish:

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.

It will be at the last trumpet sound that Christ will return from heaven
.... to judge His enemies and the dead saints will be raised and gathered to
glory with Christ. But 'that day' is not yet near. It is not yet 'at hand'

as Paul explained to the saints at Thessalonica. He prophesied of that day:

2 Thess 1:7-10 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 from the presence of
the Lord, and from the glory of his power; (as in Rev 11:18)

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints,
and to be admired in all them that believe

(This 'day' includes saints who believed Paul's message:)

(because our testimony among you was believed) **in that day.**

(Christ will come in that day in His day in the day of Christ
but not until some things happen first:

2 Thess 2:1-2 Now we beseech you, brethren,
by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and **by our gathering together** (<episunagoge> complete
collection --- refer back to page 9 --- Matt 24:31) **unto him,**

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.

Paul gave them **SIGNS** to watch for **before the day of Christ comes:**

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 him-
self that he is God. (the abomination of desolation)

A little later in this epistle

Paul told the saints to wait patiently for Christ to return:

2 Thess 3:5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into **the patient waiting for Christ**.

In summary, many have been taught **not to MIX** what they call **the mystery program with the prophecy program**. 1st of all, they have assigned 'a program' to mystery and prophecy, which I have not found to be the case in the Bible. **Furthermore, Paul was a prophet**. In my studies, I have seen many verses where Paul was prophesying about the very same things that other New Testament writers say. **Also, God had Peter write that Paul wrote about 'these things' (2 Pet 3:15,16) in ALL his epistles (context of 2 Peter chapter 3). I think we should let the verse tell us they both wrote of the same things and not listen to a man tell us not to MIX what GOD said was the same.**

Gal 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Instead of **rightly dividing** we have turned our Bible into a maze. Rather than trying to make so many things be **different** we should recognize what things are the **same**.

Paul went to all Asia (Acts 19:10,26) and that's where the 7 churches were that John sent the 7 letters to, even sending **grace and peace** to all of them (Rev 1:4,11).

Paul wrote to saints at Ephesus (Eph 1:1) and that is also a place where John sent a letter (Rev 2:1-7).

Paul ministered to saints in Laodicea (Col 2:1, 4:13-16) and that is one of the 7 churches to whom John wrote (Rev 3:14-22).

Paul wrote to saints in Galatia (Gal 1:1,2)
and Peter also sent **grace and peace** to those of Galatia (1 Pet 1:1).

We will get our 'change' at the resurrection, when Christ comes:

**Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear,
then shall ye also appear with him in glory.**

Some have said that we don't need to 'go to the Greek'. For years, I followed that advice, and never did. **But the KJV uses the Greek itself:**

1 Cor 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ,
let him be **Anathema <anathema> Maranatha <maranatha>**.

Our KJV Bible **left those Greek words -- as Greek words.** Hmmm...

<anathema> is used a total of 6 times. It is translated 'accursed'-4 times (as in **Gal 1:9**), anathema-1 time, and 'bind under a great curse-1 time. It means 'excommunicated, banned, or cursed.'

<maranatha> is of Chaldee (Babylonian) origin, meaning **our Lord has come or will come or the Lord cometh.** It is an exclamation of **the approaching divine judgment.** It is used just this one time.

If we focus on <maranatha>, we should at least recognize '**when**' our apostle Paul told us to expect His coming: at the **last trump** (1 Cor 15:52)

This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"