

The Day of the LORD is at Hand

(Feast of Trumpets)

Now the Government of God is in the hands of Christ and the saints

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to the Feast of Trumpets. A lot of things have been happening this year, and we're that much closer to the return of Jesus Christ! It's going to be an amazing, amazing thing!

This day is always going to be known as the day **that God with His saints took over the world!** But it doesn't begin that way. *That's how it ends!*

Lev. 23 is where God has put all the Holy Days together with the dates that we ought to keep them on. Yet, the meaning for all of these—every one of them—is found throughout the rest of the Bible.

If you took out Lev. 23 you wouldn't be able to understand what the other Scriptures mean. Lev. 23 gives us, starting with the Sabbath and then Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost and then Trumpets.

This is the framework as we have in the book, the new expanded version: *God's Plan Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days*. It is the premiere book in the world to really show the sequence of God's days.

Yet, when you compare it to what is actually going to happen, though you may look at that thick book and think *that's a lot*, well it's not! What's going to happen is going to make that book look like just a little piece of tissue paper.

So, we come here to the Feast of Trumpets: Leviticus 23:23: "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying."

Moses was a scribe, he didn't make any laws himself, **but he wrote down all of God's Laws!** He talked to God face-to-face. He was faithful. What we have is **the Truth of God from the God of Truth to reveal to us the secrets of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God!**

Verse 24: "Speak to the children of Israel saying, '**In the seventh month, in the first day of the month**, you shall have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of ram's horns, a Holy convocation.'"

The 1st day of the 7th month is also the first day for calculating the Calculated Hebrew Calendar. Then you count back 177 days to the 1st month. Now, notice what it says; it doesn't tell us very much. This is one of those Holy Days that we have to search the rest of the Bible to find out what it

means.

Always remember what Jesus said: ***The least shall become the greatest!*** That's what this will be, ***one of the greatest days of God Almighty and Jesus Christ in the history of the universe!*** That's how important that this day is.

All of those people who are blinded and say that you don't need the Old Testament, they don't have a clue as to what they're talking about! This day is **a war feast** in its final fulfillment!

"...a memorial of blowing of ram's horns, a Holy convocation" (v 24). *A ram's horn is that awful sounding thing declaring war! It shall be:*

"...a Holy convocation. You shall do no servile work *therein* but you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD" (vs 24-25).

That's why we take up offerings today, because back then they had to offer the offerings at the temple, but whatever a person wanted to bring, they would bring. When we come before God on the Holy Days, we need to bring an offering to God in thanksgiving. Especially today, because God has revealed enough about His Holy Days that we have really a clear vision—without all the details, of course—of what's going to happen.

Going back in history they never knew, **they never knew!** That's why we need the whole Bible to understand what the Holy Days are.

(pause for the offering)

Brethren, thank you very much for your offering. We always put it to use to serve the brethren and to preach the Gospel. Now, in today's world, that is needed more than ever before. God has blessed this world with all the technology that is available to us, and He gave the knowledge and information of this at the time of the end so that there would be a witness to the whole world.

It also makes it possible for us to reach brethren into their very homes when things get tough. That's not to forsake the assembly of ourselves together when we have a fellowship group or a small church to gather together, or a larger Feast day such as the Feast of Tabernacles. No! This doesn't replace that kind of fellowship and direct contact with the brethren.

In Num. 10 are the instructions for the blowing of trumpets. It starts out with two silver trumpets, and later many silver trumpets were added as we find at the dedication of the temple in Solomon's day. There are many, many ram's horns.

Numbers 10:1: And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, 'Make two trumpets of silver for yourself. You shall make them of beaten work. And they shall be used for the calling of the assembly...' (vs 1-2).

I want you to see how many of these things apply to the very Feast of Trumpets. Remember the sequence of the seven trumpets. The seventh trumpet is ***the resurrection on Pentecost!*** How about that for an assembly, just think on that!

"...and **for the journeying of the camps.** And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall gather themselves to you at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And **if they blow with one,** then the leaders *who are* heads of the thousands of Israel shall gather themselves to you. **When you blow an alarm,** then the camps that lie on the east parts shall set out. **When you blow an alarm the second time,** then the camps that lie on the south side shall set out. **They shall blow an alarm for their journeys.** But **when the congregation is to be gathered, you shall blow,** but you shall not sound an alarm" (vs 2-7).

Look at that, gathering all together! They came when it called for the leaders, they came to get instructions from Moses.

Let's look at something that's very important and why the New Testament is needed, because the Protestants say that it's not needed. Let's see something very interesting about the book of Daniel; ***so this will be a survey of what the book of Daniel tell us about the last days.***

We're not going to go into every one of the details of the meaning of it. {note our in-depth study of *Daniel/Revelation* {truthofGod.org}

Dan. 2—King Nebuchadnezzar; I want you to pay attention to that because it's important. Does God deal with leaders of nations? *Yes!* He dealt directly with Nebuchadnezzar (Dan 4).

Nebuchadnezzar had this dream and wanted to know what the dream was and the interpretation of it. All of the philosophers, intelligencia, soothsayers and so forth that were his advisors couldn't tell him anything. So, he said that 'if you don't tell me, you're all history; I'm going to execute you.'

But then God revealed the dream to Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The captain of servants brought Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar, He said, 'King, here's your dream,' and Daniel told him what he saw. 'And here's the interpretation of it':

You're the head of gold, then silver, brass, iron, clay and the toes right at the end.

Let's see what Daniel says:

Daniel 2:41: "And whereas you saw the feet and toes, part of potters' clay and part of iron, *the* kingdom shall be divided. But there shall be in it the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly broken. And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mix themselves with the seed of men. But they shall not cling to one another, even as iron does not combine with clay" (vs 41-43).

Now then, this is going clear back over 2500 years. With the prophecies of Daniel that we have, they go back another 300 years before that. Nearly 3,000 years ago these prophecies were given. So, the question that that answers is: ***God knows what He's doing!*** He can tell it far back or He can say it's just around the corner.

Verse 44: "And in the days of these kings, the God of heaven shall set up a Kingdom, **which shall never be destroyed.** And the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, **and it shall stand forever.**"

Now, here's an outline of what God later gave John to write down about the prophecies from God in the book of Revelation. This is what's important:

- Do you believe that the Word of God is Truth? *Yes!*
- Do you believe that everything that He said is true? *Yes!*

Listen to this from over 2500 years ago:

Verse 45: "Because you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold, **the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter....** [but God didn't tell him how far *hereafter*] ...**And the dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.**'

All the other things that add to the interpretation, and the understanding of this, are also true. It's like when you lay the foundation of a house

and you start building on it. Everything of that house refers back to the foundation.

We're going to see that Dan. 2, 7-9, 11-12 all end at the same place, **at the end of days!** In Dan. 7 we have quite a detailed history. This starts again with Babylon and goes down through Persia, Greece, Rome and the ten resurrections of Rome, and we find where this ends; this ends also with us!

Daniel 7:13: "I saw visions in the night and, behold, One like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him."

This is Christ coming to the Father! Where do we see that? Rev. 4-5!

Verse 14: "And dominion and glory was given to Him... [all these other kingdoms] ...and a Kingdom, that all people, nations and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which **shall not pass away**, and His Kingdom that which **shall not be destroyed.**"

Daniel wanted to know about that last kingdom, so again, just like the other one, what was it? *The ten toes: partly weak, partly strong!*

Verse 22: "Until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High... [now we're brought into it; this is when we're resurrected] ...And the time came that the saints possessed the Kingdom. Thus he said, 'The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be different from all the *other* kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth, and shall trample it and break it in pieces'" (vs 22-23).

That's what we're going to look forward to. This is also Rev. 13 & 17.

Verse 24: "And the ten horns out of this kingdom *are* ten kings that shall arise. And another shall arise after them. And he shall be different from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. And **he shall speak words against the Most High...**" (vs 24-25)—*2-Thess. 2 going into the Temple of God saying that he is 'God'!*

That will take place in Jerusalem. When he does that he is saying that the God of Jerusalem is not God, but he—the Beast Power—is.

"...and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and **think to change the set times and the laws...**" (v 25).

- Has that happened?
- Did they change the Sabbath to Sunday?
- Did they substitute all the holidays of this world for the Holy Days of God?

YES!

"...And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and one-half time. But **the judgment shall sit**, and his dominion shall be taken away to be consumed and to be destroyed unto the end" (vs 25-26).

Doesn't that sound exactly like Dan. 2? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 27: "And the Kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the Kingdom under the whole heaven, **shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High...**"—that's **us!** That's why we're here:

- we are preparing to be the spiritual sons and daughters of God
- we are preparing to learn:
 - ✓ righteous judgment
 - ✓ truth
 - ✓ understanding
 - ✓ how to lead
 - ✓ how to do the things that God wants by:
 - God's Word
 - God's Spirit

We're going to—all the saints from Abel clear on down to the two witnesses—help save the world under Christ! We're going to see that this world is going to be in a big mess! It's going to take a lot of work!

"...Whose Kingdom *is* an everlasting Kingdom. And all kingdoms... [every nation on earth] ...**shall serve and obey Him**" (v 27). *Think on that!* That will be done!

Verse 28: "Here *is* the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts troubled me greatly, and my countenance changed. But I kept the matter in my heart." *Daniel didn't understand it!*

Dan. 8 talks about how the kingdom of Greece will rise up and take over the kingdom of the Persians and Medes. Isn't it interesting that all of these kingdoms still exist. You might say that Babylon doesn't exist, but *the world is called Babylon the great!* All these other kingdoms are in that.

Now this talks about the Beast Power again. Let's see what it says:

Daniel 8:23: "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king, fierce of countenance and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power.... [Why? *Because it will be by Satan's power*]And he shall

destroy marvelously, and shall prosper and *do his own will*, and destroy the mighty and the Holy people” (vs 23-24). *The fifth seal, the martyrdom of the saints!*

Verse 25: “And also through his cunning he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand....”

Not only in his hand, but this is telling us witchcraft or satanism is going to be the whole mantra of the end-time like I gave in a message some time ago, darkness has covered the whole earth! {message: *When Darkness Rules, What Shall We Do?*}

“...And he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in time of security shall destroy many. He also shall stand up against the Prince of princes. But he shall be broken without a human hand” (v 25)—*without a human hand!*

Where do we find that? *Rev. 19!* Brethren, when you understand it, it’s amazing, *amazing, amazing* how the Bible fits together in everything! We can have full trust and confidence in the Word of God, in the Spirit of God and what He has said. Add on to that the Father has kept the times and seasons in His authority. So, we only know so much up to a certain point, even now in the end-time!

Verse 26: “And the vision of the evening and the morning, which was told *is* true. But you shall shut up the vision, for it belongs to many days to come.” *How is 2500 years!*

Dan. 9—the *same thing*, the whole thing concerning the coming of the Messiah, and then it ends up about the Beast Power (v 27) who fulfills the part of the last seven years where he makes the peace. Then in the midst of the week that’s when goes into the temple.

Again, we have this: every single one of these prophetic chapters pertaining to Christ and His second coming ***end with His coming!***

Daniel 9:27: “And he... [the Beast Power] ...shall confirm a covenant with many for one week.... [7 years in the prophecy here] ...And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and upon the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate even until the consummation. **And the fully determined end which is decreed shall be poured out upon the desolator.**”

There it is, substantiating the Word of God! Already determined; already decreed!

Dan. 11—the coming of the King of the North and the King of the South, who are not evident, yet! But they will be!

There are a lot out there that have false prophecies. They think that some of these things are taking place, but they’re not. Some of them say *even now*. Well, ***everything that is going on now is preparation for its final fulfillment!*** But you have to have all of the facts together and know what it is from the Bible. Dan. 11 & 12 end with the time of the end.

Daniel 11:40: “And **at the time of the end**, the King of the South shall push at him. And the King of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and sweep through. He shall also enter into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown. But these shall escape out of his hand: Edom and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. And he shall stretch out his hand also upon the countries. And the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt. And the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. **But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall alarm him.** Then he will go forth with great fury to destroy and to utterly annihilate many” (vs 40-44).

What we just read is the fifth trumpet plague!

Verse 45: “And he shall plant his royal tents between *the* seas in the glorious Holy mountain. Yet, he shall come to his end, and none shall help him”—*Rev. 19!*

Daniel 12:1: ‘And at that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even until that time....’ *Tie in with Matt. 24, Mark 13, Luke 21; a time that will be so great and destructive that from the creation of the Earth it has never been!*

“....And at that time your people shall be delivered... [we covered that leading up to Pentecost] ...**everyone who shall be found written in the book**” (v 1)—***that’s us written in the Book of Life!***

Brethren, let me tell you something: *That’s the most important thing! You need to keep your mind on that! Our names are written in the Book of Life!*

- whatever else happens
- however difficult it may get
- how very unusual it may become

Keep that in the forefront of your mind: ***your name***

is written there in the Book of Life! Your salvation is sure, as long as you love God and are faithful! They can even take your body, lop off your head, tear you limb from limb, ***but they cannot destroy you, because you have the Spirit of God and He will resurrect you with a new body, a spiritual body!***

Verse 2: “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life... [that’s **us**] ...and some to shame and everlasting contempt”—*those who will be in the second resurrection to be thrown into the Lake of Fire!*

So, you see how broad and versatile that the prophecies of God are. But also, chopped up and put together in different aspects, so there’s a part here, there’s a part there, and parts some place else. That’s why we have to put it together.

Verse 3 talks about all the saints going clear back to Abel and up to the two witnesses again.

Verse 3: “And they who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament...” *Jesus said that we shall shine like the sun (Matt. 13)!*

“...and they who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever” (v 3).

All of us have a part in that! And the things that we do and the work that we all do, we do it together. It’s not those of us here in Hollister who are doing it, because those of us here in Hollister can’t do anything unless all of you brethren out there are doing your part, as well. Everything that comes in, we love and fear God. That money is used to preach the Gospel and to feed the flock. That’s what it’s for.

Think about this, this is something: Daniel was given all of these great prophecies and was told that right up to the end-time what’s going to take place. But he didn’t understand. We’re living in the end-time and we understand more than Daniel, ***because God caused all these prophecies to be written down!*** Not because we’re anything great of ourselves, because we’re not! But because of God.

Verse 4: “But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”

Don’t we have that today? *That one little long sentence there tells us about what is happening in the end-time over a long period of time!*

Then Daniel said to the Lord that he didn’t understand this, ‘Are You going to tell me what it is?’

Verse 9—the angel answered with God’s answer: “And he said, ‘Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white and refined. But the wicked shall do wickedly; **and none of the wicked shall understand...**”

Who are the wicked? *You even have those who appear to be righteous, because they quote some of the words of God!* But if they keep Sunday and the holidays of this world, ***they are wicked!***

God doesn’t measure wickedness the way that we do. The way He begins to measure it is: Do we obey His voice or not? *That’s what’s important!*

“...**but the wise shall understand**” (v 10). *That’s us as the end-time!*

In Psalm 111:10: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; **a good understanding have all those who do His commandments.** His praise endures forever.”

All of these Scriptures and all of these prophecies lead up to the great Feast of Trumpets at the end.

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This Feast perhaps has more prophecies in the Bible of the events leading up to it and the very day itself and what’s going to happen to the earth. Everything comes together with the next to the last Pentecost, the last Pentecost, next to the last Trumpets and the last Trumpets. More prophecies are fulfilled through those two overlapping years than any other prophecies in the Bible. ‘

Let’s see it in Isa. 40. If you’ve ever heard *The Messiah*, this is the opening to *The Messiah* by Fredrick Handel, which is really quite good, indeed!

Isaiah 40:1: “‘Comfort ye, comfort ye, My people,’ says your God.”

Stop and think of the city of Jerusalem alone, and think about how David originally got the city from the Jebusites, which became the city of Jerusalem where the temple was, and all the wars down through history. That’s perhaps one of the bloodiest spots on the face of the earth. What the Jews have gone through, think about how wonder that is: “**‘Comfort ye, comfort ye, My people’...**”

Verse 2: “Speak comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, **that her iniquity is pardoned...**”

- the iniquity of all the children of Israel
- the iniquity of the Jews is pardoned
- the iniquity of the ten tribes is pardoned

“...**for she has received of the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.**’... [here’s a prophecy of the coming of Christ]: ...A voice is calling out in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God’” (vs 2-3).

Notice how the whole world is going to be affected by this. When we read these events in the book of Revelation we will see just how true this really is.

The coming of Christ, the resurrection of the saints, everything that’s going to happen on the Sea of Glass and coming back to the earth to save the earth from Satan the devil, and to get rid of him as the Day of Atonement pictures.

Sidebar: Always remember that ***you can never get rid of sin as long as Satan is around!***

Notice what’s going to happen to the earth, and we’re going to see this, because we will be on the Sea of Glass!

Some of it we won’t see until we’re resurrected, but after we’re resurrected we will see all the events that take place.

Verse 4: “Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; and **the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together...**” (vs 4-5). *That’s powerful and it’s going to happen!*

Whenever God gives something like this, you know it’s going to take place:

“**...for the mouth of the LORD has spoken**” (v 5). *It’s going to come!*

Let’s see how the warfare is going to be; let’s see that it’s going to affect every nation on earth. Every nation on earth will be involved in one way or another.

Jeremiah was told to take the cup from the Lord’s hand and go to all of these nations. He never went to them, because this was a prophecy to the nations by these names, which may be different in the end-time. But the geographical location where they were and are is what it will be. Everyone is going to be involved in this final war, which will include Rev. 8 & 9 and 16.

The last three of the plagues (Rev. 8 & 9) then the resurrection, and then the seven last plagues.

Jeremiah 25:15: “For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to me, ‘Take the wine cup of this

wrath at My hand...’” *God’s wrath!* Where is this first mentioned? *Rev. 6!*

“...and cause all the nations to whom I shall send you to drink it. And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be crazed because of the sword that I will send among them’ Then I took the cup at the LORD’S hand, and made all the nations drink, to whom the LORD had sent me” (vs 15-17). *This is all in vision!*

I won’t go through all of the nations listed there, but you can read them, which is saying *all the nations of the earth, all the kings of the earth, all the leaders of the earth!*

Verse 26: “And **all** the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world.. [Doesn’t that sound like Revelation?] ...which *are* on the face of the earth; and the **king of Sheshach** shall drink after them.” *The king of Sheshach is the final beast!*

They’re going to have to drink it, they’re not going to say, ‘No, I don’t want that.’ ***You are going to drink it!***

Verse 29: “‘For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city, which is called by My name...’”

Think about that! Where does the beast go that starts all of this? *He goes into the temple that will be built in Jerusalem.* That’s where God’s name always is, though it is overrun by evil until Christ returns.

“...and shall you go unpunished? **You shall not go unpunished. For I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth,**’ **says the LORD of hosts**” (v 29). *When God says that, it’s going to happen!*

Verse 30: “And prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, ‘The LORD shall roar from on high...’”—*heaven!*

Yes, the invasion from outer space. When we’re resurrected, we will be there to invade the world!

“...and utter His voice from His Holy habitation. He shall mightily roar over His dwelling place. He shall give a shout, like those who tread out grapes, against **all** the people of the earth. A noise shall come to the ends of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with the nations...” (vs 30-31)—*the whole world!* The controversy is that ***God says:***

You reject Me and now I’m coming to punish every one of you! I want you all to know that ***I am God!***

That’s what God is going to do!

“...He will plead with all flesh. He will give those *who are* wicked to the sword,” says the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Behold, **evil shall go forth from nation to nation**, and a great whirlwind shall be stirred up from the farthest corners of the earth” (vs 31-32).

This is a great and mammoth event affecting the whole world! That’s why Trumpets is *a war feast*, because all of these events are going happen and lead up to the return of Christ.

Verse 33: “And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even to the *other* end of the earth; they shall not be mourned, nor gathered, nor buried. They shall be *as* dung on the ground. Howl, you shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, you lords of the flock! **For the days of your slaughter and of your scatterings are fulfilled**; and you shall fall like a choice vessel” 9vs 33-34).

Let’s see another rendition of this in Isa. 13. this is quite a thing. Brethren, we need to realize what a great and mammoth event, and the events leading up to the Feast of Trumpets, and ***we will be a part of it! Think about that!***

- *we* will be a part of it
- *we* will be on the Sea of Glass

looking down and seeing all of these events taking place! That’s going to be something! We’re going to know that God is God, Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Isaiah 13:6: “Howl! For **the Day of the LORD is at hand**; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore, all hands shall 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 like a woman who travails. They shall be amazed at one another, their faces are *like* blazing fire. **Behold, the Day of the LORD comes, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger**, to make the earth a desolation; and He shall destroy the sinners out of it” (vs 6-9).

Notice that it’s going to effect more than just the earth!

Verse 10: “For the stars of the heavens and their constellations shall not give light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not reflect its light. ‘And **I will punish the world for their evil...**” (vs 10-11).

Stop and think about that for just a minute. That’s why it’s so important that we stay right with God now. Remember, we’re going to be there to see this and help repair it when it comes an end.

Verse 11: “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 tyrants. I will make man more scarce than gold; even man more than the fine gold of Ophir. Therefore, **I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall move out of its place**, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and **in the day of His fierce anger**” (vs 11-13).

That’s something! *Everything is upside down and backward!* What I want you to do in the future when you’re reading various prophecies in the Bible see how they tie in with the end-time prophecies, and what a great thing it’s going to be.

Isaiah 24:1: Behold, **the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste, and turns it upside down, and scatters its inhabitants.**”

Doesn’t necessarily turn the whole earth, but with the valley’s being raised and the mountains being lowered, that’s the equivalent of turning it upside down.

Verse 2: “And as *it is* with the people, so it shall be with the priest; as with the slave, so with the master; as with the handmaid, so it is with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor. **The earth shall be completely laid waste...**” (vs 2-3).

Keep that in mind! This is how we’re going to start out the Millennium, with the world and all countries wasted, upside down:

- death
- carnage
- dead bodies

But God will take care of all of them in His due time!

Verse 3: “The earth shall be completely laid waste, and utterly stripped; **for the LORD has spoken this word**. The earth mourns *and* languishes; the world withers *and* languishes; the proud people of the earth wither. And the earth is defiled under its people; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, and have broken the everlasting covenant” (vs 3-5).

Think about how important the Laws of God are! How important the Holy Days of God are! Think of it! Even some who have left the Church, may they come to repentance and understand that they better come back to God in repentance and sorrow and weeping, because they have left the most important thing that there is! The laws and commandments of God! His Sabbath and Holy

Days! Everything that God does revolves around it!

Let's see some of these things in the book of Revelation. All of the things that the Old Testament talks about that are going to happen in the last days begins to unfold in Rev. 6. We're not going to go through it, just review it, because we covered that on Pentecost. Read the May/June letter and heard Day 49 and Day 50 messages, go back and review those.

But the sign of the Son of man that will appear as a second sun in the heavens will appear when the *heavens are rolled back as a scroll*, as we find here in:

Revelation 6:14: "Then *the* heaven departed like a scroll that is being rolled up, **and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.**" Does that sound like Isa. 40? *Does to me!*

Verse 15: "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the powerful men, and every bondman, and every free *man* hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, 'Fall on us, and hide us from *the* face of Him Who sits on the Throne, and from **the wrath of the Lamb**, because **the great day of His wrath has come**, and who has the power to stand?'" (vs 15-16).

Then we have Rev. 7—a lot of people repent! So, we have 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude and they have been sealed with the Holy Spirit of God on the next to the last Pentecost. So, you go from there to the next Pentecost, which is the resurrection.

Coming in sequence after this Pentecost in Rev. 6 & 7, we come to the trumpet plagues, the seven trumpet plagues. It's the only place in the Bible that there is a sequence of trumpets beginning with the first to the last, which is the seventh trump, and that's when the resurrection takes place. Here's the pattern: there are seven trumpet plagues, but the first four come real quickly (Rev. 8).

Then the last three become intensified even more. Now here is the struggle on the earth for the power to rule the earth, beginning in Rev. 9,

Then we have the fifth seal and the abyss opened and out come all of these scorpions and they have power to make men want to die and painful for five months. This goes back to Dan. 11, *tidings out of the north and the east!* This is the King of the North who becomes the one who goes into the Temple of God and says that *he's* 'God.'

Then when he hears these troubles he's going to again call upon Satan and out of the abyss

will come multitudes of demons like scorpions. It will lay waste the enemies of the armies coming from the east. After five months it will dissipate.

Then the armies of the east—200-million—the whole world is consumed in fighting and here's this second sun everyday being there, and after a while they will say that it's just an anomaly. But then when it comes toward the earth they will know that the invasion from outer space is going to take place.

So we have this army of 200-million of the kings of the east. Now you know why China is rising. Why all the nations in the east will rise; because they're the only people on earth that will have enough people to have armies of 200-million. They will be stretched out from Iraq all the way back to China.

Then the four angels that are in the River Euphrates will be loosed when the sixth angel sounds and that paves the way for the armies of the east to come. That's all prophesied in Joel 2.

- vicious
- evil
- mean
- cruel

Revelation 9:18: "By these three a third of men were killed: by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone that shoot out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouths; for their tails *are* like serpents, *and* have heads, and with them they inflict wounds.

Notice how intent they are in this battle!
They don't repent!

Verse 20: "But the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the works of their hands that they might not worship demons..." *That's where they get their power, from the demons! From Satan the devil!*

"...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" (vs 20-21).

Then that big second sun is going to come crashing toward the earth and it's going to get their attention! All the armies down there fighting are going to look up and see that here comes this sun moving quickly toward the earth, closer and closer! Now the alarm goes out: ***Hey, we've got to all work together to save the world, because we're being invaded from outer space!***

Then it comes into the area of the clouds and huge Sea of Glass is spread out there and the resurrection takes place, as we covered on Pentecost. We're raised and put on that Sea of Glass. We covered everything that we need to cover what's going to happen on the Sea of Glass. We're going to:

- learn what to do
- have our new name
- get the clothes that have been prepared for us
- understand what our assignments are
 - ✓ who we're going to work with
 - ✓ how we are going to go back to the earth

We will all be organized by Jesus Christ!

- all the patriarchs
- all the prophets
- all the saints

Then will come the marriage supper of the Lamb! We will be shouting, 'Hallelujah! The Lord God reigns! What a might and great thing this is going to be!

Then we'll be given our white horses! An angel will probably bring it over and say, 'Here's your white horse.' *Really, what's its name? I've never ridden a horse!* 'Well, here's how you do it.' When that happens, you don't say, 'Hi Ho Silver!' ***NO! You praise God, because all these things come from God!***

So, when that seventh trump sounds, when that Sea of Glass is spread out, the resurrection starts with the two witnesses. Then all who are in the grave are raised, and then all who are alive will be changed and raised. The angels will carry us to the Sea of Glass.

What a magnificent thing that is going to be! Christ is going to present us to the Father. All the nine things that I wrote in the letter (May/June) are going to be fulfilled. When you read that letter, think about it! ***It's going to happen to you!*** To every one of the saints!

Then just before the battle takes place, we're going to have a meal like we have never ever had! ***The marriage supper of the Lamb, for His wife has made herself ready!*** Think about that last phrase! His wife has made herself ready. Think about what we need to do to grow, change and overcome!

To love God with all our heart, mind, soul and being, and everything in us that God is going to do this for all the saints. Every one of us! You're important to God, and:

- that's why He's given you His Spirit

- that's why you were called

With Christ under Him, and the organization that He's going to setup for us to come back to the earth, ***we are going to save the world!*** It will need saving because it will be in a horrendous mess!

Revelation 19:1: "And after these things I heard *the* loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying... [all if us together] ***...Hallelujah! The salvation and the glory and the honor and the power belong to the Lord our God.***" *We can look right at Him and see Him!*

Verse 2: "For true and righteous *are* His judgments..."—*because the seven last plagues are going to be poured out* (Rev. 16).

They're going to come and try and fight, and the great Battle of Armageddon is going to happen and finished off right when we come down from the Sea of Glass. God is going to turn all the armies against each other, and let them kill, fight and destroy each other.

"...for He has judged the great whore, who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and He has avenged the blood of His servants at her hand.' And they said a second time, 'Hallelujah! And her smoke shall ascend upward into the ages of eternity.' And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, Who sits on the Throne, saying, 'Amen. Hallelujah!'" (vs 2-4)—*so they repeat it back to God!*

Verse 5: "And a voice came forth from the Throne, saying, 'Praise our God, all His servants... [there we are there, so we praise Him] ...and all who fear Him, both small and great.' And I heard a voice like that of a great multitude, and like *the* sound of many waters, and *the* sound of mighty thunderings, saying, ***Hallelujah! For the Lord God Almighty has reigned***" (vs 5-6).

Now the government is in the hands of Jesus Christ and His saints!

Verse 7: "Let us be glad and shout with joy..."—*think about what that's going to be like!* I mean, ***look at what a wonderful thing that's going to be!***

"...and let us give glory to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.' And it was granted to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, pure and bright; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. And he said to me, 'Write...'" (vs 7-9).

Isn't it amazing? John was the scribe of the words of God the Father that He gave to Jesus, that He gave to the angel to give to John! Notice what it

says:

“...**Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**’ And he said to me, **‘These are the true words of God.’** And I fell at his feet to worship him. Then he said to me, ‘See that you do not do this! I am a fellow servant of yours, and of your brethren, who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy’” (vs 9-10).

When that happens, then the heavens are going to open up again.

Verse 11: “And I saw heaven open; and behold, a white horse; and He Who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True... [Jesus Christ] ...and in righteousness He does judge and make war.”

When WWI came, they said, ‘This is the war to end all wars.’ How well did that work out? *Not very well! But this war IS the war to end all wars!*

Verse 12: “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. *And He was* clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and **His name is The Word of God**” (vs 12-13)—*that’s Jesus Christ!*

Now He brings the vengeance and the power of God with His army—all the resurrected saints—back to this earth to take it over.

Verse 14: “And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses; *and* they were clothed in fine linen, white and pure.” *Imagine what that’s going to be like, us coming back to the earth!*

Verse 15: “And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations...”

What is that word? *He speaks and the flesh falls right off their skeleton, and they drop dead in a pile of bones!*

“...and He shall shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury and the wrath of the Almighty God. And on *His* garment and on His thigh He has a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords. 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 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’” (vs 15-18).

Verse 19: “And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war with Him...”

Yes, they’re there, ‘we have to get rid of this invasion from outer space,’ *and they don’t have a clue as to what they’re up against!*

“...Who sits on the horse, and with His army. 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; 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” (vs 19-21).

We’re going to come down to the Mount of Olives. I want you to think about that! That is going to be one of the greatest things that has happened in the history of the whole world in God’s plan.

Brethren, we know that there are difficult days that are yet ahead of us. But let’s not be discouraged. Let’s not think that this is so hard!

- look at the final result
- look at what God is going to do
- picture yourself there with Him
- picture yourself coming down to the earth with Christ

Zechariah 14:3: “And the LORD shall go out 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 ascended to the Father] ...which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall split in two, from the east and to the west, and make a very great valley. And half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south” (vs 3-4).

Once that is established, then we find that when we get into the Millennium that there’s a big tabernacle right there in Jerusalem.

Verse 9: “And the LORD shall be King over all the earth; in that day there shall be one LORD, and His name shall be one.”

That’s quite a thing! Brethren, the Feast of Trumpets is one of the greatest Feasts of God, and we’re going to participate in it as spirit beings!

Let’s keep that for hope and joy, strengthen and encouragement, and you have a good Day of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles.

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