

# Concerning the Trumpets

## Opening Remarks

God uses the foolishness of preaching to save those who have ears to hear (1Cor 1:21). This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed to all the earth before the end comes (Matt 24:14).

### 1Cor 1

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

### Matthew 24

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

The sounding of the seven trumpets, found in Revelation chapters eight, nine and eleven, is a depiction of the fulfillment of Matthew 24:14 and of the pouring out of God's spirit on all flesh described in Joel 2:28-32. Trumpets five and six are separated from the first four by Revelation 8:13 with Chapters ten and eleven coming between trumpets six and seven. The seventh trumpet finishes the mystery of God bringing Gentile and Jew into one body in Christ and is the time of the pouring out of the seven last plagues.

### Ephesians 3

3 How that by revelation **he made known unto me the mystery;** (as I wrote afore in few words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

**6 That the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:**

### Revelation 10

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**

If we can equate God's spirit to His understanding then we will see what happens to an individual when the truth is received (trumpets 1-4), contradicted (trumpets 5-6), then finally, refused altogether (the 7 last plagues). The final rejection of God's spirit will bring the first resurrection and close Revelation book one.

## The First Four

The first four trumpets show a person receiving the truth they are hearing. The first four trumpets are positive.

### Revelation 8

7 The first angel sounded, and there **followed** (G1096 "came to be") hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea **became** (G1096 "came to be") blood;

9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell

*upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;*

*11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters **became** (G1096 "came to be") wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*

*12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.*

Always one third affected during the first four trumpets because Babylon is divided into three parts (Revelation 16:19). All of us are coming out of the great apostasy are have been in darkness concerning God.

It is the hearer of the word that determines if God's word is water, bread, hail, or fire. How we receive His truth impacts us all differently.

**First Angel** - The true meaning of Christ's death is heard and received. The hail and fire go together because the trees and grass are burned up. Nothing is destroyed by the hail alone, but hail *and* fire! The fire of God's word consumes sin, hence, the destruction of the trees and grass.

WATER = Concepts, words - Pr 18:4 [4325]; a flowing brook is a collection of words making up thoughts & concepts = stream of thought. All forms of water have different shades of meaning, can be holy or unholy; clean or unclean; heavenly or worldly. The sea or a pool of water indicates a mind-set. - [4325] Job 38:30, 34; Isa 55:8-11; Jer 2:13,18; Deep water is mans words- Isa 44:3; Eph 5:26; Deuteronomy 32:1-2; John 7:37-39

Hail is a cold hard fact!

Grass = the understanding of the flesh.

*Isaiah 40*

*6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field:*

*7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.*

*8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.*

TREES = character traits (green = righteous) - Isa 7:2 [H6086]; 55:12; 1 Chr 16:33; Ps 1:3; Isa 61:3 [352]; Luke 23:31 [G3586]; Jer 17:7-8 [H6086]; Mt 3:10; 8:24

## **Second Angel - Babylon falls**

*Jeremiah 51*

*24 And I will render unto **Babylon** and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the Lord.*

*25 Behold, I am against thee, **O destroying mountain**, saith the Lord, which destroys all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.*

*26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the Lord.*

For this person, God is seen in truth causing Babylon to fall. They recognize what they have been told concerning God and salvation only came from people's own ideas (sea became blood) putting to death what they at one time thought to be truth (creatures which had life died). Ships are seen as corrupt.

**SHIP**: A virtuous spirit that can carry you over the sea - Christ - Pr 31:10, 14 [591]; a church (a woman = church = a mind-set) - Jer 6:2

**Third angel** - Our perception of the bible falls to earth. We realize life is not in the book but in the One who wrote it. The bible cannot save you, only Christ. Using the bible men have only made the waters bitter causing many people to die.

**Fourth Angel** - one third of the Sun, Moon, and stars smitten - the way we have interpreted the book for

ourselves is understood. The time spent in the confusion of Babylon, the day shone not.

*Joel 2*

*30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*

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

*32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.*

## **The First Woe**

Last three trumpets are set apart by

*Revelation 8*

*13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!*

In other words, if you are still on the earth of your own understanding, after hearing the first four trumpets, then you are going to face three woes. Why? The gospel is so blatantly simple. Those who reject God's demonstration of love at the cross are in danger of blaspheming His holy spirit and perfecting wickedness.

Trumpets five and six show resistance to truth. The fifth trumpet reveals the fact that false teachers are being received and believed.

*Revelation 9*

*1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall (having fallen) from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit (or pit of the abyss).*

Trumpet 5 - the star fallen is the bible. People give the bible authority to open the pit of the abyss (the mind) bringing out all the reasons the gospel of God's love cannot be true.

ABYSS: The mind of man, because we are infinite. The Greek equivalent is "bottomless" (Rev. 20:1)

*Revelation 9*

*2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air (Christ and the spirit of God) were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.*

The furnace is in the heart of every individual on the face of the earth.

*Ephesians 2*

*3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; **and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.***

Locust = anointed ones. (*Nahum 3:17 Thy crowned (H4502) are as the locusts*).

They are the Northern army of Babylon (*Joel 2:20 and :25*). Concepts you believe make you right with God.

The trumpets sound in Zion bringing them to an understanding of salvation before they are used to pour God's spirit upon all flesh. The effects of the trumpet messages have already impacted Zion.

*Joel 2*

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

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

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

4 **The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses;** and as horsemen, so shall they run.  
 5 **Like the noise of chariots** on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.  
 6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.  
 7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:  
 8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.  
 9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. (Remember John 10:8)  
 10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: **the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:**  
 11 And the Lord shall utter his voice **before his army:** for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executes his word: for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

HORSE = strong concept (color denotes spiritual quality) – Zech. 10:3 [5483]; Job 39:19\_25; Joel 2:4-5; Rev 19:11\_13 [2462]; Isa 31:3

Chariots = Changes Psalms 68:17. Horses, or strong concepts, pull behind it the change that needs to be made.

*How those in Zion are ridded of the locusts.*

Joel 2

17 **Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar,** and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen (concepts) should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? promises a blessing

18 Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

19 Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

20 But **I will remove far off from you the northern army,** and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

Revelation 9

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power (authority), as the scorpions of the earth have power (authority).

Scorpions = A rebellious church (or people or teachers) - Eze 2:6; Rv 9:3, 5, 10 [6137]

Ezekiel 2

6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though **they be a rebellious house.**

Isaiah 30

9 That this is a **rebellious people,** lying children, children **that will not hear the law of the Lord:**

Revelation 9

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Those who possess holy spirit cannot be hurt by them.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he strikes a man.

6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from

Cannot die to self. They want to overcome sin but death flees from them.

*7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns **like** gold, and their faces were as the **faces of men**.*

*8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.*

Hair like women = to be in subjection to other men.

Lions are a symbol of pride.

Faces of men refer back to the black horse of the third seal.

*9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.*

*Hearts unchanging*

*10 And they had **tails like unto scorpions**, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.*

### **Five months**

*Matthew 24*

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

*15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

The abomination that leaves one desolate is self!

*16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains (of Israel):*

*17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:*

*18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.*

*19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*

*20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter (G5494 - rainy season), neither on the sabbath day:*

*Genesis 2*

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Since the creation of man God has not stopped working to bring forth His character in humanity. When Jew and Gentile enter the fullness of His love He will rest.

*Matthew 24*

*21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

*22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*

When God pours out His spirit on all flesh there will be a great time of tribulation caused by man not God!

### **Heads and Tails**

*Isaiah 9*

*14 Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.*

*15 **The ancient and honorable, he is the head; and the prophet that teaches lies, he is the tail.***

*16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.*

*Revelation 9*

*11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*

*12 **One woe is past;** and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.*

The messenger of the abyss is self!