

## Trumpets to Tabernacles

This topic has been on my mind a lot lately. Thoughts of the events that will transpire in the future at some point, have been bouncing around in visions in my mind's eye. All that we believe, all that we do, all the Sabbaths and Holy Days we keep will come to fruition just as God has had planned from the beginning.

As we ready ourselves to close out this year's Holy Days, let's give thought to what lies ahead for those who finish the race. **2 Timothy 4:7**- "I have fought a good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith." Just for thought, think of your own race and where you began. What changes and growth have you seen in yourself since being baptized? What changes this year? Let's begin by taking a quick look back from our starting line based on the New Testament application of God's Holy Days.

Our race began with repentance and baptism. By God's grace, it didn't matter if we were 20 or 70 years old, God knew when our time was right. (Parable of the workers in **Matthew 20:1-16**).

**Mark 1:4**- "John came baptizing in the wilderness, and preaching *the* baptism of repentance for *the* remission of sins."

We signed the covenant in our symbolic death and are buried with Christ in the watery grave. **Colossians 2:12**- “Having been buried with Him in baptism, by which you have also been raised with *Him* through the inner working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.” We received God’s Holy Spirit at baptism by the laying on of hands. **Hebrews 6:2**- “Of *the* doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of *the* resurrection of *the* dead, and of eternal judgment.”

We were pardoned of our sins by His sacrifice and shed blood on the cross.

**Colossians 1:14**- “In Whom we have redemption through His own blood, *even* the remission of sins;” We renewed this New Covenant every year at Passover.

We committed to live our lives by every word of God (**Deuteronomy 8:3**, **Matthew 4:4**, **Luke 4:4**) and are reminded to keep sin out of our lives. We celebrate this during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

We grew in the image of His Son our Savior Jesus Christ by becoming a new creation in Him. **2 Corinthians 5:17**- “Therefore, if anyone *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” **Colossians 3:10**- “And have put on the new man, who *is* being renewed in knowledge according to *the* image of Him Who created him;” God gave His Holy Spirit at Pentecost which we received at baptism.

As we are the First Fruits of God, we will take part in His First Resurrection or First Harvest to take place around Pentecost (Exact time, no one knows the hour or the day, Matthew 24:26). We do know it will begin with the resurrection of the Two Witnesses.

**Revelation 11:3-15-** “And I will give *power* to My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and *the* two lampstands that stand before the God of the earth. And if anyone attempts to harm them, fire will go out of their mouths and devour their enemies. For if anyone attempts to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. These have authority to shut heaven so that no rain may fall in *the* days of their prophecy; and they have authority over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they will. And when they have completed their testimony, the beast who ascends out of the abyss will make war against them, and will overcome them, and will kill them. And their bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Then those of the peoples and tribes and languages and nations shall see their bodies three and a half days, for they will not allow their bodies to be put into tombs. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, and will make merry, and will send gifts to one another, because these two

prophets had tormented those who dwell on the earth.” Then after the three and a half days, *the* spirit of life from God entered into them and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. And they heard a great voice from heaven, say, “Come up here!” And they ascended into heaven in a cloud; and their enemies saw them *rise*. And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand men were killed in the earthquake. And the rest were filled with fear, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming immediately. Then the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet; and *there* were great voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign into the ages of eternity.” Crack the sky, it’s time.

We who have finished the race by God’s standards will be called from our rest or changed in the twinkling of an eye to meet with Jesus Christ in the air.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52-** “Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed, In an instant, in *the* twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for *the* trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18-** “Because the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with *a* shout of command, with *the* voice of an

archangel and with *the* trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in *the* clouds for *the* meeting with the Lord in *the* air; and so shall we always be with *the* Lord. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.”

The First Resurrection has taken place and we meet with Christ on the Sea of Glass. Now I don't have a “cow bell” but speculation at this point seems to be backed by scripture that these events will transpire around God's Plan through His Holy Days. We can speculate that our meeting with Christ and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb will take place as well. **Revelation 19:9**- “And he said to me, “Write: Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

Preparation for us to return with Jesus Christ to earth is logical as God is a God of order and not confusion. **1 Corinthians 14:33**- “For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.” I doubt He'd send us off to battle without some prior instruction and job assignments. There will be much to do. He will prepare us to follow Jesus Christ on His triumphant return to earth on the Feast of Trumpets.

I won't beleaguer this topic but a great tribulation period will have occurred and the earth will be in the greatest suffering in history. **Matthew 24:21**- "For then shall there be great tribulation, such as has not been from *the* beginning of *the* world until this time, nor ever shall be *again*."

**Matthew 24:29-30**- "But immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

**Mark 13:24-26**- "Now in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light; And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken; And then they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."

I've included a few images as a visual aid for our imaginations.



I cannot even imagine what destruction is coming or the terror it will cause.



This hardly depicts stars falling but I can almost guarantee that if this didn't invoke dread to the viewer, they'd have to be blind.

**Revelation 6:13-17-** “And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its untimely figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

Then *the* heaven departed like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the powerful men, and every bondman, and every free *man* hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us, and hide us from *the* face of Him Who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. Because the great day of His wrath has come, and who has the power to stand?” They'll be looking for mountains to fall on them but too late, there aren't any.

**Revelation 16:20-** “And every island disappeared, and no mountains were found;”

**Revelation 19:11-21-** “And I saw heaven open; and behold, a white horse; and He Who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He does judge and make war. And His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns; *and* He had a name written that no one knows except Him. And *He was* clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is The Word of God. And the armies in heaven were following Him on white horses; *and* they were clothed



in fine linen, white and pure. And out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He shall shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury and the wrath of the Almighty God. And on *His* garment and on His thigh He has a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords. Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in *the* midst of heaven, “Come and gather yourselves together to the supper of the great God. So that you may eat *the* flesh of kings, and *the* flesh of chief captains, and *the* flesh of mighty *men*, and *the* flesh of horses, and of those who sit on them, and *the* flesh of all, free and bond, and small and great.” And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war with Him Who sits on the horse, and with His army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked miracles in his presence, by which he had deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. Those two were cast alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone; And the rest were killed by the sword of Him Who sits on the horse, *even the sword* that goes out of His mouth; and all the birds were filled with their flesh.”



I don't like to cast an image of Jesus but I saw this one on-line as it fits the scripture's description. It certainly appears to be The King of Kings and not the "Hippie on a stick" so many churches have hanging on their walls. He's going to set things straight once and for all and we will be with Him. Whether those who remain are deceived to think this is an alien attack or actually have eyesight, it isn't E.T. They'll be scrambling for a place to hide from God's Wrath.

There will be a tremendous battle between Trumpets and the Day of Atonement. The day of Christ's return is foretold in **Zechariah 14:1-9**- "Behold, the day of the LORD comes, and your spoil shall be divided in your midst, "For I will gather all

nations to battle against Jerusalem; and the city shall be taken, and the houses plundered, and the women raped. And half of the city shall go into exile, and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.” And the LORD shall go out and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. 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 split in two, from the east and to the west, and make a very great valley. And half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south. “And you shall flee to the valley of My mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah.” And the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with You. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark. And it will be one day which shall be known to the LORD, neither day nor night; but it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them shall go toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea. In summer and in winter it shall be. And the LORD shall be King over all the earth; in that day there shall be one LORD, and His name shall be one.

We know of the Battle of Armageddon and the blood rising to the level of a horse’s bridle.

**Revelation 14:19-20-** “And the angel thrust his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *its fruit* into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood spewed out from the winepress as high as the horses’ bridles, to the distance of a thousand six hundred furlongs.”



It is unimaginable to have that much blood loss. How horrific it will be for those who face God’s Wrath during this time? The earth will have been laid waste and prepared for the coming Kingdom of God.

As we know these things *will* come to pass, how should we be preparing now?

**2 Peter 3:10-14-** “However, the day of *the* Lord shall come as a thief in *the* night in which the heaven itself shall disappear with a mighty roar, and *the* elements shall pass away, burning with intense heat, and *the* earth and the works in it shall be burned up. Since all these things are going to be destroyed, what kind of *persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, Looking forward to and striving for *the* coming of the day of God, during which *the* heavens, being on fire, shall be destroyed, and the elements, burning with intense heat, shall melt? But according to His promise, we look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. For this reason, beloved, since you are anticipating these things, be diligent, so that you may be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless.

Armageddon is over. Christ and His Army have triumphed. We are at one with Him. The Day of Atonement signifies Satan being bound up for a thousand years.

**Revelation 20:1-3-** “Then I saw an angel descending from heaven, having the key of the abyss, and a great chain in his hand. And he took hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him *for* a thousand years. Then he cast him into the abyss, and locked him *up*, and sealed *the* *abyss* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer until the

thousand years were fulfilled; and after that it is ordained that he be loosed *for* a short time.”

It is this time we have strived for. The world will know that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**Romans 14:11-** “Because it is written,” ‘For *as* I live,’ says *the* Lord, ‘every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’”

**Philippians 2:9-11-** “Therefore, God has also highly exalted Him and bestowed upon Him a name which *is* above every name; That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *beings* in heaven and on earth and under the earth, And every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord to *the* glory of God *the* Father.”

We have persevered and finished the race and the reward and inheritance is ours.

We have become heirs of the promises of God. Praise God Almighty!

**Romans 8:16-18-** “The Spirit itself bears witness conjointly with our own spirit, *testifying* that we are *the* children of God. Now if *we are* children, *we are* also heirs—truly, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer together with Him, so that we may also be glorified together with Him. For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory that shall be revealed in us.”

We have been told these things but now they are coming to fruition.

**Galatians 3:29-** “And if you *are* Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to *the* promise.”

**Titus 3:7-** “So that, having been justified by His grace, we would become heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.”

**James 2:5-** “My beloved brethren, listen. Did not God Himself choose the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him?”

Our true work will begin when we serve Jesus Christ in our new assigned roles as He establishes His Millennial Kingdom represented by the Feast of Tabernacles.

**Revelation 20:6-** “Blessed and holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power. But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

**Isaiah 9:6-7-** “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and over His kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with righteousness from henceforth, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

**Luke 1:33-** “And He shall reign over the house of Jacob into the ages, and of His kingdom there shall be no end.” And we shall rule with Him for a thousand years. I know I may have been beating the drum all year on growing in the image of Christ and His likeness, but loving God first, that personal relationship with God the Father, keeping His Word as He says, and having a contrite heart will yield the fulfillment of His word to us. Now is the time to draw closer to God.

The Feast of Tabernacles is one feast we know we will definitely be keeping in His Kingdom.

**Zechariah 14:16-** “And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”

We will have served Christ for His thousand-year reign. Having been part of the First Resurrection, we need not fear the second death (**Revelation 2:11, 20:6**). We have but one more conflict when Satan is loosed for a short period. But this conflict will be resolved by God Himself.

**Revelation 20:7-15-** “Now when the thousand years have been completed, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison; And he shall go out to deceive the nations that *are* in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, of whom the number *is* as the



sand of the sea, to gather them together for war. Then *I saw* them go up upon the breadth of the earth and encircle the camp of the saints, and the beloved city; and *fire came down from God out of heaven and consumed them*; And the Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *had been cast*; and they, *Satan and the demons*, shall be tormented day and night into the ages of eternity. Then I saw a great white throne and the one Who was sitting on it, from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God; and *the* books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life. And the dead were judged out of the things written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead *that were* in it, and death and *the* grave gave up the dead *that were* in them; and they were judged individually, according to their works. And death and *the* grave were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And if anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.”

What glorious things we have to look forward to. In a sinful world forlorn and seemingly without hope, we have the Word and Promises of God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. He has called us and set us apart and given us His Holy

Spirit to understand His plan of salvation for mankind. It is such a blessing to know and understand and celebrate His Sabbaths and Holy Days. Our reward is coming.

As we prepare to depart for the Feast of Tabernacles, do so with anticipation and expectation of learning and growing in God's will and purpose for each and every one of us. May we think about what our roles and work will be like in the coming Kingdom of God. Like this year, may we look back next year in 2023 and thank Him for our growth in His way and abundance of life. Onward to the Feast! Amen.

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