

Shout for Joy

Feast of Trumpets

(Sermon Notes)

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This is the Feast of Trumpets, and God tells us to “Have meat in due season. That means that we are to speak of the spiritual meaning of this Holy Day. Today we will be talking about, “Rejoicing before the Lord!”

Leviticus 23:23 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying,

Leviticus 23:24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, [That is today] shall ye have a Sabbath, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets**, an holy convocation.

The word for **blowing of trumpets** has a **double** meaning – Yes it does mean a day of doom and gloom for the world. But that word ‘*Truah*’ pronounced ‘te-roo-aw’ has a special meaning for the people of God.

It is also an **acclamation of joy** or a battle cry; shouting, especially trumpets, as an alarm: a warning, blowing of the trumpets), **joy**, jubilee, loud noise, rejoicing, high, joyful sounding.

That is where I get the title for this Feast of Trumpets Sermon:

Shout for Joy. We **rejoice** because we will be **with** Jesus at His return. We have put all the scriptures together so that we might be able to grasp the time line of how all these events unfold. The world is blinded – because they do not believe all the word of God.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trumpet** of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

It is interesting that Paul uses the word “**Shout.**”

1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and **so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

Wherever Jesus is from that point on we will **cleave** to the Lord and be at His side.

This is **pertinent** today – on this Feast of trumpets. Let’s review briefly the **two suppers** of Revelation 19:

Revelation 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the **marriage of the Lamb** is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the **righteousness** of saints.

Revelation 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the **marriage supper** of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

That is beautiful – and that is what we pray we will be a part of.

Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a **white** horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Jesus is on that **white** horse:

Revelation 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Remember, We are with Jesus ever after the wedding supper and when He returns. That is why we **rejoice** today!

Revelation 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon **white horses**, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Revelation 19:15 And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Revelation 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the **buzzards** that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the **supper** of the great God;

That is the second supper in Revelation 19 – the **buzzard supper**.

Revelation 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

Revelation 19:19 And I saw the **beast**, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

This “beast” is an agent of Satan.

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he **deceived them** that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Revelation 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the **buzzards** were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 11:15 "The seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

After six thousand years of human misery, wars and sin, this world cries out for the day of Christ's return in power and great glory.

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

We know that God has given us a prophetic outline of events leading up to the return of the King of kings, Jesus Christ.

God's Feast days reveal His Plan of action. By comparing the words of Jesus in Matthew 24 with those in Revelation, the full meaning of the Feast of Trumpets is revealed. When opened, the seven seals of Revelation 5 reveal the sign of Christ's coming spoken of in Matthew 24.

Revelation 5:1 I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

Matthew 24:3 As [Jesus] sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, **when** shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Jesus told them that those things would take care of themselves – but the important thing for Christians to do is to **get their lives together** according to the Word of God.

Herbert W. Armstrong and his wife, Loma, began to keep these Holy Days – for the sole purpose that God said they were to be kept.

They had no idea WHY God said to keep them Holy - they just knew that God said – “Keep them.” So Mr. Armstrong and his wife did – a remarkable thing in itself.

They did not know that a revelation would come to them – just for obedience – But it did - a revelation did come to them.

But, Herbert W. Armstrong and his wife, Loma, did have a revelation come to them for obedience to God in keeping His seven Feasts of the Lord.

That revelation was – an understanding of how the **Plan of God** would unfold. That is a remarkable thing about God's Truth – once He shows His Truth to us – we must act on it – or spiritually we will dry up and we will die on the vine.

Psalms 111:10 ...A good understanding have all they that keep His commandments:

Few, if any, people on the face of the earth – in the 1920's had any idea of the Plan of God. We almost take the Plan of God for granted – we shouldn't.

So, what is it we should be doing today – on this Feast of Trumpets? We are to be looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Brethren, Knowing the Plan of God – helps us immensely. Where would we be without that Knowledge?

Knowing that Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth to establish His Father's Kingdom – here on earth, gives us **hope**. We are here today because the Feast of Trumpets is a commanded assembly.

Leviticus 23:24 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, **a holy convocation**.

A memorial – it means we need to remind ourselves of the meaning of this Feast. Trumpets portends a time of trouble for this world.

Let's look at an example of the blowing of trumpets – an example where God gathers His people – for this timely purpose of bringing them to the Land of Promise.

Numbers 10:1 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying,

Numbers 10:2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou may use them for the **calling of the assembly**, and for the journeying of the camps.

[We'll see that the trumpets were also used for signaling, for blowing an alarm or for an attack. There were a different amount of horns, and different signals]

Remember – it was Jesus Himself who led them, a pillar of cloud by day – a pillar of fire by night, into the Promised Land.

Numbers 10:3 And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. [3 million - orderly moving out together from the central location of the tabernacle]

Numbers 10:4 And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

Numbers 10:5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

Remember – it was Jesus Himself who was leading them, into the Promised Land. – His way, His pace,

Numbers 9:22 Or whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed.

Is Jesus Himself leading us today – Do we follow His Lead? That's the hard part – isn't it?

Trumpets pictures a time when God will intervene in the affairs of all men around the earth. Only a few will be saved. The greed, the hate, the selfishness, the plundering, the wars have destroyed the possibility of this earth's survivability.

In the same way that God led His people in the wilderness, let's realize that **God is Leading and directing in our lives today.**

The entire earth is set in its ways, Satan's way, The way that leads to death. Satan desired Peter – and Satan desires us as well.

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

The entire earth is set against God's way – not willing – not able to repent – Having gone so far into sin and perversion as to be irredeemable.

This Day of Trumpets is about Jesus intervening in an enormous way.

The bad, cruel, mean men are not going to win. We can see it shaping up before our eyes.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Brethren, when studying about The Day of The Lord, see find the seven trumpets which begin with the seventh seal. Keep in mind that it is Jesus Christ who reveals the meaning, the sequence and the fulfillment. We see that portrayed in Matthew 24 also.

Revelation was given to warn – “Blow the Trumpet aloud,” not only to His Church but to the entire world – right up to the return of Jesus. This is for the purpose of encouraging His Church. We are rapidly approaching the Day of The Lord.

It is almost like holding your breath at this point – Jesus Christ is about to intervene in the affairs of Mankind – like never before.

He is coming against all hatred, cruelty, idolatry, rebellion – the kings of this earth.

Revelation 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

We come here to a curious part – we haven't spoken much about – the Golden censer. First of all, what is an incense censer? I too often take these for granted – then I thought; a lot of people have never seen a censer.

It is a small container, a pot, for transporting coals of fire – good smelling very special incense was put on the burning coals.

A lot of smoke went up – representing the prayers of the saints.

Revelation 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden **censer**; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Revelation 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Revelation 8:5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

This takes place the last year before Jesus returns to establish the Kingdom of God. The Day of the Lord begins when the first trumpet sounds.

Revelation 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Revelation 10:11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

We see Two Witnesses Slain at the end of the end of the three and a half years.

Revelation 11:7 And when they [Two Witnesses] shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

Okay – here is where we are; it helps to chart these. Today, Trumpets, pictures the end of the sixth day – the 6000 years are at an end.

Remember when we saw in Matthew 24:30 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 in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Because men refuse to repent, will God continue to send each plague in sequence?

Jeremiah 25:30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; 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.

Jeremiah 25:31 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.

Jeremiah 25:32 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.

Jeremiah 25:33 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: They shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

The **Seventh Vial** – Great Earthquake (Revelation 16:17-21)

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. [Finished – over - complete] And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great... And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent [100 pounds]: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great. [pounding everything into rubble]

Zechariah 14:4 The great earthquake in Rev 16 – I think it is the same earthquake - mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst.

Hebrews 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Hebrews 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

Hebrews 12:27 And this word, Yet once more, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which **cannot be moved**, [unshaken] let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Today pictures the return of Jesus Christ in great power! Members of God's Church rejoice on the Feast of Trumpets because they look forward to the return of Jesus Christ. We will rule and reign with Him on the earth. **Shout for Joy!!!**

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