

GOING UP!
APRIL 24, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

Israel's seven feasts: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles. Next to be celebrated is Pentecost. Next to be fulfilled is Rosh Hashanah (Trumpets). Pentecost begins the church age, while Trumpets ends it. In between, is the mystery age of the church. **EPHESIANS 3:1-6**

REVELATION 1:3 – Those who read and hear, get blessed!

REVELATION 1:19 – Three divisions: things John saw, things that are, and things that are to come.

1. John saw the life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus (**1 JOHN 1:1-2**).
2. Things that are is the church age from Pentecost until now. **REVELATION 2 & 3** chronicle the church age
3. Things to come include: the rapture (**4 & 5**); God's wrath (**6-19**); second coming, millennial reign, new heavens and earth.

REVELATION 1:19, 4:1 Hereafter: the shift is from earth to heaven. A door opens, the voice of a trumpet (compare **1:10-11**) saying "come up hither," "must be hereafter."

REVELATION 4:2 "Immediately" His body and location are changed (**1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-57**). Moment – shortest unit of time, a change occurs. When? At the last trump of Rosh Hashanah, not of judgment. Just as John's appearance and location changes, so does the churches. Our bodies are glorified and we move to heaven with Jesus as the bride of Christ.

JOHN 14:1-4

Rosh Hashanah is a picture of the Messiah's wedding. Article on the Jewish wedding – a shadow of Messiah's return.

ISAIAH 26:20-21 (AMPC)

For those who believe in mid or post trib raptures, you're believing in something God has never done. The instructions: enter your chambers, shut your doors, hide yourselves until the Lord's wrath is past. **LUKE 17:26-29** In the days of Noah and Lot, the righteous were brought out before God's wrath was poured out. Remember **GENESIS 18:23-26**?

ROMANS 5:9-11 (ESV), 1 THESSALONIANS 5:9 (HCSB)

- In **REVELATION 4:1**, the church is taken up; in **6:17**, God's wrath comes down; in **19**, Jesus returns with His church to rescue Israel and set up His millennial kingdom.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

V13 – Death is addressed.

V14 – Jesus comes for His bride.

V15 – The Word of the Lord – Jesus gave Paul this revelation.

V16-17 – Tell what takes place.

V18 – What comfort is there in going through any part of God's wrath? Comfort comes from knowing we'll be safe and protected from God's wrath in heaven with Jesus!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Millions gone in a blink of the eye.
- Driver, pilot, surgeon, military, business professionals
- Family members gone, no bodies for closure.
- Professing Christians left behind.
- Economic implications: can't pay mortgages, bills, taxes, etc.
- Businesses affected; jobs lost.
- Humanitarian efforts, charitable organizations, etc.

CONCLUSION:

Rosh Hashanah – 9-25-22 – 9-27-22 are we ready?