

THE SOUNDING OF THE TRUMPET

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The Second Coming of Christ is accompanied by the sounding of trumpets. This is clear according to the following scriptures found in Matthew, First Corinthians and First Thessalonians.

*“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: 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. 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” [Matthew 24:29-31].*

*“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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” [1Corinthians 15:51-52].*

*“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first” [1Thessalonians 4:16]. (Bold emphasis mine).*

Throughout the Bible we find the sounding of trumpets. The first time a trumpet is recorded in the Bible is

in Exodus chapter nineteen. *"And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount"* [Exodus 19:9-13]. Notice, the people were to listen for, *"When the trumpet soundeth long"*. God used the sounding of a trumpet to alert the people for their very first encounter with God. We understand that God declares the end from the beginning. (See Isaiah 46:10).

However, the people were so afraid because of the terrible sight and sounding of the trumpet, they ran away and stood far off from God. We read about this in the twentieth chapter: *"And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was"* [Exodus 20:18-21].

We read how God instructed His ancient people to use the sounding of the trumpet for many things. In

chapter ten of Numbers the Lord gives these instructions for the making and the sounding of the trumpet: *“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward. When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations. And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God”* [Numbers 10:1-10]. I included all these verses so you will understand how extremely important the trumpet was in ancient times.

Notice God instructed Moses to make only two trumpets and they would be made of silver *“and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations”*. These were not ram’s horns. Also, only the priests were allowed to blow these trumpets. This puzzled

me as I know that the ram's horn was later used by the priests and the common people as well. I wondered, "Why the change as the silver trumpets were to be used forever?"

My research found that most Bible scholars believe the two trumpets of silver is typical of grace in atonement. They wrote that the people had to give a half shekel of silver to make atonement for their souls (See Exodus 30:11-16). And these silver trumpets were for the calling of the assembly and only the priests could blow them. Men consecrated to God would do God's work. The blowing of the silver trumpets by God's servants would be notes of grace, and gather His loved ones together in this world. Therefore, they reason that the last trumpet sounds would be given to call them to Heaven. Also in Leviticus chapter 25, verses 9 & 10, *"Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubile to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubile unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family"*. How precious this is, the silver trumpets sounding in the Day of Atonement. Everything is based on atonement and looks to the final trumpet sound, the last trump!

But what about the ram's horn? If the silver trumpets were a figure of God's grace and His gathering together of His children in the last days, what does the ram's horn represent?

As far as I have been able to determine, the clearest and probably the most recognized scriptures where the ram's horn or *shofar* is used was at Jericho. The story is found in Joshua chapter 6. *"And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus*

shalt thou do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him" [Joshua 6:3-5]. Therefore, the most common use of the ram's horn (shofar) was in battle!

The silver horns were blown by sanctified priests who were called apart from the congregation. The silver trumpets were for the use of God's people only. The *shofar* or ram's horn was used primarily for battle. God was bringing judgment to Jericho!

So, in the last days, will we hear the sound of silver trumpets being blown or a ram's horn? Which should we be listening for?

We see that both Silver Trumpets and ram's horns were used frequently in Old Testament times. But today trumpets are basically used for music. I think it is clear that the sounding of trumpets we find in Bible prophesies represent something much more than most people realize.

I do not believe we should be listening for the natural sound of ram's horns or silver trumpets from the skies. I believe the sounding of the trumpet is a prophetic Voice of something coming!

Look at the trumpet God gave Ezekiel to blow: *"Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever*

heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me" [Ezekiel 33:1-7].

Ezekiel was a watchman and his trumpet was a Voice! God had filled his mouth with the Voice of God and in this instance it was judgment! This was the Ram's horn being blown! Had it been Grace, it would have been the silver trumpet!

There's more Bible evidence that proves this. The prophet Joel speaking of these last days declares, *"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 2:1].* Praise God! God is going to have some obedient ministers that will trumpet the alarm, and warn the people that the day of the Lord is at hand!

"And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south" [Zechriah 9:14]. I believe you and I are trumpets in God's hand! Our trumpet sound is a cry of repentance! Just as John the Baptist trumpeted in his day, *"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" [Matthew 3:1-2].*

I believe our Lord's second coming is close at hand. We set our alarm clocks to wake us up at certain times. Is your alarm set? Are your ears tuned to listen to the sounding of the trumpet? If you are listening for the carnal blowing of a *shofar*, you better wake up! The trumpet is sounding and most can't hear it! Their ears are tuned to the wrong sound! Oh God, give us ears to hear what the Spirit is speaking!

You want to know what to do? You want a mandate from God? Here it is, "*Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins*" [Isaiah 58:1].

My voice is a trumpet! I know my message is not popular! I realize it doesn't fit this modern new age, watered down, social gospel heard today. I know it's not what they are listening for! Modern ears are dull of hearing because of the materialistic prosperity gospel of today. This is why they left the churches during the Covid scare! Their hearts were filled with the comfortable fly away gospel of no persecution, no tribulation, no suffering. They can't handle trouble and they certainly can't handle the truth the end time trumpet is sounding! Wake up!

There is a real last awakening and its coming quick! The stage is being set! Don't you remember what happened in the parable of the ten virgins? They all were slumbering and sleeping. At one time they all had oil. And then, they heard a Voice! "*And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him*" [Matthew 25:6]. That's a trumpet blowing; "Wake up! Get ready! Jesus is coming"! Do you hear it?

But wait, there is a problem. Everyone that hears it is not ready! Something has happened. "*Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone*

out" [Matthew 25:7-8].

No oil! Oil represents the Holy Spirit and it also represents the Word. The Spirit and the Word are one! The fire of the Holy Ghost was no longer burning in 50% of the kingdom because they had no oil! No genuine Word of God! Their lamps had gone out! Don't wait my friends! Get on fire for God! Stir yourself up! Get back in the Word of God and get away from the social feel good gospel now being preached! The Truth is the only thing that will prepare you for what's coming!

I personally believe there will be an end time outreach for souls. I believe the Silver Trumpets of Grace will be sounding because Jesus declared, *"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"* [Matthew 24:14]. Also we find these promises in the book of Revelation, *"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters"* [Revelation 14: 6-7].

Notice this everlasting gospel is not the watered down gospel heard today! This Gospel message was "Fear God and give Him Glory"! This everlasting gospel brought results! Here are the results, *"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands"* [Revelation 7:9]. In verse 13, one of the elders about the Throne asked John, *"Where did these come from?"* *"And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great*

tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" [Revelation 7:14].

Thank God, somebody's going to blow those Silver Trumpets! And some will be blowing the Ram's Horn of judgment!

Joel prophesied of a time when the people would be in great distress. *"Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet" [Joel 2:15-16].* Yes, I believe in revival for the lost and I also believe in a great awakening for God's people. The realities of the end time will soon awaken God's sleeping and slumbering church. The cry of the trumpet will be sounded. For many it will be too late, but it will also awaken those that have hid His Word in their hearts and know the Truth. The fire of the Holy Ghost will once again be ignited and its fire will spread throughout the world. Thus begins the greatest sounding of the trumpets ever! A quick work will be done and then, the end will come.

Again from the prophet Joel, *"Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision" [Joel 3:13-14].* The day of the Lord will hurdle multitudes into a valley of decision. To repent or to curse God. Which will it be?

As God's end of days plan plays out before our eyes we should keep our focus on the Only One that holds the keys of life and death. The Lord Jesus Christ will be exalted in these last days and will return as King of kings and Lord of lords. Every eye shall see Him as His Trumpet is sounded throughout the world. Are you awake yet?

There is coming seven angels with the last seven trumpets! When the last one sounds, *"the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."*

"And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets" [Revelation 8:2]. Verse 6, "And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound".

Space in this article will not allow me to record what each of these angels sounded. Please read for yourselves their sounding of the trumpet in Revelation chapters 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Horrible judgments are coming such as the world has never seen. Jesus warned the moral condition of mankind would be the same as it was in the days of Noah. We see this happening everywhere. Time is short and the greatest of all tribulations will soon befall us.

What is our escape? What is our hope? Our only hope has always been trusting in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to keep us in these evil days. He alone is able! Trust Him!

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" [Isaiah 6:8].

When I look about me I see many that are wholly given over to the world. Oh, they still go to church, but serving God and being faithful to the true cause of church is less than secondary in their lives. I wonder, who will go for the Lord in these last days. I have wondered, I'm getting old, who will replace me and the cause of Christ in my life? Is there anyone left that will lift the trumpet to their mouth and cry aloud and spare not?

Yes, I do wonder . . . But I know God is faithful! I remain, "The Trumpet Messenger"

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