



TRUMPET SOUNDS

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If you have wondered what is going on in this world, country or people today, I can tell you it is not something in the water.

I have an excitement for the season of today spiritually, while at the same time the frustration of living through everything negative that surrounds it. I see the signs of promise in Jesus' return exactly like the birth pangs the Scriptures liken it in Mt 24:4-8 and 1 Thess 5:2-3, but today the Holy Spirit gave me this to share with you in Rom 8:20-28 from THE MESSAGE BIBLE: **20 Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in**

21 until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

22 All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs.

23 These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance.

24 That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us.

25 But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

26 Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans.

27 He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God.

28 That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

This is the explanation of what is happening today. I remember when I was first told I was pregnant there was an excitement within me that words could not express. The next joy was in telling everyone the GOOD NEWS. *(Isa 9:6 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, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.)

The first three months was the agony of morning sickness with an appetite change I had not expected yet began to understand the pregnancy more through the experience. Still in the discomfort there was an inner joy just knowing what the outcome would be as I waited.

I began day by day to stretch in ways I had never stretched before...literally. I could not wear the same clothes that had fit before. Because of the extra blood circulating for two, I was easily and uncomfortably overheated. My sleep position had to change to accommodate the new body changes...if I could find a comfortable position. Once I had found the position and slept for a moment I was constantly aware of the need to release my bladder only to repeat the work of trying to find a good position. Swollen ankles, backache and reflux were everyday companions that I wished would have found another place to visit.

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These were just the month by month obstacles yet to reach its climax. Was this the day? Was this the Hour? *(Matt 24:6-8 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.)*

At the end of my nine months at 1:30 a.m. my water broke and slowly the cramping started...the birthing had started. Was I excited? YES, finally the arrival was at hand. I had no idea what birth pangs were, nor can I describe them other than to say that once they increased I felt as if I was being torn apart from the inside out. Had I not believed it was natural in birthing I would have known I was dying!!! *(Matt 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun 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)*

I was told to push, which took every bit of strength I could muster after the first 20 hours...Yes, 20 hours of contractions, because my doctor was at a party in which he felt he could not leave!!! Pushing went on for what seemed an eternity in it-

self. The final push had nothing to do with my efforts because my body took over and everything in me contracted on its own. *(Matt 24:30-31...and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.)*

The Scriptures tell us, beyond our trials and tribulation, the broader view from a higher point than what we see. It then is likened to being pregnant, each day a challenge...an experience of ups, downs, frustrations and pain, yet an inner joy of what is coming through it all.

The world is living it differently than the expectant Christian. The world is living through the view of abortion and termination. For the world there is no wonderful expectation of delivery.

Two different kingdoms are mingled together. The Kingdom of God has promise while the kingdom of satan is termination as the wheat and tares growing in the same fields together. The view from satan's seat is hell, whether hell on earth or beyond to eternity. As Christians we witness the hell the earth is going through but from the perspective of the promise of delivery. Each pang gets harder until the final push.

It is interesting to see that even today in this political climate we see the fear of one kingdom over the other about Supreme Court Judges being appointed. If you look from the liberal's view of abortion or termination they fear birth because they come from a kingdom that is terminal and they are prompted to perpetuate it. They do it from a small view because they have no concept of the broader. Terminal, like a disease, is beyond cure or alteration in their minds and this is their unconscious fear that keeps them adamant in the fight.

What is set before us from the words in Deuteronomy is life or death. God gave us the understanding of both in order for us to choose between them. God said, *"I place before you Life and Death, Blessing and Curse. Choose life so that you and your children will live. And love God, your God, listening obediently to him, firmly embracing him. Oh yes, he is life itself, a long life settled on the soil that God, your God, promised to give your ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."* MSG

Christians, the word for us today is to view from the stand of delivery. Become pregnant with expectation. Guard your heart against the reports of termination that surround us and touch our lives. In other words: CHOOSE LIFE AND LIVE!

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I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support of this ministry. To all the people from all over the world that Trumpet Sounds reaches; GOD'S BLESSINGS to each and every one of you. Keep Christ in your hearts through the business of holidays.

Let us keep ourselves united through prayer and love that we overcome all obstacles against us. Be mindful of how we live our lives in front of people that a good testimony remains. Jesus, help each of us finish our course and keep our children and their children from falling into the enemy's hands. God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change; courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen

Blessings on your Thanksgiving and make it an everyday event. Blessings on your Christmas and keep Christ in its center.