



## ~Trump(et)~

### 1Thes 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:"

### Matt 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."

### 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."

If we take Matthew 24:31 and look at this '*sound of a trumpet*', we will notice that it is the same event as the other verses. If this is not so, then we are forced to believe in 2 or more 'trumpet' calls. This is untenable. This trumpet call tells about the return of the Lord and the resurrection, judgment and second coming. These three things are contemporaneous for the following reason:

In order for Jesus to judge people, He would have to resurrect them. In order to resurrect them, He would have to come back. The whole matter rests on *when* He was to come back. If we can determine that, then all the above verses must coincide with that. Let us look at the larger picture of Matthew 24.

The account of Matthew 24, verses 1-30 have been verified as having happened prior to 70AD. (*Please see my article on **Fulfilled Prophecies of Matthew 24** on this site-bob*)

Now Jesus tells when He was coming back--it was within His generation. No guess work needed!

### Matt 24:30-34

30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. **They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.**

31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

32 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

33 Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.

34 I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

Jesus declared that the trumpet call would happen before the generation to whom He was speaking was to pass away. That had to put it within the 1st century. Hence, the other verses describing the trumpet call were in the 1st century.

Jesus tells His *1st century disciples* all the things that were to happen before He came back (vss 1-30). He

then goes on to say that after these things take place, He will come on the clouds...etc. He does not leave it up to His disciples to guess when. He tells them in plain language in verse 34!

This should be enough for any fair minded person who respects the Bible and the words of Jesus to see that , the Trumpet blast, His second coming, the gathering, the resurrection, the judgment, *all* happened before the generation (this--not that) to whom He was speaking had passed!

**The first century, AD**