

(13) But I would not have you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who are asleep, that you not sorrow, even as others who have no hope.

(14) Because if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those also who sleep in Jesus God will bring with Him.

(15) Because this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain to the coming of the Lord shall not precede those who are asleep.

(16) Because 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:<sup>d</sup>

(17) Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up<sup>e</sup> together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

(18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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4:16d – the rapture – see Ps. 47:5; Is. 26:19,20; I Cor. 15:51-52

- see note on I Cor. 1:8; I Cor. 15:52 – last trumpet – see

Appendix L: The Modern Jewish Calendar and Holy Days

– see also Fulfilled Holy Days at www.TheWordNotes.com

4:17e – caught up – arpadzo {ἀρπάζω} – where we get “Rapture” from