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Keeping Viable End-Time Bible Options On The Table

Q #1 Who blows the final trumpet of Revelation 15 ?

We know of a couple authors who emphasize that it is God who blows the trumpet of I Thessalonians 4 whereas the seventh trumpet is blown by an angel. As a result, they say, this cannot be the same event—to believe so would be to embrace a contradiction.

IF this is indeed what the text clearly stated, we would agree and would give up this Final Trumpet position. Fact is, there are a couple ways to consider the meaning of this text—both views affirming commitment to the Word of God being authoritative for faith and practice and both committed to a simple reading of the text. The text means what it says!

We would encourage you to read the passages involved. Many have no problem understanding the "trumpet of God" to mean a genitival use of the phrase: "God's trumpet," one that does not require God to be the one who blows it. It is, if the Final Trumpet Gathering (as presented on this site and on our www.finaltrumpet.org site) is actually True, simply God's announcement of the upcoming Rapture event. As God used beings other than Himself to bring trumpet calls throughout Scripture—ones that He had sanctioned—it's also an option that He brings His trumpet call through one of His angelic hosts. Please discern the difference between outright contradictions in appeal versus different ways to understand the reading of the text. If the authoritative text clearly says "God blows the trumpet" to announce the Rapture event, then it would indeed contradict the Revelation 11 passage where an angel blows the last trumpet of the series of seven. The text, though, simply says, "the trumpet of God." The burden of proof, if some would contend that we commit a contradiction, is on them because we simply observe there are multiple ways to understand this passage (and we do not make dogmatic assertions concerning the chronological position of this ministry-it's a "proposal," remember) whereas some dogmatically say (without sufficient grounds to do so) the only way to view this text is that the "trumpet of God" is "the trumpet that God blows."

The above is sufficient grounds to keep the various possibilities open in order to allow the biblical options to inform whereby we are those who are ready^{*} for His coming—however things actually unfold.

* "Ready" as God intends His people in Jesus Christ to be, not necessarily ready as some popular end-time positions would propose (by way of definition).