

# Trumpets to Trumpets

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What a tremendous privilege it is to be able to understand the things of the Word of God. The prophesied **Day of the Lord** is coming. The trumpet will sound, the saints will be raised from the grave and Jesus Christ will return to establish His Father's Kingdom on the earth.

It is a very special day for all those who wait for Jesus Christ the Messiah.

Zephaniah 1:7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the **Day of the Lord** is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

Zephaniah 1:8 And it shall come to pass in the **Day of the Lord's** sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

Zephaniah 1:14 The **great Day of the Lord** is **near**, it is **near**, and hastens greatly, even the voice of the **Day of the Lord**: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

Hastens greatly = It is fast approaching.

Zephaniah 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the **Day of the Lord's** wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

That one-year period of the Day of the Lord is going to be the most devastating year in the history of mankind. We begin to know of the PLAN of God – shown by God's Holy Days.

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**, an holy convocation.

We begin to know that each Holy Day depicts a major step in God's Plan to bring many sons to Glory.

We begin to know the Sabbath - where we have opportunity to learn and understand even more of God's perfect way.

We begin to know the Bible and the **incredible Truth** contained therein.

We begin to know God – and then to truly LOVE God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true** worshippers shall worship the Father in **spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeks such to worship him.

John 4:24 God is Spirit: and they that worship him **must** worship him in spirit and in truth.

Brethren, what a tremendous **privilege** it is **to know** -- to be able to pray to - and to **worship** God the Father and Jesus Christ in Spirit and in truth...

The Feast of Trumpets is Monday, and I will step out to my back porch and sound the shofar. I've already gotten it out – waiting for just the right moment. This is the shofar that I purchased for \$20 in Jerusalem back in 1983. I have sounded it every year since then. The piercing sound reverberates throughout the neighborhood - but I've never received a response.

God's people who observe His holy days are few. The world cannot see what we in God's Church see because they do not believe God and they do not observe His Holy Days – which would open up the meaning of the plan of God to them if only they were willing to observe the Feasts of the Lord. But now, they are blind to the tremendous plan of God – it is hidden to them.

We are so privileged to be able to see how God is going to work it all out. In the Scriptures we see the shofar being blown on the day of Trumpets.

On the Feast of Trumpets – I will be speaking on the **Eighth Angel** of Revelation 8. And this is what it is about:

The Feast of Trumpets pictures God's **divine judgment** on a sinful world while He shows mercy to His repentant saints.

Isaiah 34:8 For it is the **Day of the Lord's vengeance**, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.

Though the Bible does not command the sounding of the trumpet for the New Testament church, I will again mark the occasion with the blowing of the shofar. It is my tradition – and that of many others. Today's sermon is only a **prelude** to the Feast of Trumpets on **Monday**.

1Thesalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the **day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night.

2Peter 3:10 But the **day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Ezekiel 30:3 For the day *is* near, even the day of the LORD *is* near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

Amos 5:18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light.

Amos 5:19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Amos 5:20 *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

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

Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand;

Joel 2:2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years of many generations.

Joel 2:3 A fire devours before them; and behind them a flame burns: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

Joel 2:4 The appearance of them *is* as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

Joel 2:5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

Joel 2:6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

Joel 2:7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march everyone on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

Joel 2:8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk everyone in his path: and *when* they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

Joel 2:9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

Joel 2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

God has warned us repeatedly – He is going to **perform** His word. Notice:

Joel 2:11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong that **executes** his word: for the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Making sense out of the Feast of Trumpets. What do these Scriptures mean? Who do they apply to? I think I have more Scriptures marked “Day of the Lord” than any other Biblical topic.

#### Outline – sequential

Let’s look at the words of Jesus Christ as He explained a sequence to His disciples.

Matthew 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

This is the time of the **first** 4 seals.

Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Matthew 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Pentecost is the next Feast to have its fulfillment when the Church of God is resurrected to the Sea of Glass in the Father’s presence.

Leviticus 23 is a listing of the Feasts of the Lord:

Leviticus 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a **sheaf of the firstfruits** of your harvest unto the priest:

This is taking place in the context of Passover. This wave sheaf is Jesus Christ.

Leviticus 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.

Jesus was raised from the dead and accepted by His Father. We are a part of the Firstfruits with Christ – and we are tied together to Christ by the counting of fifty.

Leviticus 23:15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete:

Leviticus 23:16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number **fifty days**;

This counting brings us to the Feast of Pentecost. We count fifty.

Leviticus 23:17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations **two wave loaves** [That’s us] of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven [Jesus’ loaf was baked with **oil**]; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

“Baked with leaven” shows that our nature is sinful. We too are a wave offering – to be raised and accepted also – except our resurrection takes place 50 days later on Pentecost.

Leviticus 23:20 And the priest shall **wave** them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD.

## There are seven angels sounding trumpets

When the first trumpet blows, there is still one year until the saints come with Christ back to the earth.  
Title:

We are speaking of **Trumpets to Trumpets** – an entire year. We need to read closely.

1Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last** trump: for the **trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

The seventh trumpet is the resurrection of the saints - and that will take place on the last Pentecost before Christ's return.

The **last trumpet** to sound is on Pentecost – the resurrection of the saints. Jesus Christ will descend amid shouts, and a voice of an Archangel, and a **trumpet** blast. We must understand about all the Trumpets.

1Thesaloninas 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep.

All together...

1Thesaloninas 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:

This takes place on Pentecost. "Caught up together (v.17)," That is when the marriage Feast takes place. The question was asked me recently: What will be happening between the time we are wed to Jesus Christ on Pentecost - - and the time when Jesus comes on Trumpets?

On that final Pentecost we have the last of the seven trumpets (1Thesaloninas 4:16) that began to be blown on the previous Feast of Trumpets – marking the beginning of the Day of the Lord.

1Thesaloninas 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.

That means that from then on, wherever Christ is – that is where we will be – even with Him when He returns to earth on the following Feast of Trumpets. Ever = forever!!!

But it also marks the time between that final Pentecost before Jesus returns – when the saint's resurrection takes place – and the Feast of Trumpets when Jesus returns to the earth in power to establish His Father's Kingdom.

This period between Pentecost and Trumpets is the time of the Third woe – the first vial. [Roughly 3 months, 3 weeks]

Revelation 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, **seven angels** having the seven last plagues; for in them is **filled up the wrath** of God.

"**Filled up**," that completes the one year Day of the Lord's wrath as we saw in Zephaniah 1:18.

Do not get that mixed up with Revelation 8 which is right after the Heavenly Signs. It really helps to have a few charts. Revelation 8 begins with the seventh seal which are the seven trumpets.

I can email you one that I drew up – if you would like one – I just call it "Trumpets Chart." That is why God has us review His holy days every year – just so we get them straight in our minds.

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

Revelation 8:7 The first angel sounded [**his trumpet #1**], and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

## The **Feast of Trumpets** pictures the **Day of the Lord**

It lasts for one year – **Trumpets to Trumpets**

It is the last year of the Tribulation.

It is the Day of the Lord's wrath.

It follows 2 ½ years of Satan's wrath which are the first 2 ½ years of the 3 ½ year Tribulation.

Matthew 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

This will be the time of great religious confusion. People will be saying, "I've found the Lord over here." Do not believe them—it's a trap!

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Matthew 24:25 Behold, I have told you before.

Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun 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:

Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the **sign of the Son of man** [Jesus Christ] in heaven: and then shall **all the tribes of the earth mourn**, and they shall see the Son of man [Jesus Christ] coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. [God - an eternal spirit being]

Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with **a great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall gather together **his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. [What a day this pictures]

Let's go through the seven seals that only Jesus could open:

Revelation 5:1 And 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**.

This is where we get the term, **Seven Seals**.

Revelation 5:2 And I saw a strong angel asking with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?"

Revelation 5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

John was crestfallen – broken up – sad and disappointed because no one could reveal what was in the Father's prophetic book.

Revelation 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book, and to loose [Greek – 'luo' – loo\_o] the seven seals thereof.

There was no one who was able to **break** open the seven seals.

Revelation 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood **a Lamb** as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Of course, the Lamb is Jesus Christ.

Revelation 5:7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

Revelation 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.

Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

### **CHART – Countdown to the Return of Jesus Christ**

(A general outline with overlapping of time and events.)

First Seal: **False Religion** Revelation 6:2

Second Seal: **War** Revelation 6:4

Third Seal: **Famine** Revelation 6:5

Fourth Seal: **Pestilence** Revelation 6: 8

Fifth Seal: **Tribulation** Revelation 6:9

Sixth Seal: **Heavenly Signs** Revelation 6:12

Seventh Seal: **Day of the Lord** Revelation 8:5

All Revelation 8 here:

First Trumpet: Revelation 8:7 Trees and Grass burnt.

Second Trumpet: Revelation 8:8 Sea becomes blood.

Third Trumpet: Revelation 8:9 Sea dead – ships destroyed.

Fourth Trumpet: Revelation 8:12 Sun darkened.

Fifth Trumpet: Woe 1 - Revelation 9:1 Five months of torment.

Sixth Trumpet Woe 2 - Revelation 9:13 200 Million men kill 1/3 mankind – over 2 billion people. We will not be here to see that – not in the flesh.

Revelation 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet **repented not** of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils,

The purpose of these plagues / vials is so that mankind will repent.

Seventh Trumpet Third Woe Revelation 11:14-15 – Seven last Plagues.

First Vial – Grievous Sores (Revelation 16:2).

Second Vial – Sea as Blood (Revelation 16:3).

Third Vial – Rivers as Blood (Revelation 16:4).

Fourth Vial – Sun Scorches (Revelation 16:8-9, Isaiah 30:26)

Isaiah 30:26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the **sun** shall be **sevenfold**, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the breach of his people, and heals the stroke of their wound.

Fifth Vial – Darkness (Revelation 16:10-11)

Sixth Vial – The Euphrates River Dries Up (Revelation 16:12-14)

Seventh Vial – Great (natural disaster) Earthquake (Revelation 16:17-21)

Do not let the Seals, Trumpets and Vials overwhelm you. **7-7-7** is a good way to break it down.

**Seven** seals, **Seven** Trumpets, **Seven** Vials

We look at these each year – especially on the Feast of Trumpets.

The seven seals are in Revelation 5 – through Revelation 11 where we see the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (the third woe) (Verse:15)

And then the 7 vials or bowls are in Revelation 15 and 16

Seventh Vial – Great Earthquake

Revelation 16:17 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]

Revelation 16:18 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.

Revelation 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Revelation 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Revelation 16:21 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. [breaking everything into ruin]

The great earthquake in Revelation 16 – I think it is the same **earthquake**.

Zechariah 14:4 And His [Jesus Christ] feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

When the Seventh Seal – Seventh Trumpet – Seventh Vial are Finished, we come to ... The Return of Jesus Christ in Great Power.

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.

Conclusion

Isaiah 2:12 For the **Day of the Lord** of hosts shall be upon every one that is **proud** and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

Isaiah 13:6 Howl ye; for the **Day of the Lord** is at hand; it shall come as a **destruction** from the Almighty.

Isaiah 13:9 Behold, the **Day of the Lord** cometh, **cruel** both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Jeremiah 46:10 For this is the **Day of the Lord** GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

Lamentations 2:22 Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about, so that in the **Day of the Lord's anger** none escaped nor remained: those that I have swaddled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

Ezekiel 30:3 For the day is **near**, even the **Day of the Lord** is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

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

Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the **Day of the Lord** cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before** the great and the terrible **Day of the Lord** come.

Joel 3:14 Multitudes, **multitudes** in the valley of decision: for the **Day of the Lord** is near in the valley of decision.

The **Day of the Lord**, It is nothing to look forward to!

Amos 5:18 Woe unto you that **desire** the **Day of the Lord**! To what end is it for you? the **Day of the Lord** is darkness, and not light.

Amos 5:20 Shall not the **Day of the Lord** be darkness, and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it?

Obadiah 1:15 For the **Day of the Lord** is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

Here is the Action Step in today's sermon and it is: **Act now!**

Zephaniah 2:2 Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the **Day of the Lord's** anger come upon you.

Zephaniah 2:3 **Seek ye the LORD**, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the **Day of the Lord's** anger.

Zechariah 14:1 Behold, the **Day of the Lord** cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

In the New Testament we find:

Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable **Day of the Lord** come:

1Corinthians 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the **Day of the Lord** Jesus.

2Corinthians 1:14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your **rejoicing**, even as ye also are ours in the **day of the Lord** Jesus.

It will be a great and glorious day when the Day of the Lord comes to its conclusion. It will be a Day of **rejoicing** when Jesus Christ sets His feet upon the Mount of Olives to begin the great and wonderful Feast that will last a thousand years—the wonderful world tomorrow—in the Kingdom of God.

End: Trumpets to Trumpets