

Conspicuously Missing!

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There are some things, someone, and some people MISSING from the Throne of God! There is much speculation as to when the “resurrection/ rapture” of the saints at the end of the “Church” ages takes place. There are 3 classic points of view on eschatology:

- 1: A Pre-Tribulation “resurrection/rapture”.
- 2: A Mid-Tribulation or “pre-Wrath” taking out of the saints.
- 3: A Post-Tribulation or “post-Wrath” taking out of the saints.

Of course all of these classical points of view have at least one thing in common: that of the definition of the term “the Tribulation”! Of which is the view that there is a 7 year period of Tribulation which they all derive from the 70th week of Daniel (Daniel 9:27). In essence, I agree that the last 7 years before the establishment by Jesus Christ of His Kingdom on Earth is that of Daniel’s 70th week (of 7 years)! But that is where I disagree with these points of view. And I will explain why.

As I said previously, there is something(s) missing from the Throne of God. And I am referring to what the apostle John was given to write of by Jesus on what he **SAW!**

Revelation 1:10-“*I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, **What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches...***”.

Why did the Lord say “*what thou seest*” only and not what he **heard** also? I believe that it is that the Lord knew that there would be something that John would HEAR, but would NOT be permitted to write of! (The SEVEN thunders- John was only permitted to write that he SAW them uttered, **but NOT what he heard being uttered**. Revelation 10:4-“*And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and **write them not***”). I hope to deal with the plausible explanation for this later!

Now within these 3 classic views of the last 7 years before the Kingdom of God and His Christ is a **discrepancy** concerning the timing of the 2 witnesses. In view # 1 (the “pre-Trib” stance) it is even mixed as to when these witnesses show up on earth. Some think that it is at the beginning of the last 7 years, because of their 1260 day ministry, and some think that it is at the mid-point of the week for the same reason.

In view # 2 (the “mid-Trib” stance) it is held that they (the two witnesses) will appear at the middle of the week because of their 1260 day ministry and the type needed to go up against the “*false prophet*”.

In view # 3 (the “post-Trib” stance) it is believed that they will also arrive during the middle of the “*week*”. It is held (in the “post-Trib” stance) that when they rise from the dead (Revelation 11:11-12) is also when the “saints” (all the saints-Old Testament, Church age and Tribulation saints) are called home with them. Obviously these points of view or interpretation come from well meaning Christians down through the ages. But they cannot all be correct.

Within these differing points of eschatology, there is one thing that THEY DO HOLD IN COMMON! And that is to the relative timing of when there is “WAR IN HEAVEN” and Satan is cast to the earth!

Revelation 12:7-“**And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,** 8 **And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.** 9 **And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.** 10 **And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.** 11 **And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.** 12 **Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.** 13 **And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.** 14 **And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.** 15 **And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.** 16 **And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.** 17 **And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ”.**

It is plain to see that the “WAR IN HEAVEN” and Satan and His angels being cast to the earth happens shortly before a reason for the “WOMAN” (the remnant of Israel) to flee into the wilderness with Satan trying to destroy her. Satan KNOWS HIS TIME IS SHORT! But his “time” is linked to the woman fleeing AND to his antichrist to whom he empowers! That length of time is the same BUT it differs as to **when** they start based upon the subject matter of discussion in the scriptures. The bottom line to all three views is that Satan is cast down at a point during the last 7 years to which he has only 3 & ½ years remaining to the Coming of Christ in the Clouds!

But the question begs from me: **What is Satan doing in heaven in the first place?** Look at verse 10! It says that Satan is the “accuser” of the “brethren”! The “brethren” are the believers in the Lord Jesus Christ! How long has and or is Satan accusing us? The conclusion to verse 10 states it clearly....“**accused them before our God day and night**”. Take careful notice that it is **TO** God the Father to whom Satan is accusing us. Accusing us of WHAT? Of our sin, naturally!

Now we just read what John wrote (that of what he saw concerning Satan and his angels). What about the two witnesses? I like this! This is easier.

Revelation 11:3-“**And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.** 4: **These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth...**9: **And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.** 10: **And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make**

*merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. 11: And **after three days and an half** the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them”.*

Let's take the length of their time on earth for their ministry. This as stated for 1260 days, or 3 & ½ years! Does this time start at the “beginning” of the last 7 years, or sometime at the middle of it? And before their ministry starts here on earth, WHERE ARE THEY AND WHY?

The answer to “where” they are is simply stated: **“the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth”.**

These are God's 2 witnesses and where are they before they start their ministry on earth? STANDING BEFORE HIM! Where is the God of the earth? On the Throne in Heaven! Why are they there in heaven as God's witnesses and who are they? They will be and are Moses and Elijah!

Why these two? Elijah is simple from scripture. But Moses?

Remember that the Lord stated through Moses to the people of Israel:

Deuteronomy 18:18-“I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him”.

Moses was the premier or consummate TYPE of Jesus Christ! What happened to Moses at the time of his death?

*Deuteronomy 34:5-“So **Moses the servant of the LORD died there** in the land of Moab, **according to the word of the LORD.** 6 **And he buried him** in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. 7 **And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated”.***

In the “bold” is that Moses was the servant of the Lord. So was Christ! The suffering SERVANT! It also says that when Moses died, there was NOTHING physically wrong with him! Why did he die? The Lord killed him and BURIED him!

Now then, IF Moses is going to be fulfilling the consummate type of Christ, not only would God have to kill him, but also raise him in 3 days! Why 3 days (or less)? Because in Jewish law it is AFTER 3 days that the corruption of death sets in! This is also why that the Lord was only in the earth for 3 days and three nights! But you ask... where is there scripture to support such a claim? Remember that Satan back then was still the “god of this earth”. And it appears that what was **IN** the earth he fully laid claim to. But look here...

*Jude 1:9-“Yet **Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee”.***

You see, when there was a contention or confrontation about the body of Moses, the Devil disputed or ACCUSED the Lord about it and Michael was there to stand up in defense BUT did NOT bring back a railing or scathing RETURN ACCUSATION to the Devil. Michael simply invoked the Name and authority of the Lord! I believe that this is going to happen **again** when there is “war in heaven” (Revelation 12:7-“*And there was **war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8: And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven**”.*

Notice some things carefully here:

1. a WAR has begun, but it does not say that it has ended! When does it END?

Daniel 9:26-“*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, and **that determined shall be poured upon the desolate**”.*

Yes, the “*end shall be with a flood*”! Where is this “flood” that is associated to this war starting?

Revelation 12:15-“*And the serpent cast out of his mouth water **as a flood** after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of **the flood**. 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up **the flood** which the dragon cast out of his mouth. 17 And **the dragon** was wroth with the woman, and **went to make war** with the **remnant of her seed**, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ”.*

I will be back to this point in time later.

Yes, this “war” starts in heaven but does not end until the consummation or the end of that last week of Daniel! And that judgment to which IS DETERMINED for these desolations (plural) shall be poured out to the one who did the desolating (killing)! What is that (judgment) which is to be poured out to Satan and his antichrist & his false prophet? Well the scriptures state that the devil will be bound and chained in the bottomless pit for a thousand years! But, the antichrist and the false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire ALIVE! (They will also be translated into their eternal bodies at that time).

Their judgment has been determined by Christ Himself and they are the only 2 unsaved humans who are NOT going to stand before the great white throne of judgment! Their sins are so grievous that there is no need for the books to be opened and their works examined for the DEGREE of their eternal punishment! Their sins are of the degree of Satan Himself! This is why Satan (when he is finally cast in) goes to the lake of fire where the Antichrist and False prophet **ARE!**

2. the contention or confrontation is between the Archangel Michael and Satan! In both cases!

Back to the reasoning of Moses!

At the time (or sometime) that Moses died there was a contention by Satan about the body of Moses? **Why?** Because those which were supposed to have died in their sins (even though they were saved by faith in God) were to go to Abraham's Bosom ("*paradise*"-Luke 23:43) and remain there! But since it is more than possible that Moses was raised to life **before** the corruption of sin set in, it was more than "legal" for God to have raised Moses ahead of time!

Also notice that at the translation of Enoch, Satan said absolutely NOTHING! Only Enoch is the "type" of the "rapture"! Why not Elijah? It is not said of Elijah that he was "translated/changed"! This is why it is scripturally sound that BOTH Moses AND Elijah are the 2 witnesses and their DEAD BODIES lie in the streets for 3 & 1/2 days! For it is **after** 3 days that the corruption of sin does set in (see Acts 2:27)! Until the spirit of life enters them and they are raised to life, their dead bodies DO see "*corruption*"!

This also gives credence to Hebrews 9:27-"*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 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*".

Yes, it is appointed to men once to die (physically) and there is only ONE TIME that the Lord does make the exception for the saved and the damned, and that is at the first resurrection/rapture AND then for the Antichrist and False Prophet! I have to laugh; it is true that God is no respecter of persons! He does treat the "living" and the "dead" with equality! Showing that He is the God of BOTH!

Since Enoch WAS TRANSLATED Before the Flood (a type of the time of "great tribulation") it gives truth to God when He said the He will do NOTHING unless He shows it to his servants the prophets!

But the question begs of me again: **why are these 2 witnesses before the God (the Father) of the earth during the time of the "Church" ages?** Answer: Before Christ, Satan had access to the throne of God only once a year (according to Jewish expositors and tradition) at the time of the feast of atonement (see Job chapter 1:6). This is and has been based on the account in Job in which the angels were called to give an accounting of their service. And except for Enoch, all who died in the faith went to "*paradise*" (Abraham's bosom), **in the earth**, still under Satan's dominion!

Job 1:6-"*Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them*".

But when Christ came and tore the veil (or access) between man and God by His atoning death on the cross and His blood washed away our sins, we then had/have direct access to the Father and there was no longer the NEED for the Priesthood of Israel (because we now have a BETTER HIGH PRIEST!) to act as mans "go between" or ADVOCATE once a year. But not only did we gain this advantage, **but so did Satan**, who from the Ascension and Jesus taking captivity captive (those in Paradise/Abraham's Bosom) has been accusing the brethren day and night of their sins!

Now here is the "need" (legally) for these 2 witnesses! The issue of our sins being accused by Satan legally requires witnesses of the redemptive work of Christ, for He is our High Priest and Advocate!

Remember, that God's Grace unto Salvation in Jesus Christ is something that the angels have NO CONCEPT of and desire to look into it.

1st Peter 1:11-*"Searching what, or what manner of time **the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.** 12 Unto whom **it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into"***.

Angels are **not** offered forgiveness and redemption for their sins! Satan is one of these created beings. He is aware of the concept of salvation it but he does NOT understand or comprehend it! That is why he keeps accusing the brethren day and night (continuously!) of their sin! **What did God say about establishing something as being true?**

Here is Moses:

Deuteronomy 19:15-*"One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established"*.

Jesus Himself:

Matthew 18:15-*"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established"*.

Now what did the Lord say concerning them which bear witness of Him?

Luke 24:25-*"Then he said unto them, **O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?** 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself"*.

John 1:45-*"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, **We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph**"*.

If the Law and the Prophets are witnesses to the glory of Christ and His life and redemptive work on the Cross, then these Two Witnesses **representing** the Law and the Prophets being Moses and Elijah is sound Biblical exegesis!

NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE A LOOK AS TO WHAT IS MISSING FROM BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD!!

Many Christians believe and have taught that the "resurrection/ rapture" is depicted in the book of "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" by the conclusion of the letters to the Churches in chapter 3 and then John being shown what must come AFTER the Church ages have come to their full.

Revelation 4:1-*"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter"*.

Here after what? After his looking at the door being opened (also see the reference to Stephen in Acts chapter 7) and the voice AS IT WERE A TRUMPET, which said *"Come up hither"*!

Again I have no problem with this being understood as referring to the "resurrection/rapture"! My contention is **WHEN** this can happen!

What John is taken (in the spirit) to see first is that of the Throne of God!

Revelation 4:2-*"And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne"*.

Then comes John's description of what He saw (remember that he was told to write what he saw)! And just what was it concerning the Throne of God that he saw?

What he saw was...

1. **The Throne** itself.
2. A description of **the one on the throne- God**.
3. **24 seats or thrones** around THE Throne.
4. **24 elders** with white robes and crowns on their heads sitting on those thrones- seats.
5. **Seven lamps** of fire
6. **A sea of glass** like crystal (but no one on it- yet again)
7. **Four living creatures**
8. **A scroll** in the hand of Him who sat on the Throne
9. **A strong Angel** asking who is worthy to open the scroll
10. and finally, **the Lamb** in the midst of the elders who is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David.

Yes there are exactly 10 things (not descriptions of them) to which John saw upon being taken in the spirit to heaven. Is it not appropriate that this number of things which John saw (10 of them), is the number of completion in number?

Now since the "resurrection/rapture" has already taken place (in the account in Revelation chapter 4), is there anything else that has **already** taken place? I believe there is! And that is of the "Judgment Seat of Christ" for this group (represented by the 24 elders) or order to come in BODILY! It seems apparent because the "elders" have ALREADY received their rewards ("crowns")! But remember that the scriptures state that our works will be **tried in the FIRE** to see what kind of works they are! But it also states that there will be those who will have no works remaining or to show for themselves BUT the same shall be saved AS IF BY FIRE!

1st Corinthians 3:13-***"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall***

receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire".

Do we see any group of people in a place **BEFORE** the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (the Throne of God!) that is associated with fire, and yet are still happy to be there?

YES THERE IS!

Revelation 15:2-"**And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.**

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints".

Listen people, this is the **last group** which comprises the "Bride of Christ" and they are those who come "*out of great tribulation*" going through the "*Judgment Seat of Christ*"! And it is **BEFORE** they receive their rewards/ crowns! I think that it is very appropriate for the Lord to SHOW this Judgment Seat of His (the judgment of those who come out of "*great tribulation*") for the benefit of those super SEPERATISTS that think the "Church" is the "end all" of the "Bride of Christ"!

And it is very appropriate for the Lord to reveal this to the arrogant "Church Age" Christians who think that they are such a "special group" in the kingdom of God! Many even think that they have a different means or special salvation in the Lamb of God and that those who have to endure through this time of "great tribulation" are saved in some other manner than those who have gone through the 1st resurrection (which just happens to include the "rapture")! At **your** judgment (at the Judgment Seat of Christ) this will be made manifest to your SHAME!

Now go back and notice that the "*elders*" already have their crowns/rewards BUT are seated AROUND the sea of glass, **NOT ON IT AS IT WERE MINGLED WITH FIRE!** The point is that their judgment for their works **has already happened** when John gets there!

So then, what is MISSING from before the Throne of God?

First of all, there are the 2 Olive Trees and Candlesticks (The 2 witnesses)! **WHY are they NOT seen before the God of the earth?** Notice that it is NOT God with a little "g". It is the God of creation with a capitol "G"! It is because when John is finally taken to heaven, the "resurrection/rapture" and Judgment Seat of Christ has **already taken place** and the 2 witnesses have **already** been sent to earth when Christ descends from heaven FOR that "resurrection/ rapture"!

WHY are they able to leave from before the God of the earth at this time?

That brings us to the TIMING of this (the "resurrection/rapture" and the 2 witnesses being sent) in that **WHO ELSE IS MISSING** from before the Throne of God?

Guess who! Satan/the Devil/the Dragon/the Accuser is missing! John does NOT see Satan either! And the absence of the 2 witnesses helps to explain this also! It is that the Accuser of the Brethren (Satan) has already been cast down to the earth! Why is it that

John does not see both the 2 witnesses and Satan before the throne of God? Here is the Word of God in its simplicity...

The scriptures state very clearly that Satan (the Devil) is accusing the brethren DAY & NIGHT (continuously). And as the "Church Ages" High Priest, **Jesus Christ is defending us against the accusations of the Devil for our sins!** But since the Devil/Satan is unable to comprehend God's salvation by grace through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ FOR THE REMISSION of our sins, **the presence of the 2 witnesses to establish the matter as FACT is required (The LAW & the PROPHETS)!**

This is also why (when this all started for John ON earth at Patmos) John was given the vision of Jesus Christ as OUR HIGH PRIEST! But when taken to heaven AFTER the above mentioned events transpired he DOES NOT SEE JESUS AS HIGH PRIEST, but rather as the LAMB who is the KINGLY LION of the Tribe of Judah!

Why is Jesus no longer seen by John as High priest? **It is because there is NO ONE LEFT to be accusing the brethren for whom He needs to make defense for! Amen?**

Now **WHEN** is there no longer the accuser able to accuse the brethren day and night?

Here is when, and here is when the **soonest** that the "resurrection/rapture" can take place...

Revelation 12:7-"*And there was **war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels...***".

YES, **it is very specific**, that there will come the time in which the "accuser of the brethren" WILL NOT BE ABLE to accuse us! And the scriptures are clear that he (the dragon/Satan/ the accuser) will BE BUSY FIGHTING and no longer accusing!

So keep this in mind when you read the following scriptures concerning the "resurrection/rapture"!

1st Thessalonians 4:15-"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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".

(Also for more clarification)

1st Corinthians 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*".

Now then (understand this!) these trumps or TRUMPETS have **nothing** to do with the "Feast of Trumpets"! This Feast was for rehearsal and then for Fulfillment of Ushering in the KING to take His rightful place IN JERUSALEM on this day to begin His ruling and reigning from Jerusalem as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords over the whole world!

What then are these trumpets that have to do with the "resurrection/rapture"?

First of all in the accounting of the **Revelation of JESUS CHRIST**, we find FIRST that the word “voice” of the Lord is that of a Trumpet!

Revelation 1:10-“... **heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last**”.

The Trumpet is that of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself! But this is from behind John. And get this: TO GET HIS ATTENTION, or **Calling to Assembly**, John hears this Trumpet **AGAIN**:

Revelation 4:1-“...**a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither**”.

Now these TWO Voices of the Lord are shown as a metaphor and example in that of being **as of** OR **as** a trumpet! And directly involving John Himself or that of John being the example of BOTH the “*dead in Christ*” and those who are alive and remaining!

How is John able to be seen as both the dead and the living?

Revelation 1:17-“**And when I saw him, I fell at his feet AS dead**. And he laid his right hand upo me, saying unto me, **Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death**”.

You see, even in this chronology of the trumpets (the VOICE of the Lord Jesus Christ), Jesus is addressing the “*dead in Christ*” **and then** the living in Chapter 4. But notice that in the example of the living, John states that the FIRST voice of the Lord that he hears **from heaven** is that of “*Come up hither*”! Does that mean that John (while being “alive and remaining”) didn’t hear the trumpet Voice of the Lord for assembling with the “*dead in Christ*”? This is not clear at all.

But it could mean that there WAS another voice **AS** a trumpet that was sounded from heaven **PRIOR** to the one he heard! Is it possible that the VOICE that he didn’t hear (since it does NOT have any connection to the “resurrection/ rapture”) is the following?

(Please read all of Revelation chapter 10 and compare with Daniel chapters 10 & 12- which is identical of the Lord Jesus Christ and the timing of these things in chapter 12).

Revelation 10:3-“**And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices**”.

Yes, I believe that this is still the Lord, but this is going to happen as a part of the Lord claiming it is time to take back the earth as His own from Satan. This would explain the “*loud voice*” (Revelation 10:3) as a LION but would still be “as” a trumpet especially for this purpose and reason.

The reason is this: the Lord told Moses to fashion **two silver trumpets** (Numbers 10) and these trumpets were to be made from the pattern shown to him by God! (Exodus 25:9). These two trumpets were for 3 specific reasons or uses as follows...

Numbers 10:2-“*Make thee **two trumpets** of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest **use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps**”.*

First of all they are for:

1: the “*calling of the assembly*”

2: the moving or “*journeying of the camps*” (people)

3: But the other use (and it was not for all the people, but for the men of war) was to be for **WAR!**

Numbers 10:9-“*And **if ye go to war** in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then **ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets**; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies”.*

These are the THREE primary uses of the 2 trumpets! **But there is a first and a last that relates to the whole of the people!**

Why is important to see this? Because in order for our Lord (who is our High Priest) to be ABLE to “*descend from heaven*” with a shout (etc.) these must be connected to Satan and his not being able to accuse the brethren any longer. And as I have said before, **that reason is that of WAR in which these “trumpets” were designed for (BOTH are BLOWN, not singularly as in a 1st and a last - or the 2nd)!**

So then, if the Lord CANNOT leave His Position as our High Priest and Advocate to the Father from the accusations of the Devil/Satan, then that stumbling block needs to be “*taken out of the way*”! This gives much more meaning to:

2nd Thessalonians 2:6-“*And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders”.*

Take a good look at this, but always go back for the full context. Now if it is the Lord Jesus Christ who is the One who “*withholdeth*” in verse 6, you have to ask the question, withholding WHAT?

Answer: His 2nd Coming! Why would the Lord withhold His 2nd Coming? Because He is longsuffering, not willing that any should perish! And He promised that He would NOT FORSAKE US!

Now the “*he*” in verse 6 is that of the antichrist or “*that Wicked*” in verse 8! Now the “*mystery of iniquity*” was already working in verse 7! That mystery being of Satan and his ability to accuse the believers of their sin day and night. **For it was a mystery that Satan could be accusing the Brethren day and night!** Why would this be a mystery? Because (see Job) even as Jewish tradition teaches, Satan could only come to the throne of God ONCE A YEAR, NOT continuously! Or as it says in the Revelation of Jesus Christ that he, the Accuser accuses the brethren DAY & NIGHT! Not once a year!

Now let's see if this stumbling block being removed at the time that there is "war in heaven" makes sense to these scriptures in 2nd Thessalonians.

Paraphrasing the passage:

Now we know that the Lord withholds his Coming, that the A.C. might be revealed in his time, for the mystery of Satan accusing the brethren day and night is already at work: only the Lord who now withholds his Coming, WILL withhold it UNTIL that Mystery of iniquity (Satan accusing the brethren) be taken out of the way. (Here is where the WAR in heaven comes in) And THEN shall that Wicked (antichrist) be revealed who will be destroyed by the Lord at the brightness of His 2nd Coming: Even him (the antichrist) whose coming is AFTER the working of Satan ...etc.

Satan is the "he" of verse 7 and the "he who now letteth" or prevents/withholds Christ from leaving heaven as our Advocate to come for the resurrection/rapture! Once Satan is "taken out of the way" (via the "war in heaven"), then and only then is Christ free to "descend from heaven" for the resurrection/rapture!

Now then, can this hold up under the doctrine of Scripture? Decide for yourself!

I ask you: do you believe the following scriptures?

1. Hebrews 10:17-*"And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more"*.

The Father will not remember your sins again! Believe it?

2. Hebrews 13:5-*"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, **nor forsake thee**"*.

The Lord Jesus Christ will never leave no forsake you! Believe it?

3. 1st John 2:1-*"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world"*.

Do you sin? Yes, and since we do sin, we have an Advocate (Lawyer-go between- High Priest) to the Father on our behalf in Jesus Christ the righteous, who is our propitiation (FINAL atonement- ONCE FOR ALL) for our sins. Do you believe this?

4. 1st 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"*.

It will be the Lord Jesus Christ HIMSELF that will descend from heaven at the "resurrection/rapture"! Believe it?

IF you answered yes to these truths and promises, then there is only one conclusion!

The Father sees our sins no more because of the redemptive and propitious death of his Son. And since we, as still being in the flesh also, do sin daily and in doing so, we have an Advocate to the Father in Christ Jesus!

It has to be the Lord Himself who will come at the time of the resurrection/rapture! However, to those who are His, Jesus said that He will never leave us nor FORSAKE US!

Now then, if the Lord returns for the “resurrection/rapture” at any time **other than** when there is “*war in heaven*” (when Satan is not able to be accusing us of our sins), then the Accuser of the Brethren (Satan) would be left before the Father accusing us of our sins! Therefore, we would have been FORSAKEN and left without a defense from the Accuser/Satan! No such thing will happen, praise God!

THIS IS WHY SATAN (the ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN) IS NOT SEEN BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD, JUST AS THE 2 WITNESSES ARE ALSO MISSING FROM BEING SEEN THERE!

Now then it is clear from scripture that when Satan is busy in warfare and then cast down to the earth that he is a little “ticked off”! He knows he has a short time (How long?) and goes to make war with the “*woman*” (Israel) but she is protected for 1260 days. Now be reasonable here people: **this can only be happening at the last half (½) of ANY so called seven year period leading up to Christ’s 2nd Coming, NOT at the beginning of it!**

NOW UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING VERY CAREFULLY!!!

For there to be any so-called pre-seven year Tribulation “resurrection/rapture” to happen when John is taken up to see the throne (a type of the resurrection/rapture) **there would have to be seen by him the two witnesses and Satan (the accuser of the brethren) before the throne as well!**

BUT THEY ARE CONSPICUOUSLY MISSING!!!!

This is why (among other scriptural reasons) that since 2006, I along with Sherry Vance and now Kevin Drake (since April of this year-2009) have been trying to show the scriptural error of this so called “7-year Tribulation Period”, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO A “RESURRECTION/ RAPTURE” PRIOR TO IT! IT DOES NOT HOLD UP TO SCRIPTURE!!

And since 2001/02 Sherry and I have been trying to get across the prophetic importance of the “Time of Jacob’s Trouble” (in that there are 3 sets of 7 consecutive years seen in scripture- leading to the Lord’s physical coming to Jacob/then Israel AT THE END OF IT) , the “Lord’s Day” et cetera! And that is just taking into account God’s Word (believing it and standing on it, which is why nothing since then is now or has been of any surprise to us) on HOW to understand His Prophetic Word!

Amos 3:7-“*Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets*”.

Proverbs 25:2-“*It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter*”.

Ecclesiastes 1:9-“***The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. 10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.11 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after***”.

Isaiah 46:9-“***Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: 11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. 12 Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness: 13 I bring near my righteousness: it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory***”.

All that the last 7 years are is just the simple passing of TIME that is accorded to or determined to/derived from the nation of Israel! The 70th week of Daniel is no different than any other of the first 69! Except that it is just “1-week-7yrs”, and it is the LAST WEEK! The antichrist confirms the Abrahamic covenant for that “one week” (Daniel 9:27) which is that LAST WEEK! Is that clear?

The precise definition of time given in God’s Word UNTO the 2nd Coming of the Messiah (Jesus Christ) to the establishing of His kingdom was given to: “*thy People* (the Jews/Israel) and “*thy Holy City*” (Jerusalem)-Daniel 9:24!

I hope and pray you take another good look at the passages in the Revelation from the end of chapter 3 through that of chapter 5 and ask yourself, IF there is a “pre-7 year tribulation” resurrection/rapture”, WHERE are the 2 witnesses? **But more importantly, where is the Accuser of the Brethren?**

In Looking for Christ’s **soon** Coming and His Kingdom;

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