

The Great Day of the Almighty God

Woes, plagues, blowing of trumpets, war and invasion from outer space
(Feast of Trumpets)

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Greetings, brethren! Welcome to the Feast of Trumpets!

It certainly has been a volatile time recently, without question! Here we are with the Feast of Trumpets, which is one of the most important Feasts in the Bible. *It tells us specifically*—with all the prophetic things tied in together—*when Jesus and the saints are going to stand on the earth and bring the Kingdom of God to this earth!*

However, if you read the command for the Feast of Trumpets in Lev. 23, it doesn't tell us anything of the magnitude of the ultimate fulfillment of this day.

Leviticus 23:23: “And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ‘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...**”’” (vs 23-24).

They had silver and gold trumpets and ram's horns, and ram's horns were used for war. So, this day is a *war feast!*

“...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).

We know that today we do not have animal sacrifices, but in our world today we bring offerings of value, and that value will be in the form of excepted monetary value.

If you had to offer a heifer, a goat or lamb that would be worth a whole lot more. They figure that on the hoof of beef cattle is worth about \$1500. I'm not saying that you should give \$1500, *don't misunderstand me!* I'm just giving you an example of value.

Offerings go all the way down to *flour offerings*, which would be those things of least value.

So, whatever you are able to give, what you want to give to God—and it goes to the Church—and it will be used to preach the Gospel, to feed the flock and to take care of the things that God wants us to do.

(pause for the offering)

Why is the world in such a mess that it is in? *This is not the first time that the world has been in desperate shape!*

We know when Adam and Eve decided to go on their own and do their own thing and go their own way, they decided for themselves what would be good and what would be evil. ***They didn't understand that God created us to need Him!*** That's the important thing to understand.

- we need God
- we need His laws
- we need His commandments
- we need His Spirit
- we need Him to teach us out of His Word
 - ✓ with His character
 - ✓ with His love
 - ✓ with everything that is there

However, when we go off on our own and we think we know it all, and you expand that out to the whole world, then you see what's wrong with it.

Jeremiah 10:23: "O LORD, I know..."

What was Jeremiah doing? *Bringing the prophecies to the people of Jerusalem—of the fall of Jerusalem and Judea—of going into captivity into Babylon because of their sins! So, he knew!*

"...that the way of man is not in himself, **it is not in man who walks to direct his steps**" (v 23).

That's why when you look at the whole world, everyone is doing it and the evil is coming! There was another time, and Jesus mentions this in Matt. 24, when the world was like this, and this led to the Flood. That was a great cataclysm! In the Greek: 'kataklysmos'! God has not gone way off some place!

- He's watching over the earth
 - He's watching over all mankind
 - He's watching over, especially, His Church
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- He judges individuals
 - He judges nations
 - He judges the whole world

And that's going to happen again on the final Feast of Trumpets when Christ returns!

Think about this verse in Gen. 6, and understand that the Word of God will *never ever, ever* fail!

Genesis 6:5: “And **the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth...**”

What happens when you have generation after generation after generation of going your own way, every man and woman doing what's right in their own eyes under the guise and inspiration of Satan the devil? *He always comes as an angel of light to provide benefits, which always lead to destruction!*

Think about this; think how important this is:

“...and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (v 5).

That's just the way it is today! Look at the evil everywhere! We are seeing the closing in of Satan's complete deception of the whole world, *and only God can rescue us from that!*

Let's see how it affects a whole nation. Look at what's been happening this spring and summer in the United States. We will see the reason that it is in the condition that it is today is *because everyone is doing what is right in his or her own eyes!*

Let's understand as we go through, God is dealing with the whole world. Just like Paul wrote, ‘In Him we live, move and have our being’ and God has set the boundaries of the nations, and God is judging the nations (Jer. 18), and also every individual (Gen. 6:5). Now let's see what Isaiah had to say to Israel and to Judah.

Isaiah 1:2: “Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken, ‘I have reared and brought up children, **but they have rebelled against Me.**””

Read any part in the Old Testament and you will see that ***when men leave the Laws of God trouble ensues!*** Then it's multiplied even more when they go after Satan the devil, who takes them even further in deprivation and war and perversion.

Here's the comparison,

v 3: “The ox knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib; *but* Israel...

[put there *the whole world*]

...**does not know Me; My people do not understand.**”

What is the understanding that they lack? *When you leave the Laws of God there are penalties individually and collectively, and they come automatically!* That’s why the world is the way it is, and this is why Christ has to return to rescue it.

Verse 4: “Ah, sinful nation, a people burdened *with* iniquity...

[think about all the iniquity that’s going on]

...a seed of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD; they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger; they have gone away backward.”

Whenever you go away backward, you’re going into trouble, difficulty, pain, agony and death: *individually and collectively!*

Verse 5: “Why should you be stricken any more? You will revolt more and more; the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the *top of the* head *there is* no soundness in it; *only* wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed, nor bound up, nor soothed with ointment” (vs 5-6).

There’s no way, because it’s not in man or woman to know how to live separate from the laws and Word of God. Those who keep part of it do better. Those who completely go after Satan the devil do worse. *That’s the contrast!*

But *those who love God and are His begotten children, are the ones who are walking in righteousness and in Truth!* We need to get this message out to the world! God said that *if you don’t do it, then He’s going to hold us responsible!*

Verse 7: Your country *is* a desolation, your cities *are* burned with fire....”

Doesn’t that tell you what’s going on? There it is right here!

“...**Strangers devour your land right in your very presence, and it is wasted, as overthrown by strangers.** And the daughter of Zion...” (vs 7-9).

Apply that to the ten tribes of Israel, the modern descendants today, and to America or any country when it comes down to this.

“...is left as a booth in a vineyard, like a hut in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city” (v 8).

What does that mean? *There's so much sin and evil going on, it's just like creeping vines and it gets everywhere!*

Here's the good news; *here's the Church,*

v 9: "Except the LORD of hosts had left us a very small remnant, we would have been as Sodom; we would have become like Gomorrah."

Then He says to the rulers, because they are responsible, and the rulers in the churches are responsible. Of course, they think fake Christianity is the Truth. Well, *you can't mix Truth with lies and expect a good result!*

The lawlessness from the pulpit, as I have brought out many times, is the root cause of all the problems that we have in America and in the nations of Israel today!

Verse 10: "Hear the Word of the LORD, rulers of Sodom; give ear to the Law of our God, people of Gomorrah."

They say they're 'good people'; but God says *no, you're not!* They have their own ways of doing things.

God says,

v 12: "When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand, to trample My courts?"

- When they come before God on Sunday, who has required that? **Men!** Not God!
- When they have their Christmas, Easter, Halloween, New Years and all of that, who has required that? **Men!** Not God!
- Who is behind the men? *Satan the devil!*

Verse 13: "Bring no more vain sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me—new moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies..."

That's their sabbath, which is Sunday.

They're so deluded that they *think* they're doing the right thing when they're worshipping on the day of the sun!

"...I cannot endure iniquity along with the solemn assembly! **Your new moons ...**

[your way of doing thing, your calendar, *instead of God's*]

...and **your appointed feasts**...

[Christmas, Easter, etc.]

...**My soul hates**; they are a trouble to Me; I am weary to bear *them*. And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide My eyes from you..." (vs 13-15).

You don't come to God in real repentance, and that followed up with baptism, followed up with a change of heart, and that followed up with conversion. You just come and give your mealy-mouthed three second, 'O forgive me my sins, Jesus, I believe in You and I'm saved forever.'

"...yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood...." (v 15)

—*the blood of the innocent who are aborted*, as well as the murders, killings and drugs—everything like that!

But God always holds out repentance. If there's repentance, God will hold back!

Verse 16: "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes; cease to do evil"

—*stop it!*

Verse 17: "Learn to do good...

[because you have learned nothing but evil]

...seek judgment, reprove the oppressor. Judge the orphan; plead for the widow....

[if you do that]:

...Come now, and let us reason together,' says the LORD. 'Though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. **If** you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land'" (vs 17-19).

- Have we passed that point? *I don't know!*
- How long do we have? *We'll have to wait and see!*

We need to stay faithful and remain close to God ourselves!

Micah 1—here is a prophecy or a foretelling of what God is going to do. We will see in the book of Revelation this is exactly what God is going to do.

Micah 1:2: "Hear, all you people!....

[everyone]

...Hearken, O earth...

[everyone in the world]

...and *all* its fullness. And let the Lord GOD be witness against you, *even* the LORD from His Holy temple, for behold, the LORD *is* coming out of His place, and will come down and tread on the high places of the earth. And the mountains shall melt under Him, and the valleys shall split open, as wax before the fire, and as waters that are poured down a steep place” (vs 2-4).

All because of the sins of the people!

Let’s see what God says, because someone is going to say, ‘Why is God going to do that, we’re good people?’

Micah 6:1: “Hear now what the LORD says, ‘Arise, contend with the mountains and let the hills hear your voice. O mountains, hear the LORD’S controversy; and you, strong foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a controversy with His people...

[and we will later, *the whole world*]

...and He will plead His case with Israel.” *And with the whole world!*

This is quite a thing that’s going to take place when Christ returns. It’s going to affect the whole world.

Verse 3: “O My people, what have I done to you? And in what way have I made you weary? Testify against Me!”

—*tell Me!*

The first thing they’re going to do is say that ‘it’s Your Law!’ That’s the problem! Everyone wants lawlessness, yet, they want things to be good. *Never happen! Never, never happen!* Let’s see how this is going to affect the whole world.

In these minor prophets we find some very interesting things, indeed! Some foretelling of what’s going to happen when Jesus Christ does actually return.

Habakkuk 1:1: “The burden which Habakkuk the prophet saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry and You will not hear? I cry out to You *of* violence, and You do not save!” (vs 1-2).

That’s what’s going to happen! The people are going to do that. Why is this happening?

Verse 3: “Why do You show me wickedness, and trouble? For destruction and violence *are* before me; and there is strife, and contention rises up. Therefore, the law has become ineffective...” (vs 3-4).

A lot of people say they want law and order. Now they're so blindly educated and dumbed-down into lawlessness that they will settle for nothing but destruction! Why is that?

- Because the people have left God!
- Because it's just like Gen. 6—every thought of the imagination of the heart of men and women is evil all the time, continually!

It's heightened now with all the hi-tech things that are brought to bear, and the children are taught at an early age. That's just the way that Satan wants it! He wants to destroy the human race. *They're going to have to pay a penalty, but God is going to save them!*

“...and judgment does not always go forth, for the wicked entraps the righteous; therefore, judgment goes forth perverted....

[then God says]:

...‘Look among the nations, and behold and be amazed and stunned; for *I* will work a work in your days *which* you will not believe, not even if it is declared to you’” (vs 4-5).

We're going to see what that's going to be like when we get to the book of Revelation. Let's see what's going to happen; let's see how it's going to take place, because this day of the Feast of Trumpets shows the power of God in the person of Christ and the Holy angels, after the resurrection, the saints. It's going to be a marvelous thing, indeed!

We'll look at Isaiah and then in Jeremiah about the things of the problems of the whole world, and that God has a controversy with everything, with the whole world!

When you look at the Churches of God, you look at Rev. 3 where it talks about the Church that is lukewarm, even the things in the world have affected the Churches of God. Think about how much has been compromised!

Isaiah 13:1: “The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.”
Today it's Babylon the Great, the whole world!

That's why when you go to the book of Daniel it starts out with King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Empire and the Chaldeans. That's the head that goes all the way down through the body to the feet and toes.

When it says Babylon, don't think it is just Babylon back there, because let's read and see what it says:

Verse 2: “Lift up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice to them, wave the hand

so that they may go into the gates of the nobles.”

Everyone is going to know! Everyone is going to understand!

Sidebar: Today they’re putting up satellites that will be at lower levels so that everyone will be able to have visualization and communication that can go anywhere in the world. God is making that known so there will be no excuse for anyone to say, ‘Lord, why didn’t You tell me?’

Verse 2: “Lift up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice to them, wave the hand so that they may go into the gates of the nobles. I have commanded My Holy ones...

[angels]

...I have also called My mighty ones for My anger, *even* those who rejoice in My triumph” (vs 2-3)

—to carry out the will of God to destroy the evil!

Verse 4: “The noise of a multitude in the mountains, as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations...

[the whole world is involved in this]

...gathered together; the LORD of hosts gathers an army for the battle. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven...” (vs 4-5).

What do you think the rising of China is all about?

“...the LORD and the weapons of His indignation, to destroy the whole earth. Howl! For the Day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty” (vs 5-6).

We’re going to see that in the book of Revelation what absolute destruction is coming! It’s going to be awesome indeed!

Verse 7: “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...” (vs 7-9).

People ask how a God of love do that? *Because that’s punishment for the absolute rebellion against the God of love:*

- by those who don’t love God
- by those who hate God

- by those who despise God

It's coming! They will be cruel to the people of God.

There will be martyrdom again, so God brings cruelty upon them.

“...both *with* wrath and fierce anger, to make the earth a desolation; and He shall destroy the sinners out of it” (v 9).

That's quite a thing! But look what else happens. These things don't happen in a vacuum. It's not just one episode; it affects everything on the earth, everything in the solar system, and even the heavens.

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.

Verse 11—God says:

“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.”

That is going to be a carnage so awesome... Notice what it says about that:

Verse 12: “**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 12-13).

That's quite a thing! Think about that! Now, the book of Isaiah is a tremendous book of Prophecy, covering so much of God's plan and put in such a way that unless you're willing to love God and obey Him, you can't understand it. Therefore, a lot of those who say that they know what's going to happen because they belong to this *fake* church or that *fake* church, or this evangelist or that whatever other. They'll have part of it and go off and have it wrong.

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

How is that going to work? *That's something to think about!*

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).

That is a tremendous thing to contemplate! It's going to happen!

“...**laid waste** and **utterly stripped**; for the LORD has spoken this word” (v 3).

If there are any skeptics out there, or anyone thinks that this guy (Fred) is getting carried away, ***never has a single word that God has recorded in His Bible failed! Never! Not one!***

Jesus said concerning His words of prophecy, Matt. 24, ***‘Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall never pass away!’*** So, it's going to happen!

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).

That's why it's not these people are sinful or those people are sinful. It's not this cause or that cause. It's because of right here: “...**they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance...**”

Go out and look around and see how many people, churches or organizations want to love God and keep His commandments. If everybody did that we wouldn't have these problems.

But they think that if they go their own way that they can handle it. But they don't understand that if they don't go God's way, there's no way in them that they can go to direct their paths, as Jeremiah said. ***It just won't work! So, God has to come in power and authority, and to lay waste the world in order to save it!***

Verse 6: “Therefore, the curse has devoured the earth...”
—*because where there's a law and free choice there has to be a penalty for rejecting it, and a blessing for keeping it!*

“...and they who dwell in it are desolate; therefore, the people of the earth are burned, **and few men are left**” (v 6).

Let's see what Jeremiah says. Jeremiah was given quite a prophetic message to take. It has to go to the whole world, to all nations! We know that this prophecy encompasses all the nations of the world, so there needs to be a message going out today, which God is going to send out. It will be bringing this understanding and this warning to the world. We'll see what that is right here:

Jeremiah 25:15: “For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to me...”
When God says, ‘I say so’ it’s going to be done! There’s no way that the Word of God is not going to be fulfilled.

“...‘Take the wine cup of this wrath at My hand...’” (v 15).
*We will see the wrath of God in Rev. 16, **the seven last plagues!*** Leading up that all the other things that take place.

“...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
[Jeremiah]
took the cup at the LORD’S hand, and made all the nations drink, to whom the LORD had sent me” (vs 15-16)
—in vision!

Jeremiah didn’t go anyplace, and this is for our time. Then he lists all of them starting in Jerusalem and going to the rest of the world. He summarizes it in:

Verse 26: “and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which *are* on the face of the earth...”
That’s as thorough a warning as you can get!

“...and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them” (v 26).
This is a type of the coming beast (Rev. 13).

Verse 27: “Therefore, you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Drink and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and rise no more because of the sword which I will send among you. And it shall come to pass if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “You shall certainly drink. For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city, which is called by My name...
[Jerusalem]
...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” (vs 27-29).
Think on that! Remember those words!

There’s a tremendous warning message that needs to get out there. What did Jesus say?
*This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world to all nations, and **then the end shall come!*** This verifies it!

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

[not just with His people, but all the nations of the world]

...He will plead with all flesh. He will give those *who are* wicked to the sword,”” says the LORD” (vs 30-31).

We will see how that is going to be carried out later in the book of Revelation

Verse 32: “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. 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”” (vs 32-33).

Now we will see how all of these things will transpire, exactly as God has said that it would.

The book of Revelation is laid out in such a way that it also follows the pattern of the Holy Days in Lev. 23, which is quite startling indeed when you come to understand it. No one would guess that just by reading Lev. 23 that Revelation would follow that pattern.

Note our sermon series *Daniel/Revelation*, which is a complete verse-by-verse study with charts and everything laid out the way that it should be, according to the Calculated Hebrew Calendar. The end-time is keyed to the last week of Daniel’s 70-week prophecy. Each week has 7 days and a day is as a year in prophecy.

Rev. 6—the seals are opened. We need to realize that Rev. 5 tells us very clearly that only Christ is going to open the seals, and that will only be at the command of God the Father. So, the book of Revelation—when you understand it—is God the Father’s revelation that He gave to Jesus Christ, Who gave it to John to give to the Church, so that we, at the end-time, could understand.

In Dan. 12, Daniel was told that from, his time forward these things were closed until the time of the end. At the time of the end ***‘the wise shall understand.’*** The wise ones are those who love God and keep His commandments, and who do the things that God delights in. Who also understand the prophecies, not because we’re smarter than anybody else, but because we rely on the Word of God and the pattern of the Holy Days of God.

So, for those who don't keep the Sabbath or the Holy Days, they may understand some smidgens of prophecy, but not the book of Revelation. They may understand a part of it here or there, but a part here and a part there doesn't give you the full overall picture.

So, you need to get the Daniel/Revelation Transcript Book with CDs. Go through the Scriptures in Daniel and Revelation. We have nice charts so you can understand that last seven years.

Rev. 6 comes to two full years into the last seven, and this is when Christ intervenes directly. As we have seen by the prophecies that we've already covered.

Revelation 6:12: 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."

We read part of that in the book of Isaiah!

Verse 13: "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..." (vs 13-14).

This is going to be an awesome event. This is going to be an earth-shattering and earth-startling event for those who are still live at that time, because the majority of deaths are yet ahead.

Verse 14: "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...

[notice that God the Father is involved here, too]

...because the great day of His wrath has come, and who has the power to stand?" (vs 14-17).

Rev. 7 occurs on a Pentecost, and this is the saving of the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude. The earth, as we've seen with all of the earthquakes and everything that takes place, these things need to be repaired in order for the next part of the revelation to go forward.

So, from Pentecost to Trumpets is a space of about four months and a week or two. That's the time that the earth will re-group and Satan will be telling them:

No, no, no! This is not Christ. This is the antichrist and we need to beware that there may be

an invasion from outer space.

Which will happen, but not right at this point!

Right at this point the six seals have been opened, and then the seventh seal is opened and the trumpet plagues come. That's starts on the Feast of Trumpets of the last year before Christ and the saints who have been resurrected will return to the earth to rescue the rest of mankind and start the Kingdom of God and the Millennial reign on the earth.

Here's what's going to happen before, and remember, this starts on the Feast of Trumpets.

Revelation 8:1: "Now, when He opened the seventh seal, *there* was silence in heaven *for* about a half hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them" (vs 1-2).

Remember, we'll be raised from the dead at the seventh trump. Please understand that the book of Revelation is the only place in the Bible where there are trumpets in sequence and are blown one after the other to where we come to the seventh or last trumpet. That's when the dead will be raised on the Pentecost just before the last Trumpets. Again, we'll see that.

Verse 3: "And another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar..."
All of these things start at the Throne of God in heaven above and are carried out on the earth.

"...and much incense was given to him, so that he might offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that *was* before the Throne" (v 3).

All the saints are those who are living: the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude and those who happen to be in a place of safety.

Verse 4: "And the smoke of the incense went up before God from *the* hand of the angel, ascending with the prayers of the saints. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire from the altar, and cast *it* into the earth; and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake: (vs 4-5).

When the Millennium begins, the earth is going to be whole lot different than it is today. That's going to be something to behold.

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

It's not men fighting against men; it's now angels of God against men and demons. Who is the head of the demons? *Satan the devil!* This is when it really gets bad!

Verse 7: “And the first angel sounded *his* trumpet; and there was hail and fire mingled with blood, and it was cast upon the earth; and a third of the trees were burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.”

Think of that! Think of what an awesome thing that's going to be!

Verse 8: “Then the second angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* was cast into the sea as *it were* a great mountain burning with fire, and a third of the sea became blood; and a third of the living creatures that *were* in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed” (vs 8-9).

These are awesome events to take place!

Verse 10: And the third angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* fell out of heaven a great star, burning like a lamp; and it fell on a third of the rivers, and on the fountains of waters. Now, the name of the star is Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood; and many men died from *drinking* the waters because they were made bitter. Then the fourth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and a third of the sun was smitten, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars...

[just like we read in the book of Isaiah]

...so that a third of them were darkened; and a third part of the day did not shine, and likewise *a third part of the night*” (vs 10-12).

John is seeing this vision and he said,

v 13: “And I looked, and I heard an angel flying in the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘**Woe, woe, woe to those who are dwelling on the earth, because of the voices of the remaining trumpets of the three angels who *are* about to sound *their* trumpets**’”

The first four come suddenly, one after the other! Now, here are the armies and they're the armies that come out of Europe and come down to the Holy Land. They are there and they're going to fight. There are the armies from the east. *This is going to involve all the armies of the world! We will see that God has a great surprise for these armies!*

Revelation 9:1 “And the fifth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I saw a star...

[an angel of God]

...*that* had fallen from heaven to the earth, and there was given to him the key to the bottomless abyss”

—*the prison of the demons!*

Here the demons are going to be let out on the earth in an incomprehensible number that

has never been since the founding of the world.

Verse 2: “And he opened the bottomless abyss; and there went up smoke from the pit, like *the* smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke from the pit. Then locusts came onto the earth from the smoke; and power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was said to them that they should not damage the grass of the earth...” (vs 2-4).

It was burned up before, and now it's grown back. Trees and plants if there's water they grow. When it's dark, cloudy and there are storms that are coming. So, here's the green grass.

“...or any green thing, or any tree, **but only the men who did not have the seal of God in their foreheads**” (v 4).

Who are the ones who have the seal of God in their foreheads at that time? *The 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude!*

Verse 5: “And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment *was* like *the* torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.”

This is kind of like a super-secret demonic high-tech weapon!

Verse 6: “And in those days men will seek death but will not find it; and they will desire to die, but death will flee from them. And the appearance of the locusts *was* like horses prepared for war; and on their heads *were* crowns like *those* of gold; and their faces *were* like *the* faces of men; and they had hair like women's hair; and their teeth were like *those* of lions. And they had breastplates like iron breastplates; and the sound of their wings *was* like *the* sound of chariots *drawn* by many horses running to war” (vs 6-9).

This is quite a thing!

Verse 10: “And they had tails like scorpions, and stingers; and they were *given* power to injure men with their tails *for* five months. **And they have over them a king, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but the name he has in Greek is Apollyon**” (vs 10-11)

—*Satan the devil!*

Verse 12: “The **first woe is past**. Behold, after these things **two more woes are still to come.**”

This is going to be something, because these armies will be fighting for the control of the world! Now it's going to involve all the mass armies from the east all the way from China, India, Southeast Asia, Uzbekistan, all of the 'stans,' Iran. All the armies are going to be strung out from China clear to the Euphrates River. *A massive thing indeed!* Never before anything like this!

Verse 13: "And the sixth angel sounded *his* trumpet; and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar that *is* before God; *and* it said to the sixth angel, who had the trumpet, 'Loose the four angels who are bound in the great River Euphrates'" (vs 13-14).

Think about that! God has four angels in the River Euphrates bound there until this time. These are demonic angels.

Verse 15: "Then the four angels, who had been prepared for...
[Listen to this; is God on time? *Yes, indeed!*]

...the hour and day and month and year, were loosed, so that they might kill a third of men."

This is going to be awesome!

Like the Bible says, the dead will be strewn out from one end of the horizon to the other.

Verse 16: "And the number of *the* armies of the horsemen *was* two hundred thousand thousand; and I heard the number of them."

That is 200-million! That's an awful lot of armies; not one single army, but many, many armies strung out from the Far East all the way to the River Euphrates.

Verse 17: "And so, I saw the horses in the vision, and those sitting on them, who had fiery breastplates, even like jacinth and brimstone. And the heads of the horses *were* like heads of lions, and fire and smoke and brimstone shoot out of their mouths. 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" (vs 17-19).

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, 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).

Quite an awesome thing to take place!

Think of the armies coming over toward Jerusalem, the armies that are already there in that

area from out of Europe and the Muslim countries there *waiting for the clash!*

We will see later the final battle is going to be in the Valley of Megiddo or Armageddon. That is a vast flat plain.

Rev. 10 is a very interesting one, a very short chapter, but there are some things here that are going to be so awesome! Let's see what's going to happen.

Revelation 10:1: "Then I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud, and *with* a rainbow on his head; and his face *was* like the sun, and his feet *were* like pillars of fire; and he had in his hand a little book *that was* open. And he placed his right foot on the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as a lion roars. And when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders spoke *with* their voices, I was about to write. But I heard a voice from heaven say to me, '**Seal what the seven thunders spoke, and do not write them.**' Then the angel whom I had seen standing on the sea and on the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by Him Who lives into the ages of eternity, Who created the heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, '**There shall be no more delay**'" (vs 1-6).

It's going to continue!

Verse 7: "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound *the* trumpet, the mystery of God shall also be completed, according to the Gospel *that* He declared to His servants the prophets. Then the voice that I heard from heaven spoke to me again, and said, 'Go, take the little book that is open in the hand of *the* angel who is standing on the sea and on the earth.' And I went to the angel, *and* said to him, 'Give me the little book.' And he said to me, 'Take *it* and eat it; and it shall make your belly bitter, but in your mouth it shall be sweet as honey.'" (vs 7-9).

Verse 10: "Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it; and it was sweet as honey in my mouth; but after I ate it, my belly was bitter. And he said to me, 'You must again prophesy against many people, and nations, and languages and kings'" (vs 10-11).

A final warning!

How that's going to be done, we don't know, but we'll find out when that time comes. The Rev. 11 is about the two witnesses. It's very interesting about the two witnesses:

- they have a ministry that is to last 1,260 days
- they're to witness against the beast and the false prophet
- there is going to be another temple built, the Jewish temple

That's the one that the 'abomination of desolation' occurs in when the Beast Power goes into the Holy of Holies and declares himself to be 'God.' There will be a fierce battle between the two witnesses *and* the beast and the false prophet, just like it was between Pharaoh and his court *and* Moses and Aaron. The two witnesses, during their ministry, can call down plagues and fire, whatever, any time that they will. *This is prophesied of in Zech. 3 & 4!*

Sidebar: don't let any minister fool you by saying that he's one of the two witnesses. There's a man who did that some time ago and he finally revealed that his wife was the second one.

But understand that everything to do with Jerusalem and the temple is going to be handled by God, and ***He's going to select the two witnesses!*** One will be the high priest of the coming temple, and the other will be the governor of Judea.

When they completed their witness they're going to be killed. The world is going to be so happy that they are dead that they're going to leave their bodies in the streets of Jerusalem so all the world can see it. The world is going to be happy and rejoice and give gifts to one another.

Revelation 11:11: "Then after the three and a half days, *the* spirit of life from God entered into them and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them."

Think about this fulfilling of the Word of God. These are the last two martyrs, but they fulfill the verse that says, 'The last shall be first' and they are the first two resurrected.

Verse 12: "And they heard a great voice from heaven, say, 'Come up here!' And they ascended into heaven in a cloud; and their enemies saw them *rise*. And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand men were killed in the earthquake. And the rest were filled with fear, and gave glory to the God of heaven. **The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming immediately. Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet...**" (vs 11-15).

- this is the last trumpet
- this is the first resurrection
- this takes place on the last Pentecost
 - ✓ all the saints are raised
 - ✓ all the prophets are raised
 - ✓ all the righteous kings are raised

We are all carried by angels up to a vast Sea of Glass right over where the Battle of Armageddon is going to be!

They're going to look up there and see an invasion from outer space! Now we have from Pentecost to Trumpets, and that's when the seven last plagues are poured out.

Revelation 15:5: "And after these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. And the seven angels who had the seven *last* plagues came out of the temple; they were clothed in linen, pure and bright, and girded about the chest with golden breastplates. And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden vials, **full of the wrath of God**, Who lives into the ages of eternity. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; and no one was able to enter inside the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled" (vs 5-8).

Here we have the world now being stricken by God again, and we'll see that ***they don't repent!*** Think about all the devastation that has occurred. You might just get a little bit of understanding of what this is like if you ever saw the destruction of Berlin by the Russians coming into Berlin and the fight that was there. They fought against all odds, but lost! Hitler and his entourage were down in a bunker. They knew the end was coming, but they wanted all people who could even walk and hold a gun to go fight. So, it's going to be the same kind of attitude here in,

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.' And the **first angel** went and poured out his vial onto the earth; and an evil and grievous sore fell upon the men who had the mark of the beast, and upon those who were worshiping his image" (vs 1-2).

Sidebar: ***The mark of the beast is coming!***

Verse 3: "And the **second angel** went and poured out his vial into the sea; and it became blood, like *that* of a dead *man*; and **every living soul in the sea** died."

All living things are souls; there is no such thing as an immortal soul!

Verse 4: "And the **third angel** poured out his vial upon the rivers, and into the fountains of waters; and they became blood." *What was done to them before was all washed away!* So, here comes another wave of it.

Some who read this think: How could a God of love do that? *Let's see what the angels have to say about it; they would be the ones to render a better opinion of that than any human being!*

Verse 5: “Then I heard the angel of the waters say, ‘You are righteous, O Lord, Who are, and Who was, even the Holy One, in that You have executed this judgment. For they have poured out *the* blood of saints and of prophets, and You have given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.’ And I heard another *voice* from the altar say, ‘Yes, Lord God Almighty, **true and righteous are Your judgments**” (vs 5-7).

Verse 8: “And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and *power* was given to it to scorch men with fire. Then men were scorched with great heat; and they blasphemed the name of God, Who has authority over these plagues, and did not repent to give Him glory.” (vs 8-9).

Isn't it interesting how it is that when men give themselves over to Satan and the demons, *that even at a time when they know they're going to die **they won't repent!***

Verse 10: “And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; **yet, they did not repent of their works**” (vs 10-11).

No repentance!

Remember that the four angels [demons] were bound in the River Euphrates and the armies came over and the river started flowing again. So now, later, we have a repeat of this:

Verse 12: “And the sixth angel poured out his vial into the great river Euphrates; and its waters were dried up, so that the way of the kings from the rising of *the* sun might be prepared. Then I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon...

[Satan]

...and out of the mouth of the beast...

[the great Beast Power]

...and out of the mouth of the false prophet; for they are spirits of demons working miracles, going forth to the kings of the earth, even of the whole world, to gather them together to *the* battle of that great day of the Almighty God” (vs 12-14).

Now, after all of this you would think that there would be people repenting! But there's not! Why? *By this time they're probably convinced that this is really an invasion from outer space!*

Unless we get all the armies of the earth up over here, we are going to lose the world

That is really true! It will be an invasion from outer space, but not from aliens ***but from God the Father, Jesus Christ and the saints of God!***

When we read along these things, every once in a while God throws something in there to get your attention to help you to understand *that you need to really stay right with God!*

Verse 15: “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* the one who is watching and is keeping his garments, so that he may not walk naked and they *may not* see his shame.”

He just interjected this one verse as a warning! Keep your life right with God!

Verse 16: “And he gathered them together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. Then the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘IT IS FINISHED.’ And there were voices and thunders and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were on the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great. And the great city was divided into three parts; and the cities of the nations fell...” (vs 16-19).

Just think about all these high tower buildings! *Gone!* I look at the island there in New York City and there are all these buildings there. That’s nothing to God; *it’s going to be gone!*

- the tallest building in the world in Abu Dhabi; *it’s going to be gone*
- the tallest building in Singapore; *it’s going to be gone*
- the tallest building in Beijing; *it’s going to be gone*

Flattened to the ground!

“...and Babylon the Great was remembered before God to give her the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath. And every island disappeared, and no mountains were found...

[completely turned upside down]

...and great hail, *each stone* the weight of a talent, fell down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, for the plague was exceedingly great” (vs 19-21).

Now let’s see what happens, because this is the day when Christ and the saints all come back to the earth. They’re up on the Sea of Glass (Rev. 15) and on the Sea of Glass everybody gets their name, their new clothes, and the understanding of their duties. When we’re raised from the dead we’ll all be given a language built right into our spirit brains and bodies so we can communicate with each other, and God can communicate with us, and Christ can give us the direction in which we are to go. *It’s going to be something!*

Then there will be the wedding of the Lamb [Christ] and the Church, and then we're going to come down from heaven after the great wedding supper, while all this evil is going on, on the earth

Then on that last Feast of Trumpets we come back to the earth to finish the final Battle of Armageddon!

Revelation 19:11: "And I saw heaven open; and behold, a white horse; and He Who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He does judge and make war. And His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns; *and* He had a name written that no one knows except Him. And *He was* clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and **His name is The Word of God**. And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses..."(vs 11-14).

- we'll be given white horses
- we'll have instruction as to what to do
- we'll have a battle plan as to what to carry out
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"...*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).

That's something!

Picture this: here we are, we have our horses, Christ is leading us and we're all at the edge of the Sea of Glass, and then He says, 'NOW! Let's go!' Here we go! Just think how that's going to feel coming down off the Sea of Glass! All the saints and the battle going on down below. The birds are coming to clean up all the mess and are flying coming there. We're coming down on our horse with Christ!

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...

[going to clean up this mess]

...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 19: "And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together

to make war with Him Who sits on the horse, and with His army. 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...*

[His Word]

...that goes out of His mouth; and all the birds were filled with their flesh” (vs 19-21).

We find in Zech. 14 what’s going to happen to them. All of their flesh is going to fall off their bones! ***This is the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets, a War Feast, for the greatest war and the last one until the very end!***

Brethren, I’m glad you’re able to be here for the Feast of Trumpets, now let’s look forward to Atonement and Tabernacles.

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