

	Trumpet in 1 Cor 15:52	Trumpet in Rev 11:15
Subject	Church	Wicked world
Result	Catching up of the church to be with the Lord	Judgment of sinners
Character	Trumpet of God's grace	Trumpet of God's judgment
Timing	Signals the close of the life of the church on earth; it's the last trumpet of the church age	Marks a climax in the progression of tribulation judgments

	Trumpet in 1 Thess. 4:16 and 1 Cor. 15:52	Trumpet in Matt. 24:31
Subject	Church	Jewish believers in the Great Tribulation
Circumstances	Focus is on raising of believers who have died and rapturing living believers	Resurrection not mentioned; focus is on regathering living believers who have been scattered over the earth
Result	Uniting of the resurrected dead with the living in a great meeting with the Lord in the air	The elect are living believers who are regathered from all over the earth to meet the Lord, who has returned to the earth in visible glory
Signs	Preceded by no signs	Preceded by many signs (Matthew 24:4-30)

Imminence Passages	
John 14:1-3	"I will come again and receive you to Myself"
1 Thessalonians 1:9-10	"Jesus...rescues us from the wrath to come"
1 Thessalonians 5:2	"[He comes] like a thief in the night"
1 Thessalonians 5:4-9	"Be sober...for God has not destined us for wrath"
1 Corinthians 1:7	"...awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ"
Titus 2:13	"Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus"
1 John 3:2-3	"We know that when He appears, will will be like Him"
Revelation 22:7,12	"Behold, I am coming quickly"
Revelation 22:20	"Yes, I am coming quickly"

The Rapture	The Return
Christ comes in the air (1 Thess. 4:16-17)	Christ descends to the earth, to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem (Zech. 14:4)
Christ comes for His saints (1 Thess. 4:16-17)	Christ comes with His saints (1 Thess. 3:13; Jude 14)
Living believers are caught up to heaven	No mention of a rapture of living saints
Believers depart the earth (1 Thess. 4:16-17)	Unbelievers are taken away (Matt. 24:37-41)
Christ claims His bride	Christ comes with His bride
Christ gathers His own (1 Thess. 4:16-17)	Angels gather the elect (Matt. 24:31)
Christ comes to reward (1 Thess. 4:17)	Christ comes to judge (Matt. 25:31-46)
Not in the Old Testament (1 Cor. 15:51)	Predicted often in the Old Testament
There are no signs; it is imminent	Portended by many signs (Matt. 24:4-29)
It is a time of blessing and comfort (1 Thess. 4:18)	It is a time of destruction and judgment (2 Thess. 2:8-12)
Involves believers only (Jn. 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:51-55; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)	Involves all people on earth (Matt. 24:1-25:46)
Will occur in a moment, in the time it takes to blink—only believers will see Him (1 Cor. 15:51-52)	Will be visible to the entire world (Matt. 24:27; Rev. 1:7)

Rapture	Second Coming
1 Translation of all believers	1 No translation at all
2 Translated saints go to heaven	2 Translated saints return to earth
3 Earth not judged	3 Earth judged and righteousness established
4 Imminent, at any moment, signless	4 Follows definite predicted signs, including the tribulation
5 Not in the Old Testament	5 Predicted often in Old Testament
6 Believers only	6 Affects all men
7 Before the day of wrath	7 Concludes the day of wrath
8 No reference to Satan	8 Satan bound
9 Christ comes for His own	9 Christ comes with His own
10 He comes in the air	10 He comes to the earth
11 He claims His bride	11 He comes with His bride
12 Only His own see Him	12 Every eye shall see Him
13 Tribulation begins	13 Millennial kingdom begins ⁹