

# Rosh Hashanah Exhortation

## The **Downfall** of a **Culture**

(Romans 1:18-32)

### I. The *Rejection* of the **Truth** of God (1:18-20)

- A. *Truth* that has been **suppressed** in **unrighteousness** (1:18)
- B. *Truth* that has been made **evident** to men (1:19)
- C. *Truth* that has been **seen** and **understood** through **His creation** (1:20)

<sup>18</sup> For the **wrath** of God is **revealed** from **heaven** against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men who **suppress** the **truth** in **unrighteousness**,

<sup>19</sup> *because* that which is **known** about **God** is **evident** *within them*; for **God** made it **evident** to them.

<sup>20</sup> For since the **creation** of the **world** His **invisible** attributes, His **eternal power** and **divine nature**, have been **clearly seen**, being **understood** through what has been **made**, so that they are **without excuse**.

### II. The *Repudiation* of the **Knowledge** of God (1:21-23, 25)

- A. *Refusing* to **honor** and **give thanks** to God (1:21a)
- B. *Receiving* in their **hearts** **vain** and **foolish speculations** (1:21b)
- C. *Replacing* the **glory** of the **incorruptible** God with that of **corruptible man** and **animals** (1:22-23)
- D. *Rejecting* the **truth of God** for a **lie**, **worshipping** and **servicing** the **creation** rather than **its Creator** (1:25)

<sup>21</sup> For even though they **knew God**, they did **not honor Him** as **God** or **give thanks**, but they became **futile** in their **speculations**, and their **foolish heart** was **darkened**.

<sup>22</sup> Professing to be **wise**, they became **fools**,  
<sup>23</sup> and **exchanged** the **glory** of the **incorruptible** God for an **image** in the **form** of **corruptible man** and of **birds** and four-footed **animals** and crawling **creatures**.

### III. The *Resolve* (by God) to “**abandon**” men to **Suffer** the **Consequences** of their **own Iniquity** (1:24-31)

- A. *Abandoning* them to their own **lusts**, **impurity**, and the **dishonoring** of their **bodies** (1:24)
- B. *Abandoning* them (men and women) to **degrading**, **unnatural passions** (1:26-27)

C. *Abandoning them* to follow their own depraved minds and unrighteousness (1:28-31)

<sup>24</sup> Therefore **God gave them over** in the *lusts* of their hearts to impurity, so that their **bodies** would be *dishonored* among them.

<sup>25</sup> For they exchanged the *truth of God* for a *lie*, and **worshiped** and **served** the *creature* rather than the **Creator**, who is **blessed forever**. Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this reason **God gave them over** to *degrading passions*; for their **women exchanged** the *natural function* for that which is *unnatural*,

<sup>27</sup> and in the same way also the **men abandoned** the *natural function* of the **woman** and **burned** in their **desire** toward **one another**, **men with men** committing **indecent acts** and **receiving** in their own **persons** the due *penalty* of their **error**.

<sup>28</sup> And just as they did **not see fit** to **acknowledge God** any longer, **God gave them over** to a *depraved mind*, to do those things which are **not proper**,

<sup>29</sup> being filled with **all unrighteousness**, **wickedness**, **greed**, **evil**; full of **envy**, **murder**, **strife**, **deceit**, **malice**; *they are gossips*,

<sup>30</sup> **slanderers**, **haters of God**, **insolent**, **arrogant**, **boastful**, *inventors of evil*, *disobedient to parents*,

<sup>31</sup> without **understanding**, **untrustworthy**, **unloving**, **unmerciful**;

## Personal Application

### “Blow the *Trumpets*”

Our so-called “Woke” Culture—  
**Desperately needs** a “Spiritual Awakening”

A. We need a *Trumpet blast* warning us not to abandon the Truth and Knowledge of **God revealed** to **mankind** throughout the **ages**.

Thus says the LORD,  
“Stand by the **ways** and **see** and **ask** for the ancient paths,  
where the good way is, and **walk in it**;

and you shall find **rest** for your **souls**.” But they said,  
‘We will not walk in it.’

And I set watchmen over you, saying,  
“Listen to the sound of the trumpet!” But they said, ‘We will not listen.’

“Therefore hear, O nations,  
And know, O congregation, what is among them.

“Hear, O earth: behold, I am bringing *disaster* on this people,  
the fruit of their *plans*,  
*because* they have not listened to My words,  
and as for My law, they have rejected it also...

...“For My people have forgotten Me,...  
and they have stumbled from their ways, from the ancient paths...”  
(Jeremiah 6:16-19, 18:15a)

B. We need a *Trumpet blast* warning us not to forsake God’s *word* and *principles* of Righteousness.

My son, if you will receive my sayings  
and treasure my commandments within you,...

Then you will *discern* the *fear of the LORD*  
and *discover* the *knowledge of God*.

For the LORD gives *wisdom*;  
from His mouth (His word) come *knowledge* and *understanding*...

Then you will *discern* righteousness and justice and equity  
and every good course...(Proverbs 2:1, 5-6, 9)

C. We need a *Trumpet blast* warning us, and especially our rulers, to  
not “*suppress* the truth in unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18).”

A Warning to leaders → Political leaders  
→ Judicial leaders  
→ Educational leaders  
→ Spiritual leaders

“An *appalling* and *horrible* thing has happened in the land:  
the prophets prophecy *falsely*,  
and the priests rule on their *own authority*;  
and My people love it so!”  
(Jeremiah 5:30-31)

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For those who *guide* this people are leading *them* astray;  
and those who are *guided* by them are brought to confusion. (Isaiah 9:16)  
When the righteous increase, the people *rejoice*,  
But when a wicked man rules, people *groan*. (Proverbs 29:2)

**Righteousness exalts a nation,**  
but **sin** is a ***disgrace*** to ***any*** people (Proverbs 14:34)

The **wicked** are **overthrown** and are ***no more***  
but the ***house*** of the **righteous** will ***stand***. (Proverbs 12:7)

D. We need a ***Trumpet blast*** that “Awakens” us to **Repentance**

**Blow a trumpet** in **Zion**, consecrate a **fast**, proclaim a **solemn assembly**,  
**gather** the **people**, **sanctify the congregation**,...

Let the ***priests***, the **LORD’s ministers**, **weep** between the **porch**  
and the **altar**, and let them say, “**Spare Your people, O LORD**,...”  
(Joel 2:15-16a, 17a)

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If **My people**, which are called by **My name**, shall ***humble themselves***,  
and ***pray***, and ***seek My face***, and **turn** from their **wicked ways**;  
then **I will *hear*** from ***heaven***, and ***will forgive*** their **sin**,  
and ***will heal*** their **land**. (II Chronicles 7:14)

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When **God** saw their **deeds** (in **Nineveh**), that they **turned** from their  
***wicked way***, then **God relented** concerning the **calamity**  
which **He** had declared **He would bring** upon them.  
And **He did not do it**. (Jonah 3:10)

E. We need a ***Trumpet blast*** to ***remind us*** of the **Trumpet** that will **sound**  
at the **Return** of the **Lord**, and the **glorious future Hope** of the  
**Redeemed**.

For the **Lord Himself** will **descend** from **heaven** with a **shout**,  
with the **voice** of ***the archangel*** and with the **trumpet of God**,  
and the **dead in Messiah** will **rise** first.

Then we which are **alive** and **remain** will 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**.  
(I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

<sup>10</sup> And the **ransomed of the LORD** will return  
and come with **joyful shouting** to **Zion**,  
with **everlasting joy** upon their heads.

They will find **gladness** and **joy**,  
And **sorrow** and **sighing** will **flee away**. (Isaiah 35:10)

**Closing Prayer**