

# Why wasn't the Church Raptured on Rosh Hashanah - the Feast of Trumpets?

**This question begs an answer for many reasons!**

After all, the evidence for our confidence was overwhelming. The world is in a state of devolution. It does not take much to see this to be the case. Whether you use Biblical standards or the global picture I shared in my last warning, the world is in one hell of a mess! I believe I can provide an answer to the question above. It is why I implore you not to lose heart at this crucial hour in what might be seen as a time of huge let down or discouragement.

Feeling like Moses at Yom Suph (place of the crossing of the Red Sea in Exodus) where God led Moses and upwards of 2-million people out of Egypt, his greatest test was to:

1. Believe God for a miracle, or
2. Face enslavement by Pharaoh's tyranny, or
3. Even worse, death!

Likewise, I believe we face similar consequences at this most crucial hour in time. As I write this to all of you, its 5:10 Sunday morning and I trust in your fairness to consider its value. Will you allow me to offer an explanation that will both strengthen you and carry you through the coming days? I believe the "Blessed Hope" is closer than many now believe. This is not my opinion but my understanding of how God has organized the written Word, the Bible, but also His "Three-Fold Witness" as I dealt with in my E-book: "The Season of the Rapture", or my article "Bringing Clarity to Matthew 24:36".

A good friend of mine reminded me the Holy Spirit moved quickly to spread the message of the Revelation 12 sign far and wide. It literally covered the globe, using just a few voices, it spread like wildfire. He did not use big names or clergy in churches, or prophecy teachers to spread this message. Why? He used the little guy... nobody type people. Jesus could have been considered a nobody! But, it spread rapidly and took hold. People became enthused again, they started studying Scriptures again... they began to fellowship again and examine everything they could get their hands on. More videos were created, maybe some wanted to cash in on it, but most were studying the sign themselves and sharing what they learned. It was a worldwide Bible study on the internet - in our living rooms or wherever we were. My good friend continued, To me: If you've ever been in a working world, and I know you have, where you had to be to work every single day at a specific time - the message going out reminds me of an alarm clock going off. God set the alarm clock in the heavens so it could not be changed, no one could hit the snooze

button or anything, including Satan! This was a significant turning point... People HAD TO WAKE UP! For example, in the parable of the 10 virgins: who woke them up from their nap? Wasn't it the announcement that the groom was coming? Didn't they send watchers out into the field to watch for him, and then come running back to the awaiting people that he was coming? Sometimes in their excitement, they jumped the gun, just like all those 100's of others who predicted that Jesus was coming. He didn't come. They missed something. But, this time the evidence was compelling and convincing. It was definitely different. The virgins have been awakened now! Five of them are foolish and won't be able to withstand the extra pressure the next part of the journey requires; they will doubt. The situation can also be likened to the Israelites camped at the base of the mountain waiting for Moses to return. So, this actually serves to sift out those who were on board only for what they could gain and not because they believed and had faith in Jesus. The Great Sign could not be messed with by Satan, but Satan could certainly cause some confusion about its meaning; he really could cloud minds and hearts. Those who are sincerely searching the scriptures came very close. I really think they did. But, as usual – in their haste to study the sign, they missed something significant. That had to do with the confusion of whether this was a Jubilee year or not and what that actually meant in terms of observing the feasts. But, again... that could be a wrong thought or an assumption too.

All of the nay-sayers used the "Matthew 24:36 argument" to say we were wrong, but I would remind you there is no passage in the Bible that says we are not to seek out or set a date for the Lord's return. Yes, nowhere in the 31,102 verses of the KJV Bible will you find a single verse that forbids you to focus on the Lord's Return. History has shown date setters have been wrong 100% of the time up until the present. If I were to share the long list of historical date setters, it would number eight or ten pages in length. Frankly, my research and study troubled me over this very point of contention. However, the evidence was simply too compelling to ignore. I am not new at this work; my study of Bible prophecy began on June 8th, 1967. I have been at this longer than any of the television ministry hosts, with perhaps one exception, that being Hal Lindsey.

Do not succumb to this idea that God forbids our seeking out the date of the Lord's return. This is both ridiculous and disingenuous! To the contrary, the words of the Lord Christ Jesus Himself implore us to "watch", to "be alert", and to be "at work". Depending on what translation you are reading the imperative is always "**to be watching, to be alert, and to be at work**". The NASB (New American Standard Bible and the only modern translation that contains a "word-for-word" translation; all other modern translations are a "thought-for-thought" translation) notes: "**to be alert 16X**". The CSB (Christian Standard Bible) contains the term to "**be alert**" **20X!** We are even told what signs to look for throughout the Gospels. The Bible is explicit, leaving readers instructions to be looking for the Lord's return.

But before I tell you the reason I believe God was silent on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, permit me to share how one Bible prophecy site dealt with this as an opportunity to make a profit on all those who were focused on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In my regular mail box yesterday (September 23<sup>rd</sup>), I received an offer from Gary Stearman's "Prophecy Watchers" television ministry. He is offering the Mark Biltz DVD series "*The Feasts of the Lord*" for just \$60! In case you are not aware of it, Mark Biltz (host of El Shaddai Ministries) has been selling his 4-DVD set for \$15, or half the price of its original 2008 publication price of \$29.95. The title of the offer was "*DON'T Be Caught Unaware!*" May I suggest to readers: "**DON'T Be Caught Unaware**" by Gary Stearman's rip-off price! I highly recommend Mark Biltz' 4-DVD series: "*The Feasts of the Lord*". It was well-worth its original price of \$29.95 - now a super deal at \$15 from El Shaddai Ministries. Avoid the \$60 price-gouging offer by Gary Stearman's "Prophecy Watchers". This series brings the Bible alive in such a way that readers will realize astonishing understanding.

The prophet Daniel was told to seal up the vision. The word "**seal**" means to "stop up", "to keep closed", and even "to keep secret". In other words, it is to be reserved for the future. We are at that point now that Daniel was writing about! What is not always evident to Bible readers is just how crafty Satan, the devil is. I will not list the hundreds of references to the nemesis of Christ Jesus. Satan and his fallen angels (demons) are, however, powerful, crafty, intelligent, deceitful, and committed to opposing God. If you can agree with me on a few of Satan's attributes, then my explanation will be understandable. My response to the initial question we all want an answer to is as follows:

- ◆ God chose not to follow the pattern of the Feasts of the Lord, defined in Leviticus 23
- ◆ Jesus fulfilled the Spring Feasts precisely to the day, the hour, and the moment as confirming proof of His Deity, His Message, and His Mission
- ◆ It follows logically that such would be the case with the Fall Feasts



That said, ponder this musing: a baseball pitcher thinks to throw a curve to fool the batter hoping to send the ball out of the park for a home run! With a count of 3 balls and 2 strikes on the batter, the pitcher chooses to throw a change-up pitch to strike the batter out. Consider this: God did not want Satan to know what His plans were.

In the past twenty-five years we have seen more knowledge about the Bible revealed than in previous history. Whether it was archeology, history, Biblical languages, theology, Gematria, or all other disciplines, knowledge has grown exponentially. We knew very little about the Bible until it was put onto computer tape in 1963/64. I would remind you the word 'history' really means "His Story!" Back then, when we did beta-testing on our work to convert the King James Bible at the University of Pittsburgh, I was the first person to do computer "Word" searches on IBM main frame 7070/360 and 7090/390 computer systems. These giant strides in knowledge and information were a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Then, my very first "Word" search was the number "666". During beta-testing, I ran "Word" searches for

several months before the KJV Bible was made available to the academic and theological world as computer-searchable.

Everything in my E-book was subjected to intense scrutiny and analysis. I can tell you without equivocation, the material was rock solid. Few questions were unanswered. In subsequent readings, just 3 small typos appear in the entire E-book. There was at least two times as much material at my access which did not get included for fear it would be too much for the reader's comprehension ability. My point is that we are so far ahead in our understanding of God's Word, that God may have been surprised! Well not really.

Man has reached the point of being able to modify life with genetic engineering, and the like. Proverbially speaking, has this "stepped on God's toes"? Designer babies are the "in thing" today in human reproduction. The world is on the precipice of destroying itself. Further, we are at that point where God has to intervene to prevent the devastation now being verified in the area of "weather warfare" world-wide. In the two days leading up to hitting Houston, TX, hurricane Harvey was preceded by "cloud seeding". I could share files of information confirming the reality of "weather warfare" but that is not my focus here.

On Friday night, September 22nd, the U.S. Air Force scrambled two E-4b "Nightwatch" and two E-6b "Doomsday" aircraft after radio surveillance of North Korean communications stated that it was ready for war with the U.S. This story was authored by New York radio commentator Hal Turner and posted on SteveQuayle.com. Early Saturday morning, it was removed from the site. It is not uncommon for reports to be posted by Steve Quayle only to be pulled down hours or even days later. The reasons are obvious to anyone familiar with the military and Internet surveillance.

Satan considers himself successful when he is opposing God. However, what he does not appreciate is that since he is created, even he and his demons are part of God's decree. As such, Satan cannot do anything that is not allowed by God. Satan is so thoroughly deluded about his ultimate success over the Lord, that he actually attempts a physical over-throw, a frequent theme in the Bible. Scottie Clarke's videos focused viewers on Revelation 12:1-2, but they should have been aware of Revelation 12:12:

***"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."***

If Satan was free to decide to do what the Bible reveals he will do, then Satan would be more powerful than God. God would be proven not to be Sovereign. Additionally, God tells us He is Truth ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life"*** -(John 14:6) and His Word is Truth -(John 17:17). If, in fact, Satan could decide that he will not act as prophesied in Revelation, then the Word would be false. If the Word is false, and it is the only source that reveals both God and Satan, then nothing could be believed about either.

The important point here is that Satan knows the Bible and uses it against God. Since Jesus Christ is God incarnate, He sees through the subtleties and incorrect applications of Scripture. He knows how to refute the innuendos and misrepresentations which are lies. The major question is:

## How can we withstand such an onslaught?

The intellectual sophistication of church leadership fails to take the "Angel of Light" seriously. Satan's greatest success has been to convince people he does not exist. But as James 2:19 says, ***"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."*** We dare not to be ignorant of Satan's strategies, ***"in order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes"*** -(2 Corinthians 2:11).

The fact is, Satan knows his days are numbered, and with the Internet abuzz in recent months over the Great Sign of Revelation 12, Satan had a heads up warning about his soon demise. I am suggesting here that God might have thrown a change-up pitch knocking Satan off his stride. Be mindful, a spiritual war is transpiring in the heavens and is playing out on terra firma, with nation against nation until the final showdown.

At the end of this article I added an addendum relative to the geo-political events in God's Holy Land. The information below does not appear in your nightly 'Fake News' networks, however, they are of profound importance to both the Psalms 83 War and the War discussed in Ezekiel 38/39. The information is dated the week of September 23/24<sup>th</sup>.



## *When can we expect to be Raptured is the next question?*

I don't want to be the one to let the cat out of the bag as they say, but Jesus said much in Luke 21 for our admonition and insight. We might want to examine that chapter closely!

**Am I discouraged?**

**Not for a moment!**

*I am so blessed that I cannot be depressed*

With Rosh Hashanah (Feast of Trumpets) passing us by, we STILL have several major Biblical holy days before us portending great potential. These include:

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	September 30th
Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles)	October 5-11th
Shemini Atzeret (the Great Eighth Day)	October 12th
Hanukkah (Feast of Dedication)	December 13-20th

Blessings be yours as we await the Lord's trumpet call! I hope to prepare another article confirming the significance of things largely unknown by the public, but reveal the hand of God!

Maranatha!

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### **ADDENDUM**

**US special operations forces and hardware spotted at ISIS positions north of Deir ez-Zor - Russian MoD | 24 Sept 2017 |** The Russian Ministry of Defense has released aerial images which they say show US Army special forces equipment north of the town of Deir ez-Zor, where ISIS militants are deployed. U.S. Army special units provide free passage for the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) through the battle formations of Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL [but still IS-CIA-ISIS]) terrorists, the ministry said in a statement. "Facing no resistance of the ISIS militants, the SDF units are advancing along the left shore of the Euphrates towards Deir ez-Zor," the statement reads. The newly released images "clearly show that US special ops are stationed at the outposts previously set up by ISIS militants." This could mean that the U.S. military staff "feel absolutely safe" in the area which is held by the terrorists, the Ministry of Defense stated.

The above report suggests open conflict will soon break out into open warfare between Russian and U.S. military forces. Hezbollah has said it has 10,000 trained men ready to attack Israel. Right now Israel has enough declared oil and gas reserves for Russia to covet enough to see Israel as easy pickings along with Iranian missiles that now can reach Tel Aviv and Haifa the two major cities on the coast line. Iran successfully tested a new missile capable of hitting Tel Aviv and Haifa during the Feast of Trumpets holy days.

As it stands in Syria's six-year civil war, Russia is now in the driver's seat and CIA-backed ISIS terrorists have been exposed to include U.S. forces embedded with the ISIS groups. The US sent 200 truckloads of weapons and munitions to the Kurds to fight the Russian, Syrian and Turkish forces. Putin has threatened the U.S. at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> U.N. meeting he would no longer hold back and would kill the U.S. CIA and Special Forces in northeast Syria aiding the Syrian rebels.

Few people understand how close the Ezekiel 38/39 war really is. Vladimir Putin does not want a larger war but he will not permit the U.S. state department to break the pipeline contract he has with Syria. Syria has proved to be a more powerful foe on the battlefield, knowing Russia provides them air cover. The U.S. is digging itself a deeper hole from which there may only be one way to turn the tide. This is Isaiah 17:1-2! The fulfillment of the Isaiah 17 prophecy would clearly confirm that the church's days here are numbered!