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By Lahry Sibley

1 Cor 15:51 Take notice! I tell you a mystery (a secret truth, an event decreed by the hidden purpose or counsel of God). We shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed (transformed)

Let me say at the outset of this message, that I do not understand "all prophecy" given about end time events. I have never seen a doctrine so passionately divide people as this subject. So as I comment on this text, I would ask you to please be kind, patient, and prayerful. Do not divide over what is yet to be. Ask the Lord to show you these mysteries from His Word, not the voices of men. God bless you as you do.

Biblical doctrine can only be established by 2 or 3 witnesses. In other words, a doctrine must never be grounded on 1 verse. This is not wise, for the Bible clearly tells us.....

Mat 18:16 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.

And again in

2Co 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

Furthermore, as I understand it, Bible text must be taken as literal meaning. When it cannot possibly be taken literally, then figuratively or allegorically.

So with that said, in vs 51 above, Paul shows us a mystery. We know from vs 50 that flesh and blood cannot enter into the kingdom of God. So if there are those who are alive at some point in time who shall not die, then something has to happen to flesh and blood in order to make it acceptable before God from that point on. He says all shall not die or fall asleep, but we shall be changed or transformed. He is telling us of a point in time when something so dramatic is going to happen that it is a mystery as to how it will occur, yet he says it will occur. "When"? Good question. People have been asking that question for the past 2000 years. That is not a mystery, but we do know that it has not happened yet. Let's continue in Paul's text.....

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

This is an unmistakable event that will trigger the transformation for those who do not die physically. The last trumpet sounds, and the dead will be raised. "Alrighty then. So....like.... when does the "last trumpet sound"? Good question. So I ask you, where does the Bible speak about the last trumpet? Let's see....

Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

Paul is telling us of an event that is described in the book of revelations. Now please understand, a comprehensive study of Biblical end times prophecy would take a book to cover. I don't want to get into all the details, but just give you a thin connective line, if I may please.

So here in Rev 8 we find that angels have been given seven trumpets. It is said that the number seven is God's number of completion, derived from many illustrations of completion beginning with creation.

Rev 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Now remember, the transformation and the raising of the dead occur when the seventh trumpet sounds. So let's continue to see what happens fast forwarding at times to get to the seventh trumpet.

Rev 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Ask yourself, "has this happened yet? I hope you say no. If you say yes, I've missed something in history, or have I sometimes" worse than I suspected. What happens in vs 7 has not happened yet, and it must happen first, before the last trumpet blows and the transformation happens and dead are raised.

Now, the "pre-trib rapture" deception is based on a mysterious "fly by" unannounced and without any prior warning. "Poof", snatched. Tim LaHaye and his co-deceiver have made millions and millions of dollars attempting to make this "clear". I have yet to read a single page of the "Left behind" series, because I believe the Word of God clearly proves them, and those like them to be liars. Why would I want that trash in my vessel? Let's continue....

Rev 8:8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

Has this happened yet? Not to my knowledge. If I've missed something, please be kind enough to tell me. Next verse.....

Rev 8:10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

Has this happened yet? I think we can all agree that these things could not possibly happen "unnoticed". Next verse.....

Rev 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Has this happened yet? Not to my knowledge. Next verse.....

Rev 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Keep this in mind as we go forward here. This is very important. Next verse.....

Rev 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

The smoke that rises out of the bottomless pit will harm only men, but not those with the seal of God upon their forehead. Let's continue. We are headed toward the last trumpet when dead will rise and some will be changed in the twinkling of an eye. Now I'm having to skip a lot here for the sake of brevity, but please read the omitted scriptures yourself....

Rev 9:13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

Only one more trumpet to go, and we will be to the last trumpet.

Rev 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Rev 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Can you believe that people would see all of these things happening before their very eyes and would not repent? Yet it is so. Remember these things have happened, and we are now only coming to the last trumpet. Have these things happened yet? Well, one could easily fit what happened above between verses 13 and 20 into modern warfare.

Remember John is attempting to describe events happening in this age and beyond, in a vocabulary of his day. Very dif

difficult to do. Have they happened yet? Now don't get side tracked on me, we are headed for the last trumpet, remember ?

Rev 10:5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

Rev 10:6 And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

Rev 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

"The mystery of God should be finished." Wow!!! Is this powerful or what? Shocking? Yes. Has this happened already ? NO! Is it coming? YES!!!! But according to the Word above, these things have not yet begun, as I understand it. But the seventh and final angel begins to sound the last trumpet and God's mystery is about to be revealed.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; 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.

Again, please read all the verses in between the verses given, and ponder these things. But what I wanted to make "crystal clear" to you is that all of these things must happen before the 7th trumpet sounds. This changing of men, and the resurrection of dead men will not be suddenly and without warning, no "flyby" of Jesus is mentioned here. These cataclysmic events simply cannot be overlooked or passed off or "spiritualized". They must happen before men will be changed, flesh and blood will put on incorruption and the dead rise first. Would you not agree to these things? Now, I must ask you, dear saints, does this sound like the "pre-trib rapture lie" you've been told from pulpits ever since you've been in so called "church"????

REPENT!!!! Believe your Bible!!!! Search the scriptures daily, to see if these things be so. Don't let ignorant yet well intended and often well educated men sell you a LIE that cannot be supported by Scripture.

We will be talking more about this as time goes along, Lord willing. I'm only addressing this now, because it came up in our text in sequence at the top of the page, working our way through 1 Corinthians. It will come up again as we seek God's Word, line upon line. Glory to God.

What is about to happen, will stagger the mind and imagination. Yet all of those things which happened in the six trumpet dialog must happen BEFORE the SEVENTH and FINAL trumpet sounds. Then and only then will those alive saints be changed and the dead will rise. Selah (Pause and think about that). - Lahry

**Re: THE MYSTERY OF THE LAST TRUMPET - posted by davidc (), on: 2010/12/31 11:20**

Brother Lahry

I was heartened to see your use of the futuristic interpretation of Revelation as opposed to the arbitrary spiritualising often done today.

However, your belief that the church will go through the great tribulation shows a complete lack of understanding of the love and care of the Lord for His precious bride.

To Him she is a pearl of greatest price, for which He sold all that He might have her for Himself. She is the precious bride of Christ who has been redeemed by His precious blood, washed, called, justified and glorified (Romans 8). He on the cross took in Himself all her sins, suffered the curse that was against her and became sin for her that she might be the righteousness of God in Him.

He bore all the judgement of God on her behalf, and Himself declared that she does not come under judgement, but has passed from death into life, resurrection life in Him, and seated with her Beloved in the heavenly places now.

The great tribulation will be, as prophesied (see Jer 30.7 : Dan12 : Matt 24, and many others) the time when this church dispensation (or age) in which we live will cease and there will be seven years of judgement on the Gentiles in general and on the Jews in particular. This will be the 70th week revealed to Daniel concerning "his people"(Dan 9).

The true church has no place in judgement. But it is promised that Israel will be saved by judgement. During the tribulation period, God will be sifting Israel and drawing out for Himself a remnant; the prophets and most of the psalms tell of it. The book of Revelation indeed speaks of saints on the earth at that time, but the context is always Jewish. Even the

great multitude which come out of the great tribulation does not resemble the church; except as individuals they have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb. But the church herself at the time of the revelation will have been taken out of the way to be with Christ, her Bridegroom.

Regarding the seven trumpet judgements; these are specific judgements from God on the earth, and are followed by further bowl judgements and the persecution of Israel (the woman of Rev 12) by the beast. These trumpet judgements in no way can be related to the one trumpet of God which shall sound before the tribulation to call His church on earth to heaven and raise those who sleep in Christ. The trumpet of God is for change, resurrection and glory of the saints. The seven trumpets of Revelation are for judgement and the wrath of the lamb. They are completely different.

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**Re: THE MYSTERY OF THE LAST TRUMPET, on: 2010/12/31 12:24**

Lahry,

AMEN!

Immediately after the tribulation  
of those days

shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

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.

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.

(Mt 24.29-31)