# America **Needs** a Feast of Trumpets A "reminder" by the "Blowing of *Trumpets*"

### A. We need a Trumpet warning us not to abandon God

Thus says **the LORD**, "Stand by the ways and see and ask for the <u>ancient paths</u>, where the <u>good way</u> 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 <u>trumpet</u>!" But they said, 'We will *not* listen.'

..."For **My people** have <u>forgotten Me</u>,... and they have <u>stumbled</u> from their ways, from the <u>ancient paths</u>,.." (Jeremiah 6:16-17, 18:15a)

#### B. We need a *Trumpet* reminding us to Fear the Lord

Let all the earth <u>fear the LORD</u>; let all the **inhabitants** of the world stand in <u>awe</u> of Him.

For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

The **counsel** of the **Lord stands** <u>forever</u>, the **plans** of **His heart** from generation to generation.

Blessed is <u>the nation</u> whose God is the LORD, the *people* whom He has chosen for His inheritance. (Psalm 33:8-12)

"Only <u>fear the LORD</u> and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things <u>He</u> has <u>done</u> for you. But if you still do *wickedly*, both you and your king shall be <u>swept away</u>." (I Samuel 12:23-24)

C. We need a *Trumpet* reminding us to <u>live</u> according to <u>Righteousness</u>

Righteousness <u>exalts</u> a nation, but sin is a *disgrace* to *any* people (Proverbs 14:34) The *wicked* are overthrown and are <u>no more</u> but the <u>house</u> of the <u>righteous</u> will <u>stand.</u> (Proverbs 12:7)

→ Needing a *Trumpet blast* that "awakens" us to <u>repentance</u>

<u>Blow a trumpet</u> in Zion, consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, <u>gather</u> the people, sanctify the congregation,...

Let the *priests*, the LORD's ministers, <u>weep</u> 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 <u>turn</u> from their <u>wicked ways</u>; then I will *hear* from *heaven*, and will *forgive* their sin, and will *heal* their land. (II Chronicles 7:14)

→ Needing a *Trumpet blast* that warns <u>rulers</u> and <u>leaders</u> to *lead* <u>righteously</u>→

→ political leaders
→ judicial leaders
→ spiritual leaders

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

For <u>those</u> who guide this people are leading *them* <u>astray</u>; and <u>those</u> who are guided by them are brought to <u>confusion</u>. (Isaiah 9:16)

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When the <u>**righteous**</u> increase, the people <u>**rejoice**</u>, But when a <u>**wicked**</u> man <u>**rules**</u>, people <u>**groan**</u>. (Proverbs 29:2)

→ Needing a *Trumpet blast* that exhorts us to obey God's word of righteousness

My son, if you will receive <u>my sayings</u> and treasure <u>my commandments</u> within you,...

Then you will *discern* the *fear* of the LORD and *discover* the <u>knowledge</u> of God. For the LORD gives <u>wisdom</u>; from **His mouth (His word)** come <u>knowledge</u> and <u>understanding</u>... Then you will **discern** <u>righteousness</u> and <u>justice</u> and <u>equity</u> and every <u>good course</u>...(Proverbs 2:1, 5-6, 9)

#### D. We need a *Trumpet* reminding us of <u>God's Sovereign Power</u>

**Daniel** answered and said, "Let the **name of God** be **blessed forever** and **ever**, For **wisdom** and **power** belong **to Him**.

"It is <u>He</u> who <u>changes</u> the times and the epochs; He <u>removes</u> kings and <u>establishes</u> kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding. (Daniel 2:20-21)

As for **man**, his days are **like** *grass*; As a **flower** of the field, so he **flourishes**. When the **wind** has passed over it, it is <u>no more</u>, And its **place acknowledges it** <u>no longer</u>...

The LORD has <u>established</u> His throne in the heavens, And His <u>sovereignty rules over all</u>. (Psalm 103:15-16, 19)

> "The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings *down* to Sheol and raises *up*.

> > "The LORD makes *poor* and *rich*; He brings *low,* He also *exalts.*

"He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap To make them sit with nobles, And inherit a seat of honor;

For the **pillars** of the earth are **the LORD'S**, And **He set the world** on **them**.

"He *keeps* the feet of His godly ones, But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness; For <u>not</u> by <u>might</u> shall a man *prevail*. (I Samuel 2:6-9)

After these things I heard something like a **loud voice** of a **great multitude in heaven**, saying, "Hallelujah! **Salvation** and **glory** and **power belong** to our God;.. (Revelation 19:1)

## E. We need a Trumpet reminding us of our Future Restoration

Behold, I tell you a **mystery**; we will not **all sleep**, but we will all **be changed**, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trumpet**;

for the <u>trumpet</u> will sound, and the dead will be <u>raised</u> *imperishable*, and we will be <u>changed</u>.

For this *perishable* must put on the <u>imperishable</u>, and this *mortal* must put on <u>immortality</u>. (I Corinthians 15:51-53)

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