Day of Trumpets: Being Forever with the Lord

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We are approaching another fall Holy Day season. What is best to teach in due season is what we need to hear. I'm going cover the Day of Trumpets.

The fall Holy Days season is the most wonderful time of the year. We all look forward to this time of the year. The ultimate, the return of Jesus Christ is going to be accompanied by the blast of trumpets and an armies of tens of thousands of saints riding white horses.

Today's message is going to be a lot of review, but I think it's critical that we review this on yearly basis so that we totally and fully comprehend the importance and the meaning behind the Holy Days.

The trumpets will signal the sound of war and announce the arrival of Christ at His return. The trumpet is a powerful and terrifying sound, and it's used in the Scriptures on numerous occasions for warning, signaling war and calling people to assemble at the tabernacle. It's also the arrival of the new moons and the Holy Days.

There are many other uses of trumpets found in the Scriptures. Many will today blow the shofar at sunset beginning the Day of Trumpets, the first day of the seventh month.

In God's plan Trumpets is the next Feast of the Lord that we're going to be observing, and it has much prophetic fulfillment as the entire plan of God does. The Feast of Trumpets has great significance to us personally, because we, as the called out ones, understand that it is a Holy time, a Holy Day that God has appointed for us to keep. A commandment of God to observe a memorial of what is surely going to be the most spectacular event to occur on this earth.

It seems to me that there is more information about the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of the Lord in the Scriptures than any other subject. That being the case, it emphasizes how important this day is and how much it will affect the entire world, and our part in it!

In Matt. 24—you read of heavenly signs that will usher in the seven trumpets leading to the seventh seal.

Revelation 8:6: "Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound *their* trumpets."

The Feast of Trumpets means virtually nothing to the average person today. But it's guaranteed that we definitely will in the future. To God's people who are looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ, this Day of Trumpets pictures our first assignment with Him as resurrected spirit beings.

Titus 2:13 "Looking for the blessed hope and *the* appearing of the glory of our Savior and great God Jesus Christ."

For this evil world that we live in, the Feast of Trumpets is simply another regular day in which people go about their regular routines. They have no knowledge of it, and have no interest in the plan of God or the days that God has assigned and appointed to keep.

The Feast of Trumpets points to the Day of the Lord, the day of God's wrath, a most significant event, the dramatic return and second coming of Jesus Christ in supreme power over all the earth. God's rage at this point has come to the full, and God has had enough with what has occurred in the world up to that time.

Isaiah 66:15: "For behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with His chariots like a tempest, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire, for by fire and by His sword the LORD will execute judgment with all flesh; and the slain of the LORD will be many" (vs 15-16).

Person-to-person, city-to-city! Nation-tonation! After the saints are resurrected and gathered with the two witnesses on the Sea of Glass, the Day of Pentecost, the last seven vials will be poured out.

Revelation 15:2: And I saw a Sea of Glass mingled with fire, and those who had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of his name, standing on the Sea of Glass, having *the* lyres of God." As we know represented by the Day of Pentecost!

The saints will accompany Jesus as He smites the entire earth.

We'll be covering a lot of Scriptures that

may seem a little basic, but I think it's important that we realize the significance of this day and what it means for us.

Revelation 19:14: "And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses; *and* they were clothed in fine linen, white and pure."

The world will be caught unaware by the Day of the Lord coming upon them. In the Plan of God that God has instituted, the Feast of Trumpets foreshadows the victorious return of Jesus Christ Who will overcome all the kings and rulers of this world. The earth and the evil works associated with that, done by men, will be stripped bare before God!

Jesus will conquer the beast and the false prophet with the Divine wrath! He will blind Satan! That's part of the Master Plan that God has set aside.

Revelation 17:12: "And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but shall receive authority as kings *for* one hour with the beast. These *all* have one mind, and shall give up their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, but the Lamb shall overcome them; for <u>He is Lord of lords and</u> <u>King of kings, and those who *are* with Him *are* <u>called, and chosen, and faithful</u>" (vs 12-14).</u>

Revelation 19:20: "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."

This is picturing the end-time, this time that we're going to be coming upon, the Feast of Trumpets, leading onto to the Day of Atonement and then the Feast of Tabernacles, which we are looking forward to, ending with the Last Great Day. What does the Feast of Trumpets picture?

Revelation 6:17: "Because the great day of His wrath has come, and who has the power to stand?"

Jesus will establish the Kingdom of God over all the earth!

Revelation 19:14: "And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses; *and* they were clothed in fine linen, white and pure. 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. And on *His* garment and on His thigh He has a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords" (vs 14-16). Jesus will have His saints with Him during this time. That's the point that I want to get across! It's a remarkable thing that we *as the called out ones* have become the saints and will be there with Him at this time.

As King of kings, Jesus' saints will be with Him as He gains victory! How do we know that the saints will be with Him? It's clear in the Scriptures, the resurrected saints of God will be Jesus every step of the way as He conquers the entire earth!

We will forever be with Jesus beginning with the resurrection, being caught up in the clouds of the air, and the wedding to Christ.

Revelation 19:7: "Let us be glad and shout with joy; and let us give glory to Him; <u>for the</u> <u>marriage of the Lamb has come</u>, and His wife has made herself ready."

That's the awesome time that we have to look forward to, as gruesome as this day represents—a day of war. We will be part of that day, joining Christ as He returns to the earth.

1-Thessalonians 4:17: "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in *the* clouds for *the* meeting with the Lord in *the* air; and **so shall we always be with** *the* **Lord.**" *That's the emphasis of my message today!*

Once we have qualified as a saint, after the wedding supper we are clearly told that we shall be forever with the Lord. We shall cleave to one another and never, never be separated.

The Feast of Trumpets is a more up-close and personal thing than we have maybe many times realized. The Bride of Christ will return with Him on the invincible white horses clothed in fine linen, white and clean as described in the Scriptures.

Revelation 19:14: "And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses; *and* they were clothed in fine linen, white and pure."

In Jude this fact is unambiguously spelled out, the saints will be with Jesus! There will never be any separation from Jesus Christ ever again. That's significant to realize. So shall we be forever with the Lord!

What a great promise that we are given. Jude explains that God promised this very, very early on.

Jude 14: "And Enoch, *the* seventh from Adam, also prophesied of these, proclaiming, 'Behold, *the* Lord comes with ten thousands of His Holy saints to execute judgment against all, and to convict all who are ungodly of all their works of *evil* ungodliness that they have impiously committed, and of all the hard *things* that ungodly sinners have spoken against Him" (vs 14-15).

Verse 16: "These are complainers *and* critics, who are walking after their own personal lusts, *while* their mouths are speaking great swelling *words*, flattering persons for the sake of advantage."

What we will do as resurrected saints is to join with Jesus Christ in bringing mass destruction on the entire planet. It sounds gruesome and a terrible thing, but as God has promised that will occur. It may seem counterintuitive to think of war as an act of Christianity, but that is what the Feast of Trumpets is all about: *waging war against the ungodly!*

God's desire is, of course, that all ungodly will ultimately repent. They will have that opportunity at the Great White Throne Judgment of the last day. That's the awesome plan that God has set aside. God is a merciful God, and God will give them the opportunity at the Last Great Day! Jesus will say to the ungodly:

You dished it out to My people, and now get it together or lose it forever!

It does seem counterintuitive that the saints' first duty will be to wage war! It seems uncharacteristic as the Bride of Christ to have the first responsibility to fight and make war against all mankind.

Keep in mind that true saints in the true Church have been persecuted throughout history. So, what is God's perspective on the matter.

2-Thessalonians 1:3: "We are duty-bound to thank God always for you, brethren, even as it is fitting, because your faith is increasing abundantly, and the love of each one of you is abounding toward one another; so that we ourselves are boasting about you in the Churches of God because of your endurance and faith in all your persecutions, and in the tribulations that you are bearing. *Your faith and endurance are* a visible testimony of the righteous judgment of God, so that you may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God, for which you are suffering" (vs 3-5).

That is the lot of true Christians! Persecution and tribulation so that we may be counted worthy of the Kingdom of God. We see the judgment at Christ's coming.

What are the persecutions and tribulations that we will suffer?

Verse 5: "*Your faith and endurance are* a visible testimony of the righteous judgment of God, so that you may be counted worthy of the Kingdom

of God, for which you are suffering."

A righteous things with God to recompense tribulation.

Verse 6: "Since *it is* righteous with God to recompense tribulation to those who are persecuting you"—*full payment!*

Jesus is not going to let all the trials of persecution and tribulation that we suffer in this lifetime go unanswered! Paul says for us to be patient. It will take place!

Verse 7: "And to you, who are persecuted, rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His mighty angels, dealing out vengeance with flaming fire upon those who do not know God, and those who do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will suffer *the* penalty of eternal destruction from *the* presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His strength" (vs 7-9).

We will witness Christ's retributions on the ungodly!

Verse 10: "When He [Jesus Christ] shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in that day in all those who believe (because our testimony was believed by you)."

Jesus is going to recompense tribulation to them; exact a full payment out of the ungodly!

Luke 18:7: "And shall not God execute vengeance for His elect, who cry out to Him day and night, and patiently watch over them? I tell you that He will execute vengeance for them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, shall He find the *true* faith on the earth?" (vs 7-8).

The Feast of Trumpets is designed to bring this world face-to-face with their transgressions and the ultimate consequences of the ungodly acts. Jesus Christ and the saints will put down the malicious rulers and lawless governments that have brought so much misery to mankind. Nearly all the simple people on the earth are going to be destroyed by the seven last trumpet plagues.

The great slaughter will be a sublime act of God's love. God has a great deal of mercy; we must not forget that. All the ungodly who die in the trumpet plagues will eventually have the opportunity to repent, all of them! They will live again and be given time to worship the true God. That is the awesome plan of God.

Those who repent, come to know and to worship the Creator God will be judged righteous in the Great White Throne Judgment and receive eternal life. God gives the opportunity to everyone; the opportunity for them to repent. The ultimate goal from the re will be to reach eternity.

The Feast of Trumpets shows God's mercy for all, as gruesome as it may sound. Even the ungodly! So, you see that the slaughter of the Day of the Lord is actually an act of Godly love! It's ultimately a momentous moment that welcomes repentance and salvation.

On the Feast of Trumpets the saints will return with Christ as an army of spirit beings to defeat that *beast and false prophet* in the Valley of Jehosphat and help establish God's Kingdom over all the earth, which is represented by the upcoming Holy Days of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Joel 1:15: "Alas for the day! For the Day of the LORD *is* at hand, and it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

Joel 3:2: "I will also gather all nations and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will fight with them there for My people and for My inheritance Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and divided My land."

Let us read more of the coming Day of the Lord.

Zechariah 14:1: "Behold, the Day of the LORD comes, and your spoil shall be divided in your midst, 'For I will gather all nations to battle against Jerusalem; and the city shall be taken, and the houses plundered, and the women raped. And half of the city shall go into exile, and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city" (vs 1-2).

Verse 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, 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).

There was a time in the Church of God when they did not realize that the saints would accompany Jesus at His return. Notice closely that it is *ALL* the saints will return with the Lord God.

Verse 5: "'And you shall flee to the valley of My mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah.' And the LORD my God shall come, and <u>all</u> the saints with You."

Did you ever realize that when Jesus will stand in that day upon the Mt. of Olives, that the

mount shall cleave in two, and that the saints will actually be there with Him. I know that when I first entered the Church of God—Worldwide—I don't believe that that was taught at all.

The Feast of Trumpets announces the day in the Plan of God in which Jesus will return to the earth to pour His wrath out on the lawless, the evil world in preparation for the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. That is the whole basis of this Day of Trumpets.

Revelation 11:15: "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.""

In Mark we find the time-setting of Christ's return:

- the 5th seal is *Satan's wrath for 2-1/2 years*
- the 6th seal are *the heavenly signs*
- the 7th seal is the Day of the Lord, God's wrath

Mark 13:24: "Now, in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light; and the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that *are* in heaven shall be shaken; and then they shall see the Son of man coming in *the* clouds with great power and glory" (vs 24-26).

The interesting thing is, the saints will be with Him, and what a glorious future for His Bride, the saints. God's Word speaks of incredible devastation and upheaval in the heavens, the seas and the earth.

After the Tribulation the nightly sky and the appearance of the landscape will little resemble what we know today. The heavenly constellations that we recognize today will be seen no more. The face of the earth will lie in ruins!

Isaiah 13:9: "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, 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" (vs 9-10).

That is what we're going to be seeing happening. Are we getting the picture of what Trumpets actually represents.

Verse 11: "And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and

will lay low the haughtiness of the tyrants."

The sixth seal of the heavenly signs is opened between Satan's wrath in the Tribulation and the Trumpet plagues that accompany Christ's return! What did Jesus say?

Matthew 24:29: "But immediately after the Tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (vs 29-30).

Again, the saints will accompany Jesus at this return!

Luke 21:25: And there shall be signs in *the* sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress and anxiety among *the* nations, *the* seas roaring with rolling surges; men dying of heart attacks from fear and dread of the things that are coming on the whole world; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with great power and glory" (vs 25-27).

Read that carefully; just exactly when will our redemption draw nigh? God will bring the saints with Jesus!

1-Thessalonians 4:14: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in exactly the same way also, those who have fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

There it is, again, brethren! Even the saints who are dead in their graves will God bring with Him! All the saints will He bring with Him when He returns on Trumpets!

Verse 15: "For this we say to you by *the* Word of *the* Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall in no wise precede those who have fallen asleep, because the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with *a* shout of command, with *the* voice of an archangel and with *the* trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in *the* clouds for *the* meeting with the Lord in *the* air; and so shall we always be with *the* Lord" (vs 15-17).

Again, I want to emphasize that the saints will accompany Jesus at His return to be ever with the Lord.

Verse 18: "Therefore, encourage one another with these words."

Revelation 6:9: "And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony that they held; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'How long, O Lord, Holy and true, do You not judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?' And white robes were given to each of them; and they were told that they should rest a short time, yet, until *it* be fulfilled *that* both their fellow servants and their brethren also would be killed, just as they had been" (vs 9-11).

They will be killed during the 2-1/2 years of Satan's wrath!

Verse 12: "And when He opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as the hair of sackcloth, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its untimely figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then *the* heaven departed like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 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 12-17). The seventh seal!

When the people of the nations refuse to repent, God's vengeance will come upon them all. They will live again at the Last Great Day! They will remember that the Lord was serious about them living righteously. Then most of mankind will repent and be able to enter into the Kingdom of God.

The sixth seal describes violent pandemonium in the heavens and major earthquakes spreading over the entire face of the earth. The sixth sea introduces the seventh seal, the one-year long wrath of the Lord.

Isaiah 34:8: "For *it is* the day of the LORD'S vengeance, the year to repay for the fighting against Zion."

So, the sixth seal, the heavenly signs divides Satan's part of the Tribulation from the Day of the Lord's wrath; the last year of the Tribulation: *the seventh seal!*

Acts 2:19: "And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapors of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome Day of the Lord" (vs 19-20).

So, the seventh seal consists of the seven trumpets, each signaling a massive earth-shattering cataclysm (Rev. 8:1-2). God is going to shake the earth powerfully and more furiously since He created man!

You might ask: Why would a loving God be so angry? Well, it's because He had a beautiful plan for mankind that was disrupted by evil, lawless men and their governments! When sinful men had every opportunity to appreciate the Creator God and did not do so, there was no choice. Jesus will return in great power to prepare the earth—as part of God's master plan—for those who will avail themselves of His blessing in the Millennium, the thousand year reign of Christ.

When the wrath of the Lamb is all finished, there will only be a small percentage of the earth's population left alive.

The Apostle Paul speaks often of the wrath of God; this must have been written about this time of the year:

Romans 2:2: "But we know that the judgment of God is according to Truth upon those who commit such things."

Verse 4: "Or do you despise the riches of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that the graciousness of God leads you to repentance? But you, according to your own hardness and unrepentant heart, are storing up wrath for yourself against *the* day of wrath and revelation of God's righteous judgment, Who will render to each one according to his own works" (vs 4-6).

Those who die at the end will remember this harsh lesson. Many will repent on that Last Great Day, the Great White Throne Judgment time. It's important to realize that. We are given many particulars of what this entails. The description of today's world is well found in those Scriptures.

Romans 1:18: "Indeed, *the* wrath of God is revealed from heaven upon all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the Truth in unrighteousness."

Let us take a picture of Trumpets! Ephesians 5:6: "Do not let anyone deceive you with vain words; for because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience."

We read it over and over again. People take God's patience as a sign that He does not mean what He says. But the Day of Trumpets will show them differently Colossians 3:6: "Because of these things, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience."

During the Tribulation those who worship the beast and his image and receive His mark shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God (Rev. 14:10, 19; 15:1, 7. The seven golden vials contain the final plagues of the wrath of God.

Revelation 16:1: "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.""

The Lord's wrath will come upon all ungodly men. Here are few Scriptures from the Old Testament. The saints of Church of God will be protected in God's place of safety during the three and a half years of wrath, the last year being *the Lord's wrath*!

Zephaniah 2:3: "Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth who have executed His judgment; seek righteousness; seek meekness. It may be that you shall be hidden in the day of the LORD'S anger."

We can also review a bit about the two suppers:

Revelation 19:1: "And after these things I heard *the* loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, 'Hallelujah! The salvation and the glory and the honor and the power *belong* to the Lord our God.""

Verse 7: "'Let us be glad and shout with joy; 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: 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'" (vs 7-9).

Everything fits into place! God's plan is a master plan, and it will occur according to what He has set aside at His time and place.

Rev. 16 shows the seven vials of the wrath of God being poured out one by one. The saints are on the Sea of Glass, being called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. The last vial brings the deeds of great Babylon into remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of God's wrath.

It's the two suppers; one is good and the other is to be avoided at all cost:

- 1. the marriage supper of the Lamb
- 2. the dreadful supper of the Great God of which Zephaniah speaks about:

Zephaniah 1:7: "Be silent before the face of the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD *is* at hand, for the LORD has appointed a sacrifice; He has consecrated His guests."

These verses will be fulfilled when Jesus is accompanied by His saints on the white horses, sacrificing the guests themselves who are bidden to the supper of the Great God.

Revelation 19:14: "And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses; *and* they were clothed in fine linen, white and pure."

I know that I'm repeating a lot of this, but it's important that we realize...

Verse 17: 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 17-18).

Verse 21: "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."

Sound's gruesome! The wrath of God will not be complete until after Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords has deposed the beast and those who worshipped his image; including the kings, the captains, the might men and the nations.

God's wrath is very comprehensive in nature.

Jeremiah 25:31: "'A noise shall come to the ends of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with the nations; He will plead with all flesh. He will give those *who are* wicked to the sword," says the LORD."

Isaiah 34:1: "Come near, you nations, to hear; and, you people, hearken; let the earth hear, and its fullness; the world, and its offspring, for the anger of the LORD *is* upon all nations, and His fury upon all their armies. He has completely destroyed them, He has delivered them to the slaughter" (vs 1-2).

This is what the Feast Day of Trumpets pictures. The emphasis is that we will be there with Jesus Christ. We will witness all of this first hand.

The Prophet Daniel spoke of Jesus as a Stone cut without hands. It gives us that picture of Jesus Christ coming in great power against all the kingdoms of the earth. God revealed that through Daniel, which shall be happening in the latter days.

Daniel 2:28: "But there is a God in heaven Who reveals secrets and makes known to King Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head upon your bed *are* these."

Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar that all the kingdoms of the earth would be pulverized at Christ's return. All the kingdoms of the earth will become kingdoms of Almighty God.

Verse 34: "You watched until a stone was cut out without hands that struck the image upon its feet, *which were* of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces."

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. And the dream *is* certain, and its interpretation is sure."

Jesus is that Stone cut without hands! The Feast of Trumpets is designed to ultimately bring about the world's repentance. People are going to be brought face-to-face with their Creator God regarding what they have committed:

- against Him directly
- against His way
- against His people

If it were not for the great destruction of the Day of the Lord this world would never change on its own. They would keep Christmas, Sunday, Easter and all their sinful ways.

So, this pain associated with this day with all of this destruction is over all going to bring about something that will be eternally good for them. Keep in mind that all who have died will come forth at the Last Great Day! That's the awesome end of God's Plan.

They will come forth at the Last Great Day, after a thousand years of the Millennium and have time to not only repent, but to know and worship the Great Creator God Who has made them!

Those who do repent and come to worship and know the true Creator God will be judged righteous in that Great White Throne Judgment, and receive eternal life!

See that the slaughter of the Day of the Lord is ultimately a momentous event that welcomes repentance and salvation.

What is the wrath of the Lamb; *the great day of the wrath of the Lamb has come!* No one will be able to stand against Him. Jesus Christ will be coming soon, and it will not be what most people are expecting or hoping for. The wrath of God is coming against all lawless evil men. Jesus will eradicate all ungodliness, all unrighteousness of the men who suppress the Truth of God.

Jesus is coming to prepare this earth for the Millennial rule. He is coming in retribution against this earth for its treatment of His saints. Jesus will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity. He will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease and lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Isaiah 13:11: "And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the tyrants."

We will be observing the most awesome Holy Day—the Feast of Trumpets—which will be a gruesome day, and a most memorable day in the history of mankind.

Let us, as potential saints, be honored and appreciate the calling that God has given each one of us; to understand our calling and fulfill our role in that calling. God has personally chosen each one of us separately and we can be so thankful in humility that He has chosen us to be part of His most magnificent plan, including our direct involvement on this particular day, the Day of Trumpets.

Let's take this seriously and fulfill our Almighty God's expectations and fulfill our responsibilities so that we may be justified before Jesus Christ and become and be one, the saints of God. We as the saints of God will be there every inch of the way when Jesus returns! We will be <u>forever with the Lord</u> as He has totally promised us through His Word and Truth!

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