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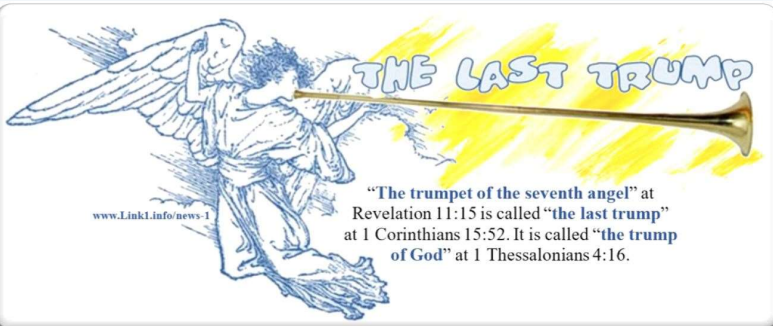
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## THINGS NON-PENTECOSTALS DON'T KNOW

— About The Rapture & *The Magic Twins*<sup>SM</sup> —

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From #rap-5—

From the beginning of Matthew 24 through the end of Matthew 25, the context never changes. Many Bible scholars wonder why the translators separated those two chapters. We're curious, too.

Here is an observation that may or may not have occurred to you: Academic communities, secular and religious, share the common passion to perpetuate the perception of their elitism. That is very likely subconscious for most of the good folk in those communities but it is, nevertheless, observable. They just have a need to make sure that the rest of us acknowledge that they have earned their elite status via formal education.

The following may be a worthy example of how that plays out in the interactions of highly educated end-times prophecy proponents—

The pastor of a large church near us is perhaps justly proud of his "The Reverend Doctor"

title. During a time when he was delivering a sermon series on The Rapture, a young member of our Link1™ Bible Research Team asked him a question. The exchange went something like this:

"The last trump in the book of Revelation is 'the trumpet of the seventh angel.' It sounds at the end of The Tribulation, just before The New Jerusalem descends to Earth. How do you reconcile that with what you've been saying about a 'last trump' before the Great Tribulation?"

The reverend doctor: "Oh, that's a *different* 'last trump'!" He rambled on for a while about the Old Testament Feast of Trumpets as if it might clearly override the trumpet sequence in Revelation.

His rambling was beyond marginally complicated, so we will resist the urge to belabor it here—you'd be really bored with it. The "flavor" of that response was to suggest that "Because I have spent years and a great deal of effort in acquiring my formal education,

you just need to have faith to believe that I know what I'm talking about. Besides, things like this are far too complicated for the average Christian."

Our Link1™ member didn't buy it. Said it had insulted his intelligence. He gazed in full amazement at the rest of that large congregation: Their faces reflected the classic *deer-in-the-headlights* look. They all had faith...

We did some subsequent research, but we'll keep this simple, so as not to entangle you in the complexity of it unnecessarily. But because, per 2 Timothy 1:7, God has also given you a sound mind, we hope that you will do some personal digging – with the Acts 17:11 *Berean* mindset.

What follows is from *one* of the tools we use to leverage Bible Truth to expose Religious Fantasy—

The Old Testament Feast of Trumpets is actually called *The Seventh Month Festival*—

"This festival is mentioned in Leviticus 23:24-25, 27-32 and Numbers 29:1-40. It was introduced with the blowing of trumpets, the halt of labor, sacrifices, and a testing (Lev. 23: 24-32; Num. 29:1-40). The exact reason for its observance is not clear. Some scholars believe that it originated in the Babylonian Captivity as a way of counter-acting the influence of the Babylonian New Year Festival..."

That is quoted from The Liberty Illustrated Bible Dictionary.

Our informed take on it is this: The formally educated end-times-prophecy superstars scrape the bottom of the religious barrel when they resort to such curious rationale to support a pre-Trib or mid-Trib Rapture theory.

They can always count on the *itching ears* of thousands of sincere folk who admire them because they perceive them to be God's exclusive "called and chosen" ones. God knows them and has a Judgment Day plan for them among all the other workers of iniquity<sup>G-93</sup>.

<sup>G-93</sup> From the N.T. Greek word transliterated, *adikia*. Per Strong's, it is used to indicate "injustice, of a judge; unrighteousness of heart and life; a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness." Per Thayer's Greek Lexicon, it is "injustice, of a judge; unrighteousness of heart and life; ...deceit which unrighteousness uses;...spec. **unrighteousness by which others are deceived...**"

Our primary mission is to help *regular* believers avoid such deception. If you are numbered with that fine group, this is our current message of pertinence—

"The trumpet of the seventh angel" at Revelation 11:15 is "the last trump" at 1 Corinthians 15:52. It is called "the trump of God" at 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

This ball is in your court, now: Study it for yourself!