

Wrath of the Lamb - Trumpets 2017

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Psalm 81:3 Blow up the trumpet [*shophar*] in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

The Feast of Trumpets pictures the most important event in world history – the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ is going to **eradicate** this present evil world and all its ungodly systems and establish a New Civilization – the Second Coming of Jesus Christ in supreme power to set up the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus will come to rule over and judge all nations and usher in the happy, peaceful world tomorrow.

The Feast of Trumpets pictures the Day of the Lord.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Acts 1:10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem **from the mount called Olivet**, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey.

Christ-the Messiah-will return to the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem, from which He ascended almost 2000 years ago years ago.

Jesus and the disciples were very familiar with this verse:

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

Jesus and His disciples could look up the **mount of Olives** and say, "This mountain is going to split into **two** mountains!"

The Feast of Trumpets pictures "That Day," "The Day of the Lord," when Jesus Christ will return to this earth and plant His feet on the Mount of Olives – one of His favorite places to pray and meditate – Just to the East of Jerusalem.

The **Garden of Gethsemane** is at the foot of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, most famous as the place where Jesus prayed and his disciples slept the night before his crucifixion; i.e. the site recorded as where the agony in the garden took place.

When you are standing in the Garden of Gethsemane – to the immediate East is the **mount of Olives** – and to the immediate West is the brook Kidron – then the Beautiful East Gate leading to the front door of the Temple itself.

Matthew 26:36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray over yonder.

Luke 22:39 And he came out, and went, as He often did, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

That is where Jesus was taken captive the night before His death. Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane – it was more of a nice quiet olive orchard. That is probably where Mount of Olives got its name.

Mark 14:32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

Mark 14:33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

Mark 14:34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

John reveals that the Garden of Gethsemane was one of Jesus' favorite places to meet with His disciples, pray and meditate beneath its olive trees – it was a place that Jesus and His disciples customarily visited, which allowed Judas to find him on the night of His arrest. We see the betrayal and arrest of Jesus:

John 18:1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron [Kidron], where was a **garden**, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

John 18:2 And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus **often** times resorted there with his disciples.

John 18:3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

It was a momentous time for Jesus – and yet, fear was not a concern because of His perfect faith. Jesus knew that there in the Garden of Gethsemane – He was right in the **middle** of where He would ascend to His Father – some 40 days hence... from the tip top (I suppose) of the mount of Olives. He knew that there on the Mount of Olives is exactly where He would return – with us, the resurrected saints – to begin establishing the Kingdom of God in all the earth. And He knew from His own prophecies – that He would be **crowned King** and rule from the Temple just across the way. The **Eastern Gate**, facing the Mount of Olives across the Kidron Valley is called the **Golden Gate** or the **Beautiful Gate**.

Acts 3:2 A certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the **gate** of the temple which is called **Beautiful**, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple.

Ezekiel 43:1 Afterward he brought me to the **gate, even the gate** that **faces toward the east**:

Ezekiel 43:2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.

We see that the Glory of the Lord Fills the Temple

Ezekiel 43:3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar [in the land of the Chaldeans]; and I fell upon my face.

Ezekiel 43:4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the **gate whose prospect is toward the east**. [facing the **Mount of Olives**]

Ezekiel 43:5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.

Ezekiel 43:6 And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.

Ezekiel 43:7 And he said unto me, Son of man, **the place of my throne**, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and **my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile**, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

The Feast of Trumpets is about Jesus destroying those who **defile** God's Holy Name.

John 14:1-2 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to **prepare a place** for you.

There again, we see the tremendous **preparations** that God has made for us. Certainly God is going to follow up on those **preparations**.

John 14:3 And if I go and **prepare** a place for you, **I will come again** [A picture of the Feast of Trumpets], and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. [Pentecost]

There are seven Seals, the last Seal is the seven Trumpets, and the seventh trumpet is the seven Vials ending with the three Woes. I know that it can be complicated – without charts.

1Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trumpet of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and **so shall we ever be with the Lord**.

Revelation eleven is where we have the **Seventh** and final **Trumpet** and the **third** and **final** Woe or plague. And we know that the third woe—is the first resurrection - the

resurrection of the saints – and that takes place on Pentecost. Then, **the wrath of God** on the nations follows.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; [again, this is the last trumpet – this takes place on Pentecost] and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord**, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

We see that Jesus reigns – and we come back to reign and rule with Him. The Feast of Trumpets has to do with **God's Wrath** being poured out on all nations and **institutions**.

The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord.

We just saw that in Ezekiel. Jesus Christ is going to **eradicate** this present evil world and all of its **ungodly systems** and establish a New Civilization.

Everything of this evil world will be destroyed. Economy; Military; Government; Taxes; News; Communications – including smart phones and computers; Insurance; School systems; Law and courts; Elections; Retirement systems; Even agriculture and animal husbandry will be new in the world tomorrow. Jesus Christ is crowned King of kings. When Jesus is crowned King – His wife is crowned Queen. They shall reign with Him (Revelation 5:10).

Revelation 11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and **worshipped** God, [because He is King]

And the Saints will be **worshipped** as well!

Revelation 3:9 Jesus says... Behold, I will make them to come and **worship before thy feet**, and to know that **I have loved thee**.

Revelation 11:17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which are, and was, and are to come; because thou hast taken to yourself **great power**, and have **reigned**. [Jesus is reigning as King]

Revelation 11:18 And the **nations** were angry, and **thy wrath is come**, and the time of the **nations**, that they should be judged, and that thou should give **reward** unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and should **destroy them** which **destroy the earth**.

Now we come to the **Grand Opening**. Remember: Jesus alone has ascended to heaven:

John 3:13 And **no man has ascended up to heaven**, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Why? Because the Temple of God in heaven has been **closed** to man until this day!

Revelation 11:19 And the temple of God **was opened** in heaven, and there was seen in **His Temple** [the heavenly Temple] the ark of His testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

That's when the saints are resurrected; that's when all of the prophets of the Old Testament are rewarded (Revelation 11:18) and are resurrected—at the seventh trumpet!

The Feast of Trumpets comes four months after this resurrection Pentecost. There's a reason why we don't come back to the earth immediately. Certain things have to happen between the Saints' Pentecost resurrection - and the Feast of Trumpets when Jesus and the saints return to earth.

Revelation 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal [**Heavenly Signs**], and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Revelation 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Revelation 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Revelation 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

We come to the **Title** of today's Sermon:

*Revelation 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and **hide** us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and from the **wrath of the Lamb**:

Revelation 6:17 For the **great day of His wrath** is come; and who shall be able to stand? [wrath = anger, violent passion, indignation, and punishment]

How can a loving Jesus Christ be wrathful?

Luke 9:54 And when his disciples James and John saw that the Samaritans did not receive them, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we **command fire to come down from heaven**, and consume them, even as Elijah did?

1Kings 18:38 Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

Luke 9:55 But Jesus turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what **manner of spirit** ye are of.

But now, Jesus is calling fire down from heaven - the spirit He rebuked the sons of thunder for! What about forgiveness? What about tenderness? What about love? But the world rejects repentance. Luke says, "**If** they repent - forgive them - not while they continue to sin."

Luke 17:3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and **if he repents, forgive him**.

Mixing the concept of "wrath" with the image of an **innocent** "lamb" is surprising, unexpected and startling. The two pictures just do not go together as a rule.

*Let's pray that whatever the wrath of the lamb is – that it does not come upon us when it comes on everyone else.

The seventh seal is the seven trumpets: (Revelation 8:1-2)

The trumpets announce God's direct intervention in world affairs to spare mankind from the destruction of all flesh. When Jesus is called the **Lamb** of God, it is referring to Him as the perfectly sinless, innocent and ultimate **sacrifice** for sin.

John 1:29 Behold the **Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world.

Those who reject Jesus' perfect atoning sacrifice for sin – incur His wrath – because they refuse to be reconciled to the Father – the very reason for Jesus coming in the flesh.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He **gave** His only begotten **Son**, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God **gave** His Son... The entire world knows that Scripture...

***Jesus is angry** because His Father's **gift** and **Invitation** were rejected by man. Jesus experiences anger, hurt, frustration and disappointment because His father has been rejected by man. God's Plan for man to be in the Family of God is being snubbed.

The **wrath of the Lamb** is the righteous indignation of Jesus avenging His Father whose gift of Jesus to the world was rejected. Jesus glorifies His Father's name – before sinners. It was the Father Himself who provided the offering that atones for man's sin.

The Lamb is not a **fierce** animal at all. Lambs are soft, gentle, fuzzy, cuddly creatures that do not defend themselves. Lambs are nothing to be afraid of.

Here in Revelation 6:16, 'Lamb' means a charming "lambkin" - a small, young gentle and tender lamb, and used as a term of **endearment** for a young child. How can a lamb like this have any wrath?

The word "**wrath**" comes from 'nostril' and means to snort like a **bull snorts**.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He comes with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth **shall wail** because of him.

I think of my parents, friends, my acquaintances in the world, and there are a lot of **really nice people** – will they all incur the Wrath of the Lamb?

Revelation 14:10 The same [Who] shall drink of the wine of the **wrath of God**, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and **in the presence of the Lamb**:

What this Lamb that John portrays cannot tolerate in the Kingdom of God are those who **deny** and **reject** His offer of redemption. Are they repentant? No. The **wrath of the Lamb** is the utter terror that people will feel when Jesus, the angry Lamb will come to judge and avenge the death and persecution of His followers and judge all those who reject Him.

Jesus will right all wrongs. He displays His perfect justice. He displays the wrath of God. The Wrath of God is God's anger toward evil, injustice, disobedience – law breaking and covenant breaking.

Malachi 3:2 But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

Malachi 3:3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Malachi 3:4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

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

Isaiah 13:7 Therefore shall **all hands** be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

Isaiah 13:8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travails: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

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

Isaiah 13:10 For the stars of heaven and the **constellations** thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Isaiah 13:11 And I will punish the world **for their evil**, and the wicked for their **iniquity**; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

There will be a great sorting out.

Isaiah 13:12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

Isaiah 13:13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and **the earth** shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his **fierce anger**.

In Revelation 16—God deals with the world. God has a controversy with the nations. He's going to gather armies to the Holy Land. He is going to judge them. This happens from the time after the resurrection of the saints on Pentecost until Revelation 19 when, on that Trumpets, the saints come back to earth.

Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He [Jesus] that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Revelation 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Revelation 19:14 And the armies [the resurrected saints] which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Vials / Plagues

Revelation 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his **vial** upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Revelation 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these **plagues**: and they repented not to give him glory.

Notice the words of Jesus:

Some will be spared! Who?

Revelation 16:**15** Behold, I come as a thief. **Blessed** is he that watches, and **keeps his garments**, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

***Keeps his garments** – remember how we saw in Matthew 22 how you must have a **wedding garment** – or God the Father will not allow you in.

Matthew 22:11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had **not on a wedding garment**:

Matthew 22:12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how came thou in hither not having a **wedding garment**? And he was speechless.

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

Think of the entire world – as 9/11 in New York

Isaiah 24:1-3 Speaks of Judgment on the Whole Earth

Isaiah 24:1 Behold, the LORD makes the **earth empty**, and makes it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

No one on earth will be **overlooked**.

Isaiah 24:2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

Isaiah 24:3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.

Isaiah 24:4 The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

Isaiah 24:5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because **they have transgressed** the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 24:6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

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

Zephaniah 1:15 That day is a **day of wrath**, a day of trouble and distress, a day of waste-ness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

Zephaniah 1:16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

Zephaniah 1:17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

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

Isaiah 26:20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the **indignation** be overpast.

Isaiah 26:21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

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;

End: Wrath of the Lamb

For more information, look up examples of, "**that day**," "**day of the Lord**," "**wrath**."