

The Sound of the Trumpet

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BIG SANDY, Texas—There are some general lessons found in Bible prophecy that are also reflected in a specific understanding about the Feast of Trumpets. You may ask: What do you mean by that?

■ Example No. 1: In general studies of prophecy and in a specific study of the Feast of Trumpets, there is the understanding of "calamity precedes restoration."

■ Example No. 2: In general studies of prophecy and in a specific study of the Feast of Trumpets, there is the understanding of the trumpet as both an "alarm of war" and the "sound of victory."

Calamity precedes restoration

- Joel 2:1-11
- Joel 2:12-32
- Zephaniah 1:14-18
- Zephaniah 3:14-20

Alarm of war

Joel 2:1—"Blow 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 is coming, for it is at hand."

Zephaniah 1:16—"A day of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers."

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 of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!'"

Revelation 9:1—"Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit."

Revelation 9:12—"One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things."

Revelation 9:13-14—"Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth

angel who had the trumpet, 'Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.' "

Revelation 11:14—"The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly."

Sound of victory

Revelation 11:15—"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!' "

Matthew 24:31—"And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

1 Corinthians 15:50-52—"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—"But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."