

## FEAST OF TRUMPETS – 2005

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And greetings brethren. Welcome to the Feast of Trumpets – 2005. And all the feast days are a tremendous understanding, and a step-by-step layout of the plan of God. And as we come to Leviticus 23 we know it starts out with the Sabbath (and the Sabbath brings a tremendous understanding), but then it immediately goes into the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread and Pentecost. And now we come to the Feast of Trumpets, which is a profound and perhaps the most dramatic feast day of God.

Let's come to Leviticus 23 and let's read that beginning in verse 23: "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work *therein*: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD" (Lev. 23:23-25, *KJV*). Now there is a reason why it is a memorial of blowing of trumpets. Now the only other memorial feast that we keep is the Passover. And this is a special memorial feast – a memorial of blowing of trumpets. And as we will see this has a tremendous amount to do and actually shows all of the events culminating in the literal return of Jesus Christ to this earth. And of course all the saints with Him.

So before we get into the whole meaning of the Feast of Trumpets, let's go ahead and take a pause and we'll take up the offering. And we know that we're always to come before God on the holy days according to the blessings that He has given us. So at this time we will take a pause and you can take up the offering.

(Pause)

Since this day of the Feast of Trumpets pictures war, famine, death, destruction, and every evil thing that is going to be perpetrated against God, against man, and against the earth, and what God has to do in bringing His vengeance and setting this world aright when Christ returns, I think it's very important that we understand a little bit about how God operates and works.

Now I'm going to read to you from Appendix M in the *New Testament*, page 828 and 829 about what William Tyndale wrote concerning suffering and difficulties and things like this. And he had a very good insight. And also let me encourage you this: that all of the commentary in the first part of the book and the appendices at the back part of the book for the *New Testament* are all important vital reading for you to do. Now I know I talk to some who said they decided that with their fellowship group that they would sit down and they would read sections of both the commentary and the appendices. And these have an awful lot of information in it so it's very vital that you set about on a program with the *New Testament* to be reading these things.

Now let me read what William Tyndale wrote. Now he single-handedly translated the Old and New Testament and he was martyred for doing so. And he understood what he was going through. And the very thing that he said, he said before he was choked and burned at the stake, he said, “God, open the eyes of the King of England.” And that happened. Within one year after he died, King Henry VIII made it possible to have the Bible in all the churches of England in English, which was forbidden before then. So we need to understand that out of all the death and gloom and doom there’s a blessing coming, and the blessing is going to be the Kingdom of God.

Now, he writes of the things concerning his experiences:

“This is written [the things in the Old Testament] for our learning: for verily he is a true God; and is our God as well as theirs; and his promises are with us, as well as with them; and he [is] present with us, as well as he was with them. If we ask, we shall obtain; if we knock, he will open; if we seek, we shall find; if we thirst, his truth shall fulfill our lust [desire], Christ is with us until the world’s end. Let his little flock be bold therefore. If God be on our side, what matter maketh it who be against us, be they bishops, cardinals, popes, or whatsoever names they will?

And we can add – authorities, policemen, whatever you want to put in there, governmental officials, soldiers, mobs, whatever – because all of those things, if we live much longer we are going to see take place. And we have to be fortified with the truth of God, the Spirit of God, the knowledge of God, and the Word of God, and we have to be able to realize how God works. And understand this: Christ died for us, and Christ also died for the whole world. And so we need to make up our minds and also understand that if Christ died for us and we want His death applied to us, if there comes a time, like William Tyndale, we have to die for Christ, then we be most willing.

Now continuing he writes:

“Mark this also, if God send thee to the sea, and promise to go with thee, and to bring thee safe to land, he will raise up a tempest against thee, to prove whether thou wilt abide by his word, and that thou mayest feel thy faith, and perceive his goodness. For if it were always fair weather, and thou never brought into such jeopardy, whence his mercy only delivered thee, thy faith should be but a presumption, and thou shouldest be ever unthankful to God and merciless unto thy neighbour. [Which describes this generation.]

“If God promise riches, the way thereto is poverty. Whom he loveth, him he chasteneth: whom he exalteth, he casteth down: whom he saveth, he damneth first ... If he promise life, he slayeth first [and that’s what baptism is all about]: when he buildeth, he casteth all down first.

And that’s what’s going to happen with the Feast of Trumpets. God is not going to come to this earth and just slightly modify and change a few things and voila, the Kingdom of

God is on earth. No, He's got to destroy it all. We need to understand that. And the fall of Babylon the Great, the whole world system which this day pictures, and the final judgment against us is going to be awesome and all inclusive and all destructive. We need to understand that.

Tyndale further writes:

“He is no patcher; he cannot build on another man's foundation.

And everything that is in the world is on the foundation of the Satan the devil. And this end-time occult Satan-worshipping society is going to suffer the vengeance and judgment of God.

“He will not work until all be past remedy, and be brought unto such a case, that men may see, how that his hand, his power, his mercy, his goodness and truth, hath wrought altogether. He will let no man be partaker with him of his praise and glory [that is any other god, any other man]. His works are wonderful, and contrary unto man's works. Who ever, saving he, delivered his own Son, his only Son, his dear Son, unto the death, and that for his enemies' sake, to win his enemy, to overcome him with love, that he might see love, and love again, and of love to do likewise to other men, and to overcome them with well doing?” (*The New Testament – A Faithful Version*, pp. 828-829).

And of course, that's going to be our mission after we return to the earth with Jesus Christ after the resurrection.

Now, let's come to I Thessalonians 5 and let's understand something as this relates to the return of Jesus Christ. We know the basic times and the basic seasons. Now how all of the days will fall together it's going to be actually impossible (because of all of the things as we will see that will take place in the heavens) to know exactly when the day will be. And of course, as we will see, that's what Jesus told His disciples was the authority of His Father.

Now I Thessalonians 5:1: “Now then, concerning the times and the seasons, brethren [because they understood through the seasons], there is no need that I write to you; for you yourselves understand perfectly that the day of *the* Lord [and that's what this day pictures – it is “the day of the Lord”] will come exactly as a thief *comes* by night.” It's going to come unexpectedly. “For when they say, ‘Peace and security,’ then sudden destruction will come upon them, as travail *comes* upon a woman who is with child; and they shall by no means escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness that the day of *the* Lord should overtake you as a thief” (I Thes. 5:1-4, *FV*). See, God has given us understanding. And that's part of the blessing that was given for reading the book of Revelation.

Now let's come to Acts 2 and let's overlap this because from Pentecost down to Trumpets the two are connected and all the time during Pentecost up to Trumpets are all

the events that are laid out in the Bible, which lead up to the literal return of Jesus Christ. Now last time we got to where we were with Pentecost and the resurrection, and so we'll back up a little bit and then we will pick it up and go on from there.

Now here is what Peter preached. And this comes from Joel 2: “ ‘ “And it shall come to pass in the last days,” says God, “*that* I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh [and we saw how that would be with the great innumerable multitude and the 144,000], and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; and even upon My servants and upon My handmaids will I pour out My Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy...” ’ ” So God will always give us the strength. You need to understand that. God promises He will put us through nothing that we cannot endure and He will give us the help to do so.

“ ‘ “...And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapors of smoke.” ’ ” And we're going to see all of that because all the weapons of God are going to encompass all of the things that he's talking about here – the moon, the sun, the stars and everything. “ ‘ “...Before *the* coming of the great and awesome day of *the* Lord.” ’ ” (Acts 2:17-20, *FV*). And we're going to look at that, and we're going to see about that. We'll see how this comes about.

Now let's come back here to Revelation 6 and let's review just a little bit. Because right in the middle of the events that are taking place we saw the sixth seal open and the heavens rolled back as a scroll, and this is the first of the shaking of the earth that God is going to do. Then He intervenes and seals the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude. This helps fulfill that “whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Now also we need to understand that these things are prophesied in the Old Testament. We're going to look at a lot of those now. We're going to see how that the whole Bible is put together in such a way that when we put it together the way that God wants it to be put together it gives us understanding and knowledge, and it gives us the understanding of God's will and how it's going to be done.

Now let's come to Amos 5 because there are a lot of ministers and preachers out there who want to... You know, they preach about the Day of the Lord, and yes we are to pray “Your Kingdom come.” It is to come, and it will come, and there is no doubt about it. But a lot of them use the Day of the Lord as a means of furthering their own ends. But that's not the way that God wants it to be.

Let's come here to Amos 5:18: “Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light.” Now you see, if you're not under God's protection, and if you're just out here in the world and you don't know what's going on, here's what it's going to be like: “As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?” (Amos 5:18-20, *KJV*). So we don't want to use it for our own means.

Let's see what the Day of the Lord is going to be like. And let's see why it has to happen. And why it has to be so absolutely destructive, and that it is literally going to shake the earth to its very foundations.

Now let's come to Jeremiah 25. Let's understand what the condition of the world is going to be in, that God has a controversy with all the nations. All the nations on earth are going to be involved. God is sending warning. He's going to send more warning. And as we saw, the two witnesses are going to be doing their witnessing and so forth. Verse 26: "And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* upon the face of the earth..." So what is depicted by the Feast of Trumpets and the return of Jesus Christ is going to involve the whole world – all nations, all people. It's not going to be done in a corner. There's no such thing as a secret rapture. It just isn't going to happen.

And this is what God is going to do. Let's come down here to verse 30: "Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words..." Now this is meant for all the nations of the world. "...And say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter His voice from His holy habitation [that's what's going to happen when the heavens roll back as a scroll, as we saw there in Revelation 6:12]; He shall mightily roar upon His habitation; He shall give a shout, as they that tread *the grapes*, against all the inhabitants of the earth."

Now, we'll see a little later the harvest of the wicked is likened unto harvesting grapes that are being tread out. And all of the juice that flows from the grapes is symbolic of all of the human blood that's going to be shed by the armies that come to fight against Christ.

"A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, He will plead with all flesh; He will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth." We are going to see that. We'll see that in Revelation 9. "And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth..." Now this just doesn't mean land as you look at a landscape in the area of Palestine, because he says here in verse 26, as we read, "all the kingdoms of the world which are upon the face of the earth." So when it says from nation to nation, it means just that. One end of the earth to the other. "...They shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground" (Jer. 25:26, 30-33, *KJV*). It's going to be a time like Jesus said that unless God would intervene (and He says those days are limited – God set aside the limitation at the end of three and a half years), He said if those days were not limited there would be no flesh saved alive. But for the elect's sake (that's you and I, brethren, and all of the saints that have been down through history) those days will be shortened. And also for our sakes, because after all the death and destruction that goes on, we are going to be given the job to bring the world back into the way that God wants it to be and to help heal all the wounds and help rebuild from all of the destruction.

Now let's continue on and see what this is going to be like. Let's come to the book of Zephaniah, because you see this time is called the "Day of the Lord," which means it is the Lord's day. This is when the Lord is going to fight. And it's going to be a great day, and it's going to be an awesome day. And we are going to see how spectacular this is going to be.

Now, Zephaniah 1:14: "The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly [and in our day today it's nearer than it ever was], *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day *is* a day of wrath..." And when God sets His hand for a day of wrath it is going to be that. "...A day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers." And we will see against all the armies of the world.

"And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver..." Now we're going to see all of this when we get to the book of Revelation, and see that when God set's His hand to bring His wrath and His vengeance, it is going to be awesome indeed. "...Nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy: for He shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land" (Zeph. 1:14-18, *KJV*).

Now then he talks about the church here. Chapter 2 verse 1: "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired..." Now that's talking about the resurrection. That's when we will be gathered.

Hold your place here and let's come back to Isaiah 66 and let's see that that's talking about us when it comes time for the resurrection. Now here is a promise from God, verse 5: "Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at His word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but He shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to His enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? *or* shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." That's the resurrection. "Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb*? saith thy God" (Isa. 66:5-9, *KJV*). No, of course not.

Now that ties in right here.. Come back to Zephaniah 2. So when he talks about "Oh nation not desired," you see at the resurrection we become that nation which is called the Kingdom of God. "...Before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in

the day of the LORD'S anger" (Zeph. 2:1-3, *KJV*). So quite a time. Yes, that's talking about the resurrection.

Let's come over here to Joel 3, and we are going to see what God is going to do. Let's pick it up in verse 1: "For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem [that means bring them out of captivity], I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for My people and *for* My heritage Israel..." Because not only is there going to be the resurrection for the church, but this is also going to bring the liberty and freedom back to the children of Israel and bring them out of captivity because He scattered them.

Now let's come over here to verse 9: "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I *am* strong." That's what we're seeing develop now. What do you think we're seeing with North Korea and Iran, and India, and China, and all of those nations? And we're going to see how they're all going to be involved at the end time.

Verse 12: "Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat [and that's the "valley of decision"]: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about." Now we'll see this a little later in the book of Revelation. "Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem [now that's obviously heavenly Jerusalem]; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel" (Joel 3:1-2, 9-10, 12-16, *KJV*). Now this is going to be something how this is all going to take place. I tell you, God is going to shake the heavens, shake the earth.

Let's come back here to the book of Isaiah. God's judgment is coming on this earth and it's going to be something. Isaiah 13:6: "Howl ye; for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty." And it's going to be awesome indeed, as we're going to see. "Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: and they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as* flames. Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world..." And this is what we need to understand: the Feast of Trumpets pictures, and the reason it is a memorial of blowing of trumpets is that it is that God's judgment is coming on this world, and the whole world is going to fight against Christ.

“And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger” (Isa. 13:6-13, *KJV*). So it’s quite a thing that’s going to happen.

Now let’s see how this is fulfilled in the book of Revelation. Let’s come back to Revelation 8. Now just like we did for Pentecost, Revelation 7 is the next to the last Pentecost – the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude. So you can make that one year from Pentecost to Pentecost. Now when we come to Trumpets, again you can make it one year from the next to the last Trumpets to the last Trumpets. Now I’m not saying there won’t be any more after that. I’m saying before the Kingdom of God is set up on the earth.

When we come to Revelation 8 we find that the wars really begin to change. Here is where God through Christ intervenes directly. When we have the seals that are opened, Christ opens them. But here beginning in Revelation 8 we have God’s direct intervention. And now instead of men fighting men it’s going to be the angels of God fighting against the demons of Satan the devil and men. So the whole thing changes and becomes far more intense. And the things that we just read, we will see, are being fulfilled beginning in Revelation 8.

Now let’s begin right here in verse 1. This is right after the 144,000 and great innumerable multitude are sealed, whatever space of time is there. “Now when He opened the seventh seal, *there* was silence in heaven *for* about a half hour.” Now how long that is in actual fulfillment, we don’t know, but I suppose we can figure it out if we sat down and put our minds to it. But even at that, that would just be a guess. So after the 144,000-great innumerable multitude are sealed then there is a respite.

Now after that is over: “Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them [one to each one]. And another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar; and much incense was given to him, so that he might offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that *was* before the throne.” So this is before the resurrection. Remember we have Pentecost, next to the last Pentecost, sealing of the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude, and then we have that space of time, a half hour, and that brings us down probably to Trumpets. Then we have the trumpet plagues are ready to sound. So the resurrection has not occurred yet at this point. So wherever we are, if we’re still alive, we are praying to God for His blessing, for His protection and watching over us and so forth. And of course at that time the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude will also be considered the saints of God.

Verse 5: “And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire from the altar [now this is coming directly from God], and cast *it* into the earth; and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.” And what we see in the book of Revelation

is this: many earthquakes. Because of all the things that are going on, of course there are going to be many earthquakes. Now then a spectacular sign – the beginning of God’s direct intervention in the affairs on earth from heaven: “Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound *their* trumpets. And the first angel sounded *his* trumpet; and there was hail and fire mingled with blood, and it was cast upon the earth; and a third of the trees were burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.” Now note “all the green grass,” because a little later we’re going to see it talks about green grass again, but remember what happens when you burn up all the grass, and then you have the rain and hail and fire, the grass isn’t going to just sit there and not grow again. So it’s going to start coming back, as we will see because these things occur over a period of time.

“Then the second angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* was cast into the sea as *it were* a great mountain burning with fire, and a third of the sea became blood...” Now we’ve seen a lot of things on television where even the scientists are predicting that there’s going to come a time when something is going to collide with the earth and they’ve seen how it’s happened in the past and they understand the great fantastic things that will take place when that happens. So here is where it happens. Now we don’t know what kind of tsunami waves are going to be a result of this casting into the sea, but it’s going to be awesome.

Now continuing, verse 9: “...And a third of the living creatures that *were* in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.” You know, there are tens of thousands of ships plying the ocean all the time. So a third of them will be destroyed. “And the third angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* fell out of heaven a great star, burning like a lamp; and it fell on a third of the rivers, and on the fountains of waters.” Now if you watch the Discovery or History channel you will see that there was a time just right after the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century as it began (I think it was 1903) that in Siberia there was star that exploded right over Siberia. And they have records of it, and it flattened vast areas of the forest. So this is what this is going to be like. So it’s something.

And here’s what’s going to happen: “Now the name of the star is Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood; and many men died from *drinking* the waters because they were made bitter. Then the fourth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and a third of the sun was smitten, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars; so that a third of them were darkened; and a third part of the day did not shine, and likewise *a third part of the night*.” Now think what that does to all calendar calculations at this point. That’s why I say you cannot know exactly and precisely when it’s going to happen. And furthermore all of that is reserved to the authority of God the Father. And so what we are reading, as we go through this we are reading how God exercises that authority to carry out what He has planned to do. And He’s letting men do the things that they’re doing, and all of this is going to lead up to these events that are prophesied in the book of Revelation.

Now, just when you think it can’t get any worse, you haven’t seen anything yet. Because you see, God is going to do a thorough job. Like William Tyndale said, “God is no patcher.” He’s not going to come back [and say], “Oh, well let’s just rearrange

everything.” No. Before anything is done it’s got to be destroyed, and that’s what God is going to do.

Now verse 13: “And I looked; and I heard an angel flying in the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice [everyone on earth is going to be able to hear this], “Woe, woe, woe to those who are dwelling on the earth, because of the voices of the remaining trumpets of the three angels who *are* about to sound *their* trumpets” (Rev. 8:1-3, 5-13, *FV*).

Now after this happens Satan gets all together now and he gets his armies going, demons held in prison and in captivity are released, and all hell begins to break loose on this earth. Satan knows that he has but a short time. The nations of the world are going to be preparing to fight against each other unto the death. That’s what we find in Revelation 9. Now verse 1: “And the fifth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I saw a star *that* had fallen from heaven to the earth [now this is like an angel], and there was given to him the key to the bottomless abyss.” That’s where many of the demons are imprisoned. “And he opened the bottomless abyss; and there went up smoke from the pit, like *the* smoke of a great furnace [this is just showing all of the demons coming out of the darkness of their being imprisoned in the abyss]; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the pit. Then locusts came onto the earth from the smoke; and power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.” So they are going to unite with the different soldiers which are involved here, which if we understand the prophecies correctly happen to be the armies of the king of the north. So they are going to be greatly enforced with this power, and they are going to feel that they are going to be able to resolve the situation, control the world, fight against the aliens from outer space, because they’re going to begin to realize – yes, there is an invasion coming from outer space. And yes, there are aliens in outer space. Not as the world depicts it. God is an alien to them. Christ is an alien to them. The angels of God are aliens to them, are they not? Yes, indeed. And when the resurrection occurs we will also be alien to them. Now this is going to be something, what’s going to take place when all these demons come out.

“And it was said to them that they should not damage the grass of the earth...” Now before, it said all the green grass was burned up. Here it came back. See, with one third of the trees destroyed, one third of the waters in Wormwood and so forth, so now they have to conserve these things. “...Should not damage the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only the men who did not have the seal of God in their foreheads.” Now you see, that’s why the 144,000 and great innumerable multitude were sealed when they were. The only other men who are still alive in the flesh at that time who have not been martyred are those who are in the place of safety. Now, God sends a few to a place of safety. And don’t worry about going. Don’t wonder where it is. If you go you’ll know where it is when you get there. If you don’t go, you are going to give your life in martyrdom. So it is really knowledge that God has for Himself and it isn’t going to do you any good one way or the other if you’re not faithful to God.

Now here’s what’s going to happen: “And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months...” So whatever this is it’s

going to be like a nerve attack for five months. This is the king of the north going against the kings of the east. So He's going to stymie them for a while. For five months it's going to look like he's going to have time to gather his armies together and be victorious. "And in those days men will seek death but will not find it; and they will desire to die, but death will flee from them." So this is really quite a battle that's going on.

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And now let's continue on. And it talks about how these men looked, verse 7: "And the appearance of the locusts *was* like horses prepared for war; and on their heads *were* crowns like *those* of gold; and their faces *were* like *the* faces of men; and they had hair like women's hair; and their teeth were like *those* of lions. And they had breastplates like iron breastplates; and the sound of their wings *was* like *the* sound of chariots *drawn* by many horses running to war..." A lot of people say that may sound like helicopters. That's true, but if you listen to it very carefully it could also sound like a jet taking off. "...And they had tails like scorpions, and stingers; and they were *given* power to injure men with their tails *for* five months." So this is that super-secret demonic weapon. Now let me just mention this: if you want some very interesting information about WWII, there is (I think on the History channel) a section called "The Fourth Reich and the Occult" and the weapons they were able to derive because of demonic teachings. So I think you'll find that very, very interesting and profound, and you will see that God had to intervene to bring an end to WWII because it was not yet time for all of these things to be.

Now obviously this tells us who they are from and what they are. Verse 11: "And they have over them a king, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew *is* Abaddon, but *the* name he has in Greek *is* Apollyon." This is Satan the devil. This is Satan's army over here. Now then, all the other demons on the other side going north and going east. So if you could look at a map of the world and you can see from the area of Palestine going straight north and all the way to the kings of the east. Now these men are going to come in an army such as the world has never seen. And again, it's going to be men and demons fighting each other.

Now verse 12: "The first woe is past. Behold, after these things two more woes are still to come. And the sixth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar that *is* before God; *and* it said to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, 'Loose the four angels who are bound in the great river Euphrates.'" Now notice how specific the plan of God is: "Then the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were loosed, so that they might kill a third of men..." So this is going to be an awesome, awesome battle. Now this is all before we get, as we will see a little later, to the seven last plagues. "...And the number of *the* armies of the horsemen *was* two hundred thousand thousand [or that is two hundred million]; and I heard the number of them." Now let's understand that is a vast army spread out over a large area. They're not all going to be there in the holy land. They're not all going to be there in what we call Babylon, but it's going to be the armies going all the way north and east. And they will come. Just like in any major battle with major armies you cannot

commit all your troops at one time in one place. And so there will be waves of these, and part of this army of two hundred million is going to be part of the armies that we will see in Revelation 16 a little later.

Verse 17 now in Revelation 9: “And so I saw the horses in the vision, and those sitting on them, who had fiery breastplates...” Didn’t we read about how their faces were like fire? Well here they have fiery breastplates. “...Even like jacinth and brimstone. And the heads of the horses *were* like heads of lions, and fire and smoke and brimstone shoot out of their mouths.” Now exactly what kind of weapons that these are going to be we don’t know, but they are going to be awesome. And the weapons they are developing now are really something indeed. And they are going to be able to kill and destroy like never in the history of the world.

Now notice verse 18: “By these three, a third of men were killed...” Now when you start and you go back to Revelation 6 and you take a fourth of humanity was killed, and then you come to a third, and then you come to a third, everything is being whittled down, isn’t it? “...By the fire and the smoke and the brimstone that shoot out of their mouths.” So they are just going to be zapped. “For their power is in their mouths; for their tails *are* like serpents, *and* have heads, and with them they inflict wounds.” This sounds like some kind of super-tank to me. “But the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the works of their hands...” So what we are dealing with here, you see, God’s last act of mercy was with the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude. Now we are dealing with those who won’t repent. Now we are dealing with those who have totally given themselves over to the forces of Satan and the demons of this world, and all the powers and principalities that are existing in Satan’s kingdom.

“...Did not repent of the works of their hands, that they might not worship demons...” And that gets into witchcraft and the occult and all of the things that this world is preparing for the ushering in right now of Satan the devil, his worship, and the worship of the anti-Christ – the beast. “...And idols of gold and silver and brass and stone and wood, which do not have the power to see, nor to hear, nor to walk. And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornications, nor of their thievery” (Rev. 9:1-5, 7-21, FV).

This is going to be a viciousness that is going to make Genghis Khan and his hordes, which came from the east (and of course that was a historical fore type of what we are going to see here), it’s going to make them look like pikers indeed – hardly even worth considering as armies. And yet look how much Genghis Khan was able to conquer: all the way from Mongolia, China, India, what we call now Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, the Holy Land, clear up into Budapest and on up into Russia itself. It was one of the greatest empires that the world has ever seen. Now here is going to be a repeat of that. And that’s why China is rising to the power that it is rising. And so is Mongolia. I read a very interesting article on what’s happening in Mongolia. So we need to watch China, the whole Far East, and India. They’re all going to be involved in this army of two hundred million. Now when you stop and think about how big an army that is, let’s use a little

comparison. During WWII the maximum number of soldiers, including all armies everywhere was thirty-five million. This is six times that number. This is awesome.

Then we have a little interlude here in Chapter 10 about the seven thunders and what they were going to do. It's quite interesting. It's so bad, what the seven thunders are going to do (we won't read Chapter 10 – I'll let you read it), but it is so bad that God commanded John, "Do not write what the seven thunders are going to do." So we don't know what they are. And I'll tell you something here: any man that says he knows what the seven thunders are doesn't know because the Bible doesn't tell us and God didn't even tell John, the one who had the vision, so how can any man today say he knows what the seven thunders are. But whatever they are are going to be absolutely awesome indeed.

Ok, now let's come forward here in Chapter 11 because when we find in time order the way that things flow, we have beginning with John and then the seven churches, and then Revelation 4 and 5 show the preparation in heaven for the end-time events. And then we have Chapter 6, which then has the six seals. Chapter 7 the sealing of the 144,000 and great innumerable multitude. And we covered Chapter 8 and 9 and 10. Now then when we come to Chapter 11, this has to go back in time to bring us up to where we left off in Chapter 10. So the end of Chapter 11 brings us up to the time that we are dealing with. So from the time of Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 (the sealing of the 144,000) we are dealing from Pentecost to Pentecost. Then Chapter 8 to the end we are dealing from Trumpets to Trumpets. So here, Revelation 11 brings us in the journey from Trumpets to Trumpets, but we have to cross the Pentecost line again. And so that's what we find here in Chapter 11.

Now, when the two witnesses ministry ends, as we saw, they are resurrected and they are the last two who are martyred and the first two who are resurrected. And as they are ascending into heaven then we find Revelation 11:13: "And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand men were killed in the earthquake. And the rest were filled with fear, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming immediately." That means right after that the seventh angel sounds. So right here in the middle of this great battle that has been taking place in Revelation 9, all of a sudden here is this great event that takes place – the seventh trumpet sounds. Now let's understand, as I pointed out before, every holy day they were to blow the trumpet. The Feast of Trumpets, however, they were to blow all day long. And remember, the Feast of Trumpets is trumpets not trumpet. And as we saw concerning the resurrection on Pentecost, the seventh trump sounded and that's the last trump. That's when the resurrection takes place. And that has got to be on Pentecost, as we will see from the flow of the rest of the chronology in the book of Revelation.

Verse 15: "Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* were great voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign into the ages of eternity.' " And the resurrection takes place. Now I don't know if those on the earth are going to be able to see the resurrection taking place. But it's very possible that they will. And if they see the resurrection taking place.. Because remember the angels are going to gather those who

are resurrected from all over the earth and carry them to the sea of glass. And all the saints who have been resurrected – Old Testament, New Testament, will all be there together on the sea of glass as we covered on Pentecost. So as the world sees this taking place I wonder what they're going to think? Is it like in the alien movies that now here is a mass kidnapping of millions of human beings? Now we don't know but they are surely going to think something, and it's surely going to affect what they are going to do. And we'll see what happens here.

So the seventh angel sounded and it's proclaimed that the kingdoms now belong to Christ. Verse 16: "And the twenty-four elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, 'We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come; for You have taken *to Yourself* Your great power, and have reigned [now this is the beginning of the reigning of Christ]. For the nations were angry [not happy – angry], and Your wrath has come [now the wrath of God as depicted in the seven last plagues is going to come – the judgment is going to come], and the time for the dead to be judged, and to give reward to Your servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to *all* those who fear Your name, the small and the great; and to destroy those who destroy the earth.' "

Now notice verse 19. Something else happens: "And the temple of God in heaven was opened..." Now all of those who are the saints of God, all of those who are resurrected are going to see this. Now I don't know if the earth is going to see this, if those on the earth will, but never the less notice what happens. "...And the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple; and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake and great hail" (Rev. 11:13-19, *FV*). So what an announcement that is going to be. That's something.

Now then, Revelation 12 tells about the church. Revelation 13 tells about the beast and the false prophet. Revelation 14 tells about the 144,000 of the earth who will probably constitute the Bride of Christ. And the last part of Revelation 14 – now we're going to sort of cross paths again with Pentecost because as the chronology goes, but this time we are going to concentrate on the harvesting of the wicked. And it's going to be quite a thing. We already saw the prophecy of it: "Thrust in your sickle for the harvest is ripe."

Now let's come here to Revelation 14:17, and here's what happens after the saints are all resurrected. Now the other things again, it's kind of a "go back and catch up." Just like if you watch a movie: you can't understand the movie unless you go back and fill in the background and bring it up to a certain point. And that's exactly how the book of Revelation does. So this is what we have here. Right after the resurrection takes place all of the saints are gathered and put on the sea of glass. Christ is there. We'll be able to see the temple. We'll be able to see God the Father. And as I already covered, all the things that have to take place on the sea of glass requires the time from Pentecost to Trumpets to take place. Now here's what's going to happen when it's time for the harvest again. And the trumpet is blown again on the Feast of Trumpets.

Now verse 17: “Then another angel, who also had a sharp sickle, came out of the temple that *is* in heaven. And out from the altar came another angel, who had authority over fire; and he called with a loud cry to the one who had the sharp sickle, saying, ‘Thrust in your sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the earth, because her grapes are fully ripe.’ ” This is gathering them to the valley of decisions. “And the angel thrust his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *its fruit* into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood spewed out from the winepress as high as the horses’ bridles, to the distance of a thousand six hundred furlongs” (Rev. 14:17-20, *FV*). So the armies that come to fight, that’s going to be a tremendous thing.

Let’s look at some of the prophecies which describe this in the Old Testament. Let’s come to Isaiah 24. Let’s see what’s going to happen to the earth from this time on prophesied back here in the book of Isaiah. Let’s begin right here in verse 1: “Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.” And that’s because of all of the earthquakes and all of the turmoil that’s going forth in shaking the heavens and shaking the earth. “And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth *and* fadeth away, the world languisheth *and* fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish”, because God is shaking the earth and all these events are going on. Awesome. Could this be – we don’t know if this is describing what the seven thunders do but I tell you what, it certainly shows what the earth is going to be like. “The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.” That’s exactly what we are reading back there in the book of Revelation, isn’t it? Now just a little bit about mercy. We can be thankful that God has the second resurrection and most of these people will repent at that time – but not at this time.

Now let’s come down here to verse 18: “And it shall come to pass, *that* he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open [and that’s what we saw], and the foundations of the earth do shake. The earth is utterly broken down [now we will see that will take place in it’s finality with the seven last plagues], the earth is clean dissolved [that means torn asunder], the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard...” Now just to give you an example of how we know this is going to happen is because of the tsunami that took place over in Indonesia. When that took place it was registered that it affected the whole earth – just that one tsunami. Now think what it’s going to be like with all of the war going on and all of the earthquakes taking place, and all of the things that are coming from the heavens upon men. “...Reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and

not rise again.” So this world system under Satan the devil will not rise again. “And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones *that are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.” Now he’s talking about punishing the demons and Satan the devil, and we’ll see when that takes place. That takes place right after the day of the Feast of Trumpets. “And they shall be gathered together, *as* prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.” Well, that is what we see in Revelation 20. “Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before His ancients gloriously” (Isa. 24:1-6, 18-23, *KJV*). Now that’s exactly the scene that we are going to see in Revelation 15:16 here in just a little bit. That’s quite a thing that took place. And this is a prophecy of those things that we read in Revelation.

Now let’s go back there to Revelation 15. Now what’s important is this: God has promised vengeance is His, judgment is His. And we are going to see that God is going to fulfill that in the presence of all the saints who are now resurrected on the sea of glass and are getting ready to come back with Christ to fight on this earth. Because remember, Jesus said when He was standing before Pilate, “If My kingdom were of this world then would My servants fight.” And that’s when we are going to fight and we can be guaranteed a victory.

Now let’s pick it up here in Chapter 15, verse 1 because now we are going to go beyond Pentecost and the events that take place between Pentecost and the next Trumpets. So here we have all the saints on the sea of glass. We see the temple of God there. We see the temple of God open. And then here’s what we see, verse 6: “And the seven angels who had the seven *last* plagues came out of the temple [directly from God]; they were clothed in linen, pure and bright, and girded about the chest with golden breastplates. And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden vials, full of the wrath of God, Who lives into the ages of eternity. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; and no one was able to enter inside the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled” (Rev. 15:1-8, *FV*).

Now what we’re going to see is a final destruction of everything that is in this world. Now in spite of all the destruction there are going to be people who survive. Just like when you watch some of the documentaries and all of the bombings that took place, and see the fly-over of all the bombed out cities in Germany. There were people who survived. Likewise there will be people who will survive this. And they will enter into the beginning of the government of God through the Kingdom of God as Christ and the saints set it up on earth.

Here’s what’s going to happen – Chapter 16, verse 1: “Then I heard a loud voice from the temple say to the seven angels, ‘Go and pour out the vials of the wrath of God onto the earth.’ ” It’s not going to happen till God gives the command. “And the first *angel* went and poured out his vial onto the earth; and an evil and grievous sore fell upon the men who had the mark of the beast, and upon those who were worshiping his image.”

So they are going to get their retribution – every one. And we don't know what it's going to be like, but it's probably going to be very much like the boils that afflicted them when God brought the plagues in Egypt. Because these plagues that we find here of the seven last plagues are very much like the plagues that God brought upon Egypt, only intensified now for the whole world.

“And the second angel *went and* poured out his vial into the sea; and it became blood [all the oceans will become blood], like *that* of a dead *man*; and every living soul in the sea died.” You can imagine how God is going to have to recreate the oceans again after everything dying – purify it. “And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers, and into the fountains of waters; and they became blood.” They want war, they want blood, they want death and destruction, God is going to give it to them big time.

Now lest people think that God is not righteous, lest people think that this is overmuch that God is doing, let's understand – no, this isn't. Let's see what the angels say of this, verse 5: “Then I heard the angel of the waters say, ‘You are righteous, O Lord, Who are, and Who was, even the Holy One, in that You have executed this judgment. For they have poured out *the* blood of saints and of prophets, and You have given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.’ ” Now how much is your blood worth to God? Well, God is going to bring out His judgment upon them because the death of the martyrs of Christ who die and shed their blood is precious to God.

Verse 7: “And I heard another *voice* from the altar say, ‘Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments.’ ” And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and *power* was given to it to scorch men with fire.” So what kind of firestorm that's going to be from the sun, it's going to be like a great sudden sunburst, or explosion of solar flare. Only it's going to be huge and gigantic and when it reaches the earth, verse 9: “Then men were scorched with great heat; and they blasphemed the name of God...” So they survive this. Many of them will die but some survive it. Now notice, rather than falling on their faces and repenting – no, no they blaspheme the name of God “...Who has authority over these plagues, and did not repent to give Him glory.” Now some people just don't get it.

“And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain...” So it's darkness that's so intense and so heavy that it causes pain. Neither did they repent, just like Pharaoh hardened his heart every time these things came upon him and Egypt. Notice verse 11: “...and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; yet they did not repent of their works.” Amazing thing, isn't it? Yet it's not done yet. They still want to fight. Satan hasn't given up. Satan will not give up until he is cast into the abyss and the seal put over him. And even then he won't give up, he's just restrained.

Now notice verse 12: “And the sixth angel poured out his vial into the great river Euphrates; and its waters were dried up, so that the way of the kings from the rising of *the* sun might be prepared.” And so now the armies are going to be able to roll toward the

Holy Land to their final destruction. Now in order for this to occur, because of everything that has taken place, they have to think that they are going to be able to succeed. So Satan does his last great propaganda program.

Verse 13: “Then I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet; for they are spirits of demons working miracles, going forth to the kings of the earth, even of the whole world, to gather them together to *the* battle of that great day of the Almighty God.” This is the battle of Armageddon. But they’ve got to be convinced. So now here is all this powerful demonic, high level demonic persuasion, to come and fight. “We know we see this vast thing in the air over Jerusalem. And if we can get everybody together we can come and we can combine all of our weapons, all of our rockets, and everything that we have and shoot the aliens out from being over Jerusalem, and kill them, and we will be able to reclaim the earth.” Well, they don’t know how futile it is to fight against God.

Now then here is a very interesting warning, verse 15: “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* the one who is watching and is keeping his garments, so that he may not walk naked and they *may not* see his shame.” A message directly to the Laodiceans. As you’re reading this you better wake up. Now verse 16: “And he gathered them together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.” So the battle of Armageddon is not nation against nation, but the nations of the world against God. So they’re going to come.

“Then the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘IT IS FINISHED.’ ” The plan of God up to that point is finished. No more plagues, no more evil, no more destruction is going to take place once these armies are taken care of. “And there were voices and thunders and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were on the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great. And the great city was divided into three parts; and the cities of the nations fell; and Babylon the Great was remembered before God to give her the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath.” Now you can read about the judgment in Revelation 18 and how that’s going to be. It’s going to be awesome indeed. “And every island disappeared, and no mountains were found...”, because God literally has to turn the world upside down in order to begin again. To bury all of the dead, to get rid of all of the pollution, to get rid of all of the things that men have made and created. It’s going to be awesome indeed. “...And great hail, *each stone* the weight of a talent [that’s 180 pounds], fell down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, for the plague was exceedingly great” (Rev. 16:1-21, *FV*).

Now notice through it all there are still some survivors. Now when we come to Revelation 18 we see what these survivors do. They never give up. Under Satan the devil they want to keep fighting against God. They want to keep trying to gain the power. And the whole force behind it, of Satan the devil, is to try and take over the throne of God that he, Satan the devil, can be God. That’s what all this is about. So it’s really something.

Revelation 19:11, heaven is going to open again: “And I saw heaven open; and behold, a white horse; and He Who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He does judge and make war. And His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns; *and* He had a name written that no one knows except Him.” So He had a special singular name from God the Father. “And *He* was clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is The Word of God.” Now that’s the name that we know, but He has a special name that God the Father knows and He knows. “And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses...” Now, that’s us. This is when we fight. And we will all be on our white horses coming down with Christ, Who is on His white horse, and we are going to be coming down to this earth right over the area of Jerusalem. We are going to see the armies all gathered there. We are going to see the ones that survived all these plagues. Whatever their weapons will be, whatever is going to happen is going to happen but God is going to unleash His secret weapon. It goes out of His mouth.

Verse 15: “And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He shall shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury and the wrath of the Almighty God.” You go back and then tie in Joel 3 and you tie in Revelation 14, and here is when it happens. “And on *His* garment and on His thigh He has a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.” So He has many names, doesn’t He? “Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in *the* midst of heaven, ‘Come and gather yourselves together to the supper of the great God...’ ” So immediately God is going to clean up all of this rotting flesh. “ ‘...So that you may eat *the* flesh of kings, and *the* flesh of chief captains, and *the* flesh of mighty *men*, and *the* flesh of horses, and of those who sit on them, and *the* flesh of all, free and bond, and small and great.’ And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war with Him Who sits on the horse, and with His army.” Here’s the final battle of the ages.

“And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked miracles in his presence, by which he had deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. Those two were cast alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone...” That ends their lives. The final battle is concluded. “...And the rest were killed by the sword of Him Who sits on the horse, *even the sword* that goes out of His mouth; and all the birds were filled with their flesh” (Rev. 19:11-21, *FV*).

Now let’s read the prophecy of this back in Zechariah 14. You just go back to the very first part of Matthew, and then you go Malachi (backwards), you come to Zechariah 14. And it tells us exactly what’s going to happen after we saw that happen in Revelation 19. Zechariah 14:3: “Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives...” That’s where He left when He ascended and told His disciples, “You go to Jerusalem.” He’s going to come right back to the Mount of Olives. “...And the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.” Probably another great mountain that God is raising up underneath of it as the earthquake takes place.

Now let's come down here to verse 9: "And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and His name one." Now it says there in the last part of verse 5: "...and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with Thee" (Zech. 14:3-5, 9, *KJV*). That's exactly what happened.

Then we find here the secret weapon. By the command of God, all those who are fighting against Him, when He gives that command their flesh is just going to fall right off their bodies. Now no one is going to be able to stop that. So this is the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets. And this why it is such a tremendous day and a memorial of the blowing of trumpets all day long, because all of the events and all of the wars and all of fighting that takes place in the Day of the Lord, that very last year of the three and a half years are going to be awesome indeed. And so now we're ready for the rest of the story as it continues on the Day of Atonement.

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