

## Trumpets – A Time of Destruction

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Welcome, brethren, to this Feast of Trumpets.

Today, we come to the fourth annual Holy Day called the Feast of Trumpets. At this present time, the recording that we're doing here, the physical effects of those Trumpets have not yet started. Now, I say that for a particular reason because we are so close to things starting. So, it's better to say, "Well, this recording, things haven't started yet.

If you'd like to turn to **Leviticus 23:23—Then the Eternal spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, saying, in the seventh month, which is God's calendar, not man's calendar, in the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath.** We'll have a rest, which is this day. ...**a memorial, which is a yearly or annual observance, of the blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.**

Now, we understand that this particular Feast day, the Feast of Trumpets, will soon be a day of remembering. At the moment, while we're doing this recording, we're looking forward to something to happen, the effects of those Trumpets. We understand that there's going to come a point in time, which is in the Millennium, when we will look back at the result of the Seven Trumpets, understanding that the Seventh Trumpet lasts for 1,100 years, so that will continue. The effects of that will continue, which is the government of God.

So, at the moment, we're looking forward to something taking place on this particular day, the Feast of Trumpets, because the Trumpets will start, and they will conclude on the Day of Pentecost, a day of Pentecost.

It's like the Apostasy. I remember, looking back now, we can see that we used to hear sermons about the Apostasy. Well, the reality is, we had no real understanding. We thought we knew, we knew what was going to happen and how it was going to happen, but really, it was nothing like that. And going through it, there was a lot of confusion. Well, it's not going to be any different in the effects of the Seven Trumpets.

Now, we look back to a prophetic event, and then we can learn spiritually now, but looking back in the future, we'll look at it and go, "Wow, we know the Trumpets have sounded. Now the effects are to come into place." So, when those effects come into place, we'll experience them, which is going to be very difficult. But in the end, once Christ returns, we'll be able to look back and go, "Ah," because our understanding will be a lot sharper because it'll be preached about and talked about, and what actually happened.

The title of today's sermon is *Trumpets – A Time of Destruction*.

The purpose of this Feast sermon is to look at what is yet to be fulfilled during the physical events of the blowing of the Seven Trumpets, the effects of those Trumpets. We understand that all Seven Trumpets have sounded, but the physical effects are yet to take place: they're yet to happen.

All Seven Trumpets sounded on the 14th of December 2008, almost 17 years ago. So, it's been a long time. We have been told that those Trumpets have sounded – because it's a spiritual thing. So, now we're waiting for those physical effects to take place. We now wait for the physical effects of each Trumpet blast to be fulfilled, which will be a massive physical destruction and a humbling of mankind.

This is actually, I find it very sobering when I went through this particular sermon, because we think we understand, but we have no real understanding of what suffering's coming and the amount of death and destruction that's coming to this world. It's going to be absolutely massive. It's going to be incredible.

Mankind now has the potential to destroy all physical life by the use of nuclear weapons. Well, I couldn't have said that, you know, fifty years ago or so before the bombs were invented. Well, now everybody's got thousands of them, and I'll go through some of the countries that actually have them. There's a lot more than what we might think.

We understand the effects of all Seven Trumpets will not be understood by mankind, as they don't understand the why. Why is this taking place? They will look at it physically. They won't look at the spiritual. We look at the spiritual component, which is, there's physical events that are going to happen, but there's something massive coming, which is the return of Joshua the Messiah. That's what Trumpets really is leading to, what it leads to.

But the first six is massive destruction, and people will be so confused. Their minds will just simply not understand. Well, the why is, the two main points out of the Trumpets is, one, man cannot govern himself. Well, just in thinking about, it's just so frustrating and how stupid humans can actually be, how the mind can go so far.

But man can't govern himself. Governments are in it for themselves; the taxes and everything else, and if they run out of money, they just increase the taxes. Well, that's not what God says. God says, "No, ten percent goes to Him," which is to His government on this earth, which is the Church now. And the other component, the other ten percent, is for use for spiritual growth, spiritual understanding – Feast of Tabernacles and other Holy Days.

Mankind puts in taxes and sliding scales, and then there's a ten percent tax on top of the tax that you already pay, and there's a hidden tax in other things. Petrol, fifty percent, fifty percent of it

goes to the government. It's just insanity what has actually taken place. But that's the government we're under, and it's difficult.

The other main part is about the humbling of mankind. Trumpets is about the humbling of mankind for a purpose. God has a purpose in this humbling.

All these events will shock mankind. They'll be absolutely shocked. They won't understand what's taking place. They won't understand the Seventh Trumpet. The majority, they will not understand it. They'll see just death and destruction, massive, things that the mind now cannot fully comprehend. We look at things like the Gaza Strip, and you look at the suffering that's going on there, well, it's going to be worldwide. There's going to be massive shortage of things, and people are going to suffer. It's just what has to happen. Man has to be humbled so he might listen. All these events will shock mankind.

What is difficult ahead for us is that it's difficult for the human mind to grasp what suffering is going to take place. We can think about it now and say it's going to be bad, but until we've experienced it, we actually can't understand it. The mind just can't go there to think, "Ah, yes, I'll get extra supplies, or I'll do 'this' and do 'that'." All of that will be meaningless. There's only one thing to rely on, which is God.

It's similar to the comparison of trying to think about God. God, without mother and father, no beginning, no end, always was, always will be. The human mind – because it has a beginning, and it has an end called death (in the sense of physical), just can't understand or comprehend that God has existed for eternity. He's always been there, always was, and always will be. The mind can't understand because we always think, "Oh, well, there's got to be a beginning. You know, well, what did God do after? What was happening before then?" Well, no, God always existed. Well, the mind just can't comprehend it.

So, there is an outcome of the Seven Trumpets, and they actually are leading to something spiritual. The first six are about humbling of mankind, and the Seventh also. But the Seventh, the return of Joshua the Messiah to this earth, has a great impact, which is a change of government. But this ability to understand it, mankind doesn't have, and they won't understand it. It's going to take a long time for them to grasp it. But we in the Church should be aware that it's about humbling, and it's about change of government.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1—But concerning the times and the seasons**, which is talking about the end-time, which we are now in, **brethren, you have no need that I, Paul, should write to you**. So, there was an understanding about an aspect of what was going to happen, particularly about the Day of the Lord, but not to the depth that we understand today.

**For you yourselves know perfectly that the Day of the Lord**, which is the Seventh Trumpet, **so comes as a thief in the night**. In other words, it's sudden and it's a shock. Because mankind, you go through the first Six Trumpets, mankind is going through death and destruction. They're not still expecting a Savior to come to this earth and set up a new government. There's just no way. They just can't think about it.

But we shouldn't be shocked about it. Once we see the first one take place, we know certain things that have happened. So, it's going to be sudden and unexpected. It's going to be a bit of a shock.

I'd like now to read something that came out that God gave in June 2008, which is about a test on the Church about a change that took place, which is Truth 49. And I want to go through that because although it refers to Pentecost, there's a connection between Trumpets and Pentecost, where it's leading to. Where it starts, we don't know, not sure, but we know where it finishes in a sense of the beginning of the Seventh Trumpet, and then the extension of that for 1,100 years.

Truth 49. Now, this is an incredible thing that mankind does not understand, but the Church, the Body of Christ, has this knowledge because God has given it to them.

**49 (28) Joshua, the Christ, will return to this earth on a Pentecost along with 144,000. Pentecost in Old Testament times was the day of the wave loaves, where they were waved before God to be accepted by Him. These wave loaves represented this future group of 144,000 who will return with Christ in the Kingdom of God.**

They will then be in the Family of God—that's what we hope for—the firstfruits of God's creation of Elohim.

Now, I'm not going to read all of Truth 49. I'm just going to continue on.

Indeed, this truth concerns the revelation given by God of the actual timing of Joshua the Christ's return to establish the Kingdom of God that will reign over all nations.

So, the whole world will change. Everything's going to change. All the garbage that's going on now will be stopped – over a period of time; it's not going to be instant – it's going to be stopped, and mankind will have to regroup, and the truth will be taught. And there'll be one Church, one belief system.

The Church of God has long believed that Joshua would return as King of kings to the Feast of Trumpets.

Worldwide days, that's what it was about. There was that aspect of it that people understood, and that's what was in the Church at that time. This truth says:

This is not true! The Feast of Trumpets is about the sounding of trumpets that lead up to Christ's coming, and finally heralding that he has now become King of kings over all nations.

Now, that's something that we look forward to. We look forward to that change, where there's going to be a massive change that takes place on this earth. And one of the greatest things of all is that there's going to be justice, swift justice. Because at the moment, there's none.

We watched a particular true story the other day about a group of youths attacking somebody and killing them, and one of them got five years. (You know, dragged on, got more later on.) But it's just insane what happens, and the lies that people tell. And no one tells the truth, and people get up there and say, "Yeah, they swear on the Bible," and all that. Well, a lot of that is just absolute garbage. People get up there and lie and manipulate. The whole system is corrupt. It's just reality.

That system's all going, and there's going to be a new one, all based on truth and justice and judgment, and it's going to be beautiful.

**1 Thessalonians 5:3—For when they say, Peace and safety...** So, then, when it's in the world, there's an understanding of there's a security, maybe a peace agreement of some type, then sudden destruction. They're going to be unaware, and it's going to be ruin and death. So, people are going to have a sense of, a level of, "Oh, security." It's going to be very fleeting, but there's going to be this sort of, "Oh, yes. Now, this, this is good because this is going to be peace now, and there's going to be security now."

Well, God says, **Sudden destruction comes upon them as labor pains upon a pregnant woman, sudden, and the start of more pain to follow.** So, as a pregnant woman, she would have a sharp pain, a labor pain, and they get closer and closer, well, we understand that's what's happening in the world, and we've been experiencing aspects of that.

Well, it's just suffering that is going to go worse and worse. There's going to be more and more. That's not correct English there, but suffering is going to continue to get worse and worse and worse, and things are not going to get better. Things are just going to get worse and worse and worse, until the sounding of that Trumpet, when things get really bad on the First Trumpet.

**Verse 4—But you, brethren, are not in darkness.** In other words, can't see, don't know what's coming. **...so that this day,** the day of the Lord, Christ's return, **should overtake you as a thief.** In other words, you have a house and someone breaks in, you go, "Oh, it's sudden." Well, no, we're aware that this day is coming. The First Trumpet's coming and the Seventh Trumpet's coming. And all of the Trumpets, all seven, are going to come and they're all going to have an effect on mankind.

**You are all sons of the light and sons of the day.** In other words, we see; we understand what's going on. The world doesn't.

**We are not in the night and not in the darkness.** So, we're not of this world. We don't live in this world in the sense of being part of it. We're in it because we have to be, to be qualified to enter into Elohim – God's decision.

**...therefore, let us not sleep,** which is talking spiritually. Let's not be unaware of this. It's coming. It's going to happen. **...but let us watch and be sober.** And we think about ourselves and the spiritual level we're at, and we work on self. We don't look out; look in, and work on ourselves.

We have the truth, and the world doesn't have it. It's just simple. We have the truth; the world doesn't have it. And if we went out and talked to people about there are coming Seven Trumpets, they'll think we're crazies. "There's going to be nuclear war. It's going to start with the US..." and people are going to just think you're absolutely nuts. No one's going to listen during most of it, no matter what we say.

You know, some will probably have their ears opened and start to listen a bit if God calls them to understand. But in general, no, mankind is not going to listen. They don't listen now, and it's going to take a lot. That's what the humbling's about. It's going to take a lot for mankind to listen.

The Feast of Trumpets focuses on events that lead up to and include Christ's coming to establish the Kingdom of God, His government on this earth. Trumpets includes announcing the return of Joshua, the Christ, and the resurrection of the 144,000 that will return with him. We understand that happens on the Day of Pentecost, on a day of Pentecost.

The primary fulfillment in the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets is contained in the announcement of all Seven Trumpets. So, once we've seen the first one start, we know certain things. From that point, we will know where we're heading. We're heading to Trumpets. It's leading to... What? What are we here today remembering? Feast of Trumpets. We're remembering the first one leads to the Day of Pentecost, which is Christ's return, the Seventh Trumpet.

The first six Trumpets concern events that are about World War III. These Trumpets deliver massive destruction to mankind. Now, when we talk about massive destruction, it's things that we can't fully comprehend when you see cities leveled. But the death that goes with that, we're talking about millions and millions of people through those first six Trumpets that are going to die.

The scriptures, that we'll hopefully get to, that talk about that, that you know, man is like fine gold. It's rare to find a man, a human, it's that bad. And that's after the Seventh Trumpet; Christ returns and destroys those who are destroying the earth.

So, these Trumpets deliver massive destruction to mankind. The first six Trumpet events that precede the Seventh Trumpet are all part of what makes the fulfillment of the beginning of the Seventh Trumpet possible. So, we have to lead up to something. In other words, mankind has to be humbled. There has to be death and destruction, massive, up to the Sixth Trumpet, so that the Seventh Trumpet can be fulfilled, which is about the humbling of mankind. Then Christ returns, and then people might listen.

The world will be humbled by the first six Trumpets, which bring massive death and destruction. These first six Trumpets will humble mankind so that they will now listen to what God states in His word.

Mankind will not listen to God now. It's just simple. We understand they have to be called to really understand and listen. But people aren't interested. There's just no interest in anything that the Church of God would talk about, Church of God—PKG would talk about. None. You know, there's a few that might get a bit of interest. A person has to be called; to truly see and understand, you have to be called.

Well, mankind won't listen now because of one particular reason: pride. We've been born with pride. We all have pride to different degrees over different things, but we all have it. So, mankind's not going to listen. But once humbled, they might listen.

The first six Trumpet announcements were used as alarms of war before Christ's coming. We are now at a time in which we wait for the effects of the First Trumpet, which will confirm the sealing of the 144,000. Which we understand that over a period of 6,000 years, there is a number that's going to come out, called 144,000, over that period. Two waves; we understand two Wave Loaves. We understand that. Well, that is soon to happen.

Revelation 7:1. Now, we're living at a time where these things are going to be fulfilled. We're actually going to live through it. Sometimes we forget what we've lived through. We've lived through a lot. Talk to people, not everybody, but, you know, there's a lot in the Body of Christ now that lived through the Apostasy. It's an amazing thing; it's absolutely amazing we came through that. The fact that we all went to sleep, and the only way that we came out the other side was we were awakened, what we call was awakened spiritually, so that we could actually see the truth of what actually happened.

The scattered Church can't see. They can't see the Apostasy. They can't see what God is really doing on this earth at this time. They're aware of some things, but they don't understand it

because they can't. They look at it on a physical level and the Seven Trumpets will be the same. They'll look at it on a physical level, not understanding the spiritual component of this.

**Revelation 7:1—After these things, I (John) saw four angels** (holding the first four Trumpets), **standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, and/or on any tree.**

**Then I saw another angel descending from the east, having the seal of the living God, and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom were granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, Do not hurt or Do not harm the earth and the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.** Now, this is a period that we're now in. We're actually living this. We're looking forward to it.

Now, it doesn't mean to say the first nuclear weapon. But once we see the First Trumpet go off, which affects the USA directly, we know the sealing has been completed. And what a wonderful thing! But we're going to live through that. What a marvelous and incredible thing. What an exciting thing! We're going to live through that and live on into the Millennial period. We then will be able to talk about it and know, be able to say, "Well, we had this understanding, this knowledge. We knew these spiritual events were taking place." Because the sealing is a spiritual event. It's going to take place. It's a work in progress at the moment, at the time of giving this sermon.

**Verse 4—And I heard the number of those who were sealed, 144,000, of all the tribes of the children of Israel.** We understand that's spiritual, and it pictures, twelve pictures perfection, which is about God's government. It's got nothing to do with the physical tribes or tribe that we came from. It makes no difference. It's irrelevant. In the Old Testament, we saw that the gentiles were brought in. And God sent, through Christ, Paul, and therefore, we see that this took place, that Christ was appointed the head of the Church, and worked with Paul personally, and then Paul went to the gentiles. And we've had sermons about that. So, this is all about government structure.

Drop down to **verse 9—After these things** (the sealing), **I looked and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues.** So over 6,000 years of mankind, it makes no difference what tribe we came from. If we came from a tribe, whether we're gentile, so-called, it makes no difference. We're human, and God is working to establish a government, a perfect government. That's what the number twelve is about.

**...standing before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands (verse 10), and crying out with a loud voice, Salvation to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb.**

**Revelation 8:1—When he, Joshua, opened the Seventh Seal...** Now, that actually took place. We've lived through that. We didn't see anything because it's spiritual. It's something that took place that Christ achieved. God the Father gave it, the Seal, Christ opened it, the Seventh Seal, on the 14th of November 2008. **There was silence in heaven for about half an hour.** We believe it's thirty days, and on the 14th of November to the 14th of December.

So, many today in the Body of Christ have lived through this period. We didn't see anything because it's a spiritual event, and we're physical. But we've lived through that.

**Verse 2—Now I (John) saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given Seven Trumpets. Then another angel holding a golden censer came and stood at the altar. He (the angel) was given much incense that he should offer it with the prayers of the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke ascended with the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth, and there were sounds, thunderings, lightnings, and shaking or an earthquake.**

**Verse 7—So, the seven angels who had the Seven Trumpets prepared themselves to sound.**

Now, we understand that the first one is about nuclear weapons used in the US.

I'll do it quickly. When I found this document, I was rather staggered to find out the number of nuclear weapons. But Russia has 5,449. This is what they think they have, roughly. The US has 5,277. Now, you'd think, "Why would you want 5,000 nuclear weapons?" It's just...the mind. China has about 600, France, 290, UK, 225, India, 180.

Besides that, there are nuclear weapons, like North Korea. There are 50 nukes in North Korea. But there are other countries that are holding weapons on behalf of other countries. So, they're holding on behalf of the US, or they're holding on behalf of someone else, like Belarus and many others.

In Europe, we know that there's going to be ten nations joined out of the European Union, so it's called, that they're holding a lot of nuclear weapons for other people. Like Italy has nuclear weapons. It's not understood they have them, but they're holding them for other people.

So, if we go into the First Trumpet here, which is use of symbolic language. We understand aspects of this, and we haven't lived through it, but when we live through it, we'll probably understand more about what it's actually saying. But at the moment, certain things have been revealed and can be read in books that have been written and given to God's people.

The First Trumpet, **verse 7—The first angel sounded the hail, and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth, and a third of the trees...** It talks about people, we

believe, symbolically. **...were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.** So, it's a nuclear weapon being used here, and it's going to cause destruction in that particular area of the world.

Second Trumpet: **Then the second angel sounded, and like a great mountain burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.** So, what that means, we can read about aspects of it. But until it happens, we don't know the exact detail of it. But it is about death and destruction. Reading these things about Trumpets, it's really about death and destruction.

Third Trumpet: **Then the third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on the third of the rivers and the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became bitter,** or wormwood, "bitterness," the word is, **and many men died from the water because it was made bitter.**

We understand that this is in an area that this is going to take place. And if you look back in history where there have been nuclear weapons used and people did drink the water, they died because of the radiation, the radiation poisoning. So, here we see that mankind is going to suffer. And when the US starts to go down, other countries that follow the Ephraim and Manasseh component, Europe, will see what's going on. When you see England fall, Australia fall, New Zealand fall, and you realize that no one's coming to help.

Often watch a program now, and you see where people are crying out for aid. Well, when this happens, no one is coming to help. It's like Australia, who, in their stupidity, think that someone's going to turn up and help us. It's a big country, got a few hundred ships and no nuclear weapons. No one is coming to help New Zealand, Australia, England. Because we know that after a certain period of time, that Europe unites in the Fifth Trumpet. What we're going to see is Europe is going to continue with trying to sort things out, with particularly, America.

The Fourth Trumpet: **verse 12—Then the fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened, and a third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.** So, there's something here that we realize that we're all human and we live in different parts of the world, and some are going to be directly affected by these first Four Trumpets. Others will see the side effects of those first Four Trumpets.

But there's one particular thing that is important for God's people to understand, and it's found in Daniel. We're going to look at Daniel 3:16. So, this is the true story of what took place when the people of Nebuchadnezzar wanted to build a statue to worship Nebuchadnezzar. They built this statue, and of course, Daniel and his friends didn't do what they were supposed to do. And Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said that they didn't want to bow down to this idol and they

wanted to worship the true God. And so, Nebuchadnezzar organized this big fire, and he was going to throw them in.

Now, what they said is really important for us, brethren, because very similar, we could be living anywhere, and in the end, we're going to have to trust in God that He's going to get us through. And this is the answer, because it's not necessarily what we think and what we want, it's what God has planned.

This is **Daniel 3:16—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.** Which was about “Why don't you, you know, worship this statue?” They said, “Well, we're not going to answer you.” **If that is the case** (if we get thrown into this fire), **Our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us.** And that's the key. God is able to do it. God is almighty, all-powerful. He can do it. He could save us. ... **from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.** So, that's if God desires to do that.

**Verse 18—But if not...** Now, this is the key to us, brethren. But if not, does it really matter, really, if we died? Because all of us have to face the fact that it's going to be so bad that family, people that we know, children may suffer in the sense of they may die. Well, how will we respond? Will we then turn around and blame God? Well, God's perfect. He knows what's best for each individual. So, no matter what happens to each individual, God has a plan.

At the moment, the key to all of this is that we're being called for a purpose to endure to the end, whatever that end is.

So, **verse 18—But if not**, if something happens to us, **let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the golden image which you have set up.** I think it's a beautiful scripture, really. Because we are set, we've set our minds to worship God and obey Him no matter what.

When the Trumpets start and take their effect, whether it's the first to the fifth, the sixth, it doesn't matter. It doesn't matter what happens. We will stay close to God. We will put God first, and it doesn't matter. And it's the same for everybody in the Body of Christ. Whatever happens, happens. We have this confidence that what God has promised, He will fulfill.

So, we know it's coming. We have to prepare ourselves spiritually for it. We understand the rest of this particular event that we just went through with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. The point is God is all-powerful, and His will will be achieved. Whatever God has planned will happen.

**Revelation 8:13—And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven saying with a loud voice, Woe, Woe, Woe to the inhabitants of the earth because the remaining**

**blasts of the Trumpets, the three angels who are about to sound.** Well, we understand that once we get to a certain period, we're going to see Europe unite.

So, we're going to look at Truth 44, and we're going through this because it's important that God has told us these things, and we should be aware of them and then live them. When things happen, we shouldn't be shocked and dismayed and walking around, you know, "Oh, what's happening?" We know what's happening. We know God's told us what's happening.

The best thing that could happen to mankind is to be humbled to worship God. That's the best thing that could happen. You can tell people that. It's the best thing that could happen because it is the best thing to happen for mankind because mankind's heading in the path of total decimation of the mind, which cannot be worked with. That's worse.

**44 (23) The captivity of the United States and the British Commonwealth will occur during the fifth trumpet of the Seventh Seal, and not during the Fifth Seal, as previously taught in the Worldwide Church of God.**

Because that's what was taught. They're not going to really understand what's happening because they have no idea really about the Trumpets in this Church that is scattered because they're looking at Seals which have already happened. All Seven Seals have been opened.

This understanding came as God revealed that the first four Seals of Revelation were about the Church and not about the world.

So it was about the Church, which many of us in the Body of Christ today have lived through this particular event. The opening of the first four Seals of Revelation was about the Church, about the Apostasy. The Fifth Trumpet, we understand, is about when Europe unites. It's the First Woe on the judgment on Manasseh. Ten nations in Europe unite and use nuclear weapons on the USA.

**Revelation 9:1—Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven to the Earth. And to him, the angel was given the key to the bottomless pit.** We understand it's a place of restraint, which is about, now, the release of Satan and his demons.

**And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of that pit like the smoke of a great furnace, so that the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. Then out of the smoke, locusts, which is Satan and his demons, were given power to destroy and cause pain...** Now, this destruction is quite massive because it's about nuclear weapons again upon the Earth. **And to them was given power as the scorpions of the earth have power.** Well, we know a scorpion can sting and strike. Well, it's going to happen.

Drop down to **verse 11—And they had a king over them, the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew is Abaddon**, which is destruction. So, this release of Satan and the demons from their place of restraint because Satan wants to destroy. We understand he destroyed when the dinosaurs were here. He destroyed. He's the destroyer. He wants to destroy.

We should always remember, Satan now wants to destroy what God is planning – Elohim. Satan doesn't like that. Satan doesn't like us. He wants to destroy us, destroy our spiritual opportunity. The physical is nothing. It's the spiritual that can be destroyed within people.

Continuing on, **...but in Greek, he has the name Apollyon**. So, Satan, the name really is about destruction. He wants to destroy. But destroying physical things is one thing, but destroying spiritual is something even more because his desire is to destroy the Body of Christ, destroy the Church, destroy those in it, their potential to be in Elohim.

**Verse 12—One Woe is past. Behold, still two more Woes are coming after these things.**

Now we see the Sixth Trumpet, which is the Second Woe. We understand, we're fully aware, and we see aspects of it now. It's about Russia and China uniting. We see what Russia is doing at the moment. And behind the scenes, China is very quiet, but they have a massive army, they have a massive amount of people, and they have 600 nuclear weapons.

So, we understand that if you combine Russia and China together, they have nuclear weapons—because America's out of the picture now—but Russia and China still have mass amounts of nuclear weapons.

**Revelation 9:13—Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the altar, which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the Trumpet, Release the four angels who were bound at the great river Euphrates. So, the four angels who were prepared for the hour, the day, the month, the year, were released to kill a third of mankind.**

It's difficult for the human mind to comprehend such death and destruction. It just simply is. To think that if you're walking down the street and there are thirty people, a third of them are going to be destroyed at this point. And possibly before then, at least another third, or possibly even more, or less. I mean, there are thousands and thousands that are going to have been destroyed.

But this is just staggering. A third of mankind. One in three. It's just amazing. Let alone what hasn't taken place, and then what is going to take place at Christ's return.

**Now, the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million. I heard the number of them.**

If you look down to **verse 18—By these three plagues, a third of mankind was killed by fire, the smoke, and the brimstone, which came out of their mouths.** We understand it's talking about nuclear weapons. There's going to be massive death and destruction on this Earth.

As Trumpets are used in the announcing of Christ's coming as King of kings, or as King, he does not become fully established as King over all the Earth until he and the 144,000 take control. The announcement of the Seventh Trumpet begins with the declaration, which is (don't turn there) **Revelation 11:15—The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.**

Now, we understand that is on a day of Pentecost, and we look forward to it, and we eagerly await for that day. We sort of look forward to the First Trumpet. We won't tell people that, but they don't understand it. But we look forward to it because we understand a sealing's taking place, and we understand that we're now heading towards something – a Day of Pentecost where Christ will return and set up a new government.

But prior to that, we have to go through this massive death and destruction that we're going to experience and see, and maybe even be part of, in the sense of we may die. Some of us may die.

So, Christ is going to come and set up a new government. "The kings of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever." So, isn't that wonderful? Isn't that exciting? Isn't that motivating? The fact that that's what we're waiting for? And I understand, brethren, we all wait for that. We all look forward to it. And we don't know whether it's going to be next year, the year after, when it's going to start, and when it's going to take place. This year? We have no idea. We just endure to the end, no matter what that end is.

We understand that Christ returns and sets up a government, but there are a lot of issues still in the world because there are still people, mankind (and we see massive armies) that aren't going to know it's Christ returning. They're going to think it's something else and fight.

Once this portion contained in the meaning of Pentecost is fulfilled, with Christ returning with the 144,000, there is yet more that becomes fulfilled in the meaning of Trumpets that goes beyond this event, which then establishes Christ as King of kings. The last Trumpet, the Seventh, the Third Woe, includes events that work to establish God's government after Christ has returned to this earth.

So, we'll see Christ returning to the earth, and mankind will turn to fight. Now, they don't fully understand what they're doing. They, in turn, turn to fight against Christ and the 144,000, and obviously, they're probably going to see it as an invading force of some type.

Once Christ returns to this earth, we see the start of a one-thousand-year period called the Millennium. But the beginning of the Millennium is going to be very, very difficult. Very difficult,

the very start of it, because there's going to be a lot of death and destruction. There's a lot of confusion. There are still people who are going to have to hear the truth, and the truths are going to have to be taught to people. This is all going to take time. It's all just not going to be instant, and everybody knows everything. It's going to take time.

Before Christ returns to this earth, most, if not many of us, will witness the effects of all Seven Trumpets. But not all of us. I put the word 'most' or 'many.' We don't know. We don't know how many within the Body of Christ are going to have to lose our life, so to speak. But it's not a problem because there's a promise that God has given us. There's a resurrection. There's a resurrection either way.

Some of the greatest meaning of the fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets is the final heralding or trumpeting that proclaims the coming of the King of kings, who is to reign over mankind as the prophesied Messiah.

1 Thessalonians 4:13. Now, remember, brethren, this is written at a time when Paul was looking forward to the return of Christ, just like we were, or we are now. He was. We are.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13—But I, Paul, do not want you to be ignorant, brethren.** This is addressing the Church, those who are called to be among the 144,000. **...concerning those who have fallen asleep.** And this is speaking of those that have died. They've been called (they have possibly been awakened), and now they die. They died in the faith over the past 6,000 years.

**...so that you do not sorrow.** So, it's not a physical thing that we would sorrow and go, "Oh, you know..." No, it's actually an incredible thing, the promises that God has made to mankind. They have lived their life obeying God, obedience to the law, obedience to the spirit of the law, the intent of the law. **...so that you do not sorrow as others who have no hope.** So, we have the hope. We have the hope of a change. Whereas the majority of mankind has died not having any hope. Maybe going to heaven or hell. Hopefully not stuck in purgatory or limbo, and all this other rubbish, like we'll change to a butterfly and have a second life as an animal, a cow is sacred. All that garbage that Satan has allowed to be broadcast in his broadcast, and God's allowed mankind 6,000 years to self-rule. And look what we've got.

So, we don't have no hope; we live in hope. We have a hope. And that's our life, hope. That's what Trumpets is about. It's about leading to something. We look forward to the return of Christ and the change of some to spirit, to 144,000. Then the Church will continue on this earth for 1,100 years.

But not everybody will necessarily choose God's way, as it happens here now. This particular time, the 57 Truths, you would think that, you know, people will be dedicated and love God and endure to the end. But there are some that don't.

**Verse 14—For if we believe that Joshua died and rose again—which we do—even so, God will also bring, or send, those who sleep in Joshua with him.** God will resurrect them to return with Joshua when he comes. I think it's an incredible thing. That is something some of us will actually live through. I think it's an incredible thing being given that opportunity, that blessing from God to be able to live through that, to see that change, and to see the return of Christ.

**For this, we say to you by the word of the Lord.** So, this is actually Christ was speaking at the time. **For this, we say to you by the word of the Lord (Christ) that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord,** speaking of those who still are living and who have been called to be firstfruits among the 144,000, **will by no means precede those who are asleep.** In other words, they've died in Christ.

So, what's going to happen it says that those dead in Christ will be resurrected first, and then those that remain alive will be changed in the twinkling of an eye at the last Trump. Pfft. They'll be changed, and they will be resurrected to meet Christ in the air.

**For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the Trumpet,** which is the Seventh Trumpet of God, **and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain,** those few called to be firstfruits, who are still alive in the Church today at the time of Christ's coming. It's incredible! **...shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord Christ in the air, and so we will ever be with the Lord,** with Christ. That day, we look forward to it, brethren. It's an exciting time. Well, many of us are going to witness this.

This is the day of the beginning of the blowing of the Seventh Trumpet. The seventh Trumpet event covers a period of 1,100 years. So, we will see the effects of those Seven Trumpets, the beginning of the Seventh, but not all of the Seventh, because some of us will die in that period, which is lived through into the Millennium and then die, and then be resurrected. So, we will see some of it, not all of it.

**1 Corinthians 15:52—In a moment, in the blinking of an eye, at the last Trump,** which is the Seventh Trump, **for the Trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,** in other words, given spirit life, **and shall be changed to spirit.** They shall be changed, be changed to spirit. That's our goal. That's our desire that we have, brethren.

Christ's return brings destruction that mankind has never seen. Now, we see destruction now with bombs going off in various places, and we can see it on the news. Particularly in Gaza at the moment, it's the highlight. But there are other places where those things have happened; in Iran, there has been death and destruction, a bit in Israel. There are lots of African countries that are still fighting, and there's still death and destruction going on there. But there's something going to take place when Christ returns, which is the Seventh Trumpet.

**Isaiah 13:6—Wail. The day of the Lord is at hand.** In other words, for us, brethren, spiritually, we really don't understand what's coming. We think we understand, but we actually don't.

**It will come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore, all hands will be limp.** In other words, people are going to be so confused, their hands are going to go down and be limp. They're going to go, you know, "What's happening?" Well, we brethren don't have to be like that. We know what's happening. We know why it's happening.

**Every man's thinking will melt.** They're going to be so confused, and they're just going to think, "Well, what is going on?!" It's going to be so, so difficult.

I've seen different programs where there's a shortage of food, and you realize people riot and people will kill for food, and they'll feed their own family. Don't worry about everybody else, just feed your own family, even if it's just for another day. And people do all sorts of weird things. Well, this is a time that's coming where it's going to affect everybody that exists, as within the human race. Everyone's going to have a shortage.

One thing that people don't understand, particularly here in Australia, people don't understand, they now have all these different taxes that are destroying farms. You know, the farmers are really struggling. You know, they're getting \$4 a kilo for meat and, you know, shops are selling it for \$30, \$40. Go to a restaurant and it's, you know, \$50 a steak, and it's worth \$1 to the farmer. Well, that inequity and everyone touching it as it goes along, the fifteen different hands that touch it, that has to all change because it's all motivated by greed. Well, that has to change, and people's thinking about farming has to change.

You know, people don't understand you have seven or eight million, or twenty million in a city, they don't understand that all that food has to be produced, and it's not produced in a city of high-rise buildings. It's produced from farming. You have to work for it, and it has to go through all these different hands to get to its destination.

Well, when that doesn't happen, when there's no food and there's no, you know, trucks on the highways and the shelves are empty, what are people going to do after day two, day three? Imagine day seven! They're going to be looking for something. Well, it doesn't exist, it's not going to be available.

**Verse 8—And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold. They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth. They will be amazed at one another, their faces flames. Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, which is "terrible," with both wrath and fierce anger.** Well, that word, "anger," is wrong. ...**fear/passion.** You know, there's a passion about Christ's return and what's going to take place. And it's about righteousness. It's not about anger or revenge or anything like

that. No, this is about righteousness. There's a way to live that doesn't hurt. It's not inward and taking. It's God's way, which is outgoing concern and love. True love.

**...to lay the land desolate** – ruined, waste. **And He will destroy its sinners from it.** So, brethren, by nature, we're counted guilty of sin. We're born that way. God desires that we change the way we think to His way. Agree with God. That's what life's about, agreeing with God.

Well, Trumpets is the same thing. We look at Seven Trumpets as about humbling mankind and changing government. Well, when we're called into the Church, in a way, we change governments. We don't agree with man's governments. We don't agree with all the laws that they have. We agree with God's Church.

There are times, more than others, depending on what it is, that we have to stand. We don't agree with the legalization of marijuana, for example. We just don't agree with smoking. We don't agree. They're just physical things. But there are a lot of other things we don't agree. Legalized prostitution, sex before marriage. All of those things we don't agree.

So, we've, in some ways, changed governments already because we've already made the change in the mind, in the thinking, by the power of God's holy spirit, that we now can see that that way of life will lead to destruction. It's selfishness, and it will destroy itself. We would destroy ourselves. Exactly what mankind's going to do, destroy themselves.

Because there's only one way to think, and it's God's way. Well, we've done that change. Well, the world has to change. Now we're going to see Christ return, and we're going to see a millennial period and a hundred-year period where there's an option for people to make a choice. What do they want? Do they want to agree with God or disagree with God? Simple, really. It's two choices – agree, disagree. That's our life now.

So, we understand that the day of the Lord is going to lay the land desolate and He will destroy sinners from it once accounted guilty, because we're all guilty. We all deserve the death penalty, as we understand.

**Verse 10—For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light. The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.** That's talking about the use of nuclear weapons, that, you know, the environment is just going to change so massively.

God says, **I will punish**, or **I will visit the world for its evil.** Because of the evil of mankind. You know, it's been allocated a time, and that time's up. We're nearly there. 6,000 years of self-rule. Well, the only thing that's come out of it, really, other than God calling people and creating a Family of 144,000, is evil. Because evil is everywhere. You know, people live evil. They don't even understand what evil is. They don't understand what sin is. Well, that all is going to change soon.

**I will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their iniquity.** Because they practice sin. This world is about practicing sin. It's everywhere. Governments practice sin. Mankind practices sin. It's just the way that they practice life. They live sin. It's because they don't understand what it is, and they don't really care because they haven't been called to care.

**I will halt the arrogance of the proud.** Now, that's an incredible scripture, really, because mankind, like us, we all have pride. But when it's unchecked without the check of God's holy spirit, where we begin to see our own pride, mankind's pride will just get worse and worse and worse.

The other day something came up on the news, and you realize that they're getting crowds of 50 to 100,000 people in a stadium. There's somebody up there singing, and they're all worshipping and carrying on, and the person's half-nude. And you think, "All of that has to go. It can't be like that." Because that is perversion. That's just absolute perversion, that that type of music even. Some of the music that's played is just horrendous. And you realize, "Well, a lot of that's gotta go."

So, mankind, the best way really is if God destroys mankind, gets rid of a lot of people, they might listen. Because at the moment, they won't. So, once they're dead and they're resurrected, they may still listen. There's still an opportunity for being dead, and they may listen. God's going to **halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness or the arrogance of the powerful.**

**I will make a mortal man more rare than fine gold.** That's an incredible thing, because you look in areas where there are thousands of people, and a man is going to be, in certain areas, like fine gold. You know, like, it's rare, rare to find it, rare to see a human. **A man more, more than a golden wedge of Ophir.** That's fine gold.

**Verse 13—Therefore, I will shake the heavens, and the earth will be undulating.** It says, **...will move out of her place.** But it's about the undulation of the Earth. There is going to be a great shaking of the earth.

**...in the wrath of the Eternal of hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger.** The Seventh Trumpet not only announces Christ's return with the 144,000, but it also announces a war that will continue after his return. So, this battle continues on for a while until true peace can be established, which is God's way of living. That war is for the purpose of firmly establishing the government of God's Kingdom over the nations. Christ and the 144,000 will begin to destroy those who are destroying the earth.

We are soon to be affected by massive death and destruction from the effects of all seven Trumpets. Time does not permit us to look into the details of the Seven Last Plagues that will be poured out.

The death and destruction that takes place, our minds can't go there. They're not capable of going there. We have to actually experience it. That's what life's about, experiences. Well, some of us are going to have to live through it. God can protect us if that is His will and purpose.

Psalm 97:1. So this is a psalm which is about being thankful to God. Because we can go through all that, and you can look at it from the negative part of it, and we shouldn't be looking at the negative part, but then we should be looking at the uplifting part of this. Because it's a means to an end. We have to go through those Trumpets because it has an end, and it's called the establishment of the government of God. And it's a beautiful, incredible thing. It's a wonderful time for mankind.

But to get there, there's going to be a lot of death and destruction. But we can be thankful because the end result is an incredible event, the government of God on this earth. We can't fully comprehend every aspect of that government of God on this earth and what it will really be like.

**Psalm 97:1—The Lord reigns.** It says, **The Eternal reigns.** Well, it's through Christ because it's the Word made flesh, Christ, the Word of God, the mind of God.

**Let the earth rejoice.** Finally, the removal of Satan has taken place. And we know that Christ returned, the removal of Satan takes place, and therefore, mankind will not have the issues of the encouragement to sin. Because without Satan, we'll still sin. Mankind will still sin because we have "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." But the difference is that it's not manipulated so that we can sin easier or easier.

I often think about what the government can do about changes to the internet. For example, Iran, I think, just recently got rid of the internet, which means there'll be no access. And then a lot of other countries have only made the internet available on certain servers, from certain servers.

The Western world, of course, it's open to everything. So, you realize pedophile rings, pornography, and all that, it's available. Well, all that will go. There'll be none of that. It can be stopped. Governments can actually stop a lot of these websites and do a lot of things, but they don't. They can work out if there was a tax involved; they'd soon work that out if there was a tax involved on every website, and you could do this and you could do that. So, it just shows you, mankind could do a lot more to stop evil, but he thinks it's not in his interest to stop evil because, money. It's all about money.

**Psalm 97:1—The Eternal reigns, through Christ, let the earth rejoice. Let the multitude of the islands (regions) be glad. Clouds of darkness surround Him. Righteousness and justice (judgment) are the foundation of His throne.** So, this is going to be the change. When you see a change of government, which is what the Trumpets are all about, it's about a progression from one to seven to a change of government. Mankind is humbled, change the government, and therefore, what? Righteousness can be lived, and righteousness can be taught.

The foundation of Christ's throne, what Christ is going to introduce, is righteousness, God's thinking, and judgment. Outcomes are going to be given. Another, I'll diverge, but it's crazy. The death penalty. Mankind in some states, of course, got rid of the death penalty. There are others that still got it, and they're on death row. I looked it up and it said there were, I can't remember how many thousand people were on death row. Some of them have been there for 17, 20 years on death row. You think, "This is just insanity."

You know, mankind says, "Oh, you know, maybe they'll repent and change." They're on death row. They've only killed 34 people, and they're still alive. No idea. Mankind has no idea. Mankind's righteousness is evil.

**Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.** God's government, Christ ruling the earth. **A fire goes before Him and burns up His enemies all around.** It consumes.

**His lightnings light the world. The earth sees and trembles. The mountains,** which are the governments, **melt like wax at the presence of the Eternal, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory. Let all be put to shame who serve carved images,** or idols, in other words, **who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods.** And that's a small 'g.' There's only one Elohim Family. It's the God Family. God is to be worshipped by mankind.

Well, during this one thousand years of God's reign, continuation of the Seventh Trumpet, we're going to see things change on this earth in ways that is difficult for us to even begin to imagine. And a lot of it, we haven't even thought about or could even understand the changes that are coming.

**Zion hears and is glad. The daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Eternal, for you, Lord, are most high above all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods,** small 'g', all Elohim.

**You who love the Lord hate evil.** So, that's what we're leading to. Mankind has to learn to hate evil, not live it. We understand, brethren, that the Feast of Trumpets is upon us. We live this Feast. We are looking forward to what the effects of all seven Trumpets bring to this earth.

**Verse 12—Rejoice in the Eternal.** That's what we are called to do. So, this day, this Feast day, is about a day of rejoicing too. We understand the Seven Trumpets, and they're a great blessing to mankind, really. Mankind's left to himself. He will destroy himself. And right up at the end, God intervenes through Christ. How glorious is that? But for us, we know what's happening. We know there's a positive outcome to all the death and destruction.

**Rejoice in the Eternal, you righteous, and give thanks to the remembrance of His holy name.** Brethren, one thing that we can learn from the Feast of Trumpets this year in particular is it's a time of death and destruction. All seven of them are going to be like that. At the beginning of the seventh, that's what it's going to be like. And at the end of the seventh, that's what it's going to be like. Massive death and destruction.

Well, one thing we know, that we're not going to be caught unawares, as the scripture says, you know, we're not ignorant of this. We know it's coming. We know what's coming and why it's coming.

Well, brethren, one thing we can be sure of, time is short.