



# TRUMPET SOUNDS

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## WATCHERS AND SCOFFERS

Notice what these three Scriptures have in common:

**Matt 25:13** Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

**Mark 13:33** Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

**Luke 12:38** And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

There is a command to watch. For what are we watching?

**Luke 21:25-27** And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity;

**the sea and the waves roaring; 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**

I am sure that other generations may have thought of Jesus' return because of signs of nations in distress along with world perplexity. I am sure the Jews thought it most often. Yet each generation believing Jesus was on the way was not foolish for believing it, even though the next generation came and went. They were doing exactly what they were commanded to do...WATCH. Those who considered Christ's return eminent were following the very instruction given them, for

who knew if everything was in place but one thing left for Christ to return. One day everything will be ready and in place and God will give His orders. Whether that day is now or not, our Commander and Chief has ordered His troops to watch and be ready.

People who are watching make ready when we see the signs unfolding because we must. I write warnings as if today is that day because it is my commission. I will not have failed if old age takes me first and my children and grandchildren. I was commanded to watch, warn, enlighten, shine, teach and admonish all to wake up. This is what zahar means, but even if it was not my personal command it is the command for us all as the Word bears witness.

Scoffers who ignore being made ready

will be in the wrong no matter if Jesus does not appear. Scoffers are never commanded to scoff or deny the signs given, but given the same command to obey. The Word also targets scoffers: **2 Peter 3:3-4** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

Jesus never indicated that we had time to waste or to surmise that his coming was detained.

**1 Thess 5:6** Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

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## BIBLE DAYS

If I asked you the time period for the Bible days, what would you say? Most preachers refer to "back in the Bible days", yet here is an eye opener...we are in the Bible days. If you know the Bible, you realize that the Bible goes from "In the beginning" to the finish with a new heaven and a new earth previewed in Revelation. We have not come through all of the pages yet. We are, as Jesus put it, in the last days of it. **Heb 1:2 (God) Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son...**

Jesus ushered in the last days. No names are mentioned in Revelation but Jesus and John, while others are grouped as saints, witnesses, beasts, dragon, liars, fearful, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, whoremongers, sorcerers, and idolaters etc.

We are all accounted for in Scripture. Some of our acts are made known but with little detail. Some of the saints are still encouraging in letters to the church body or personal letters just like Paul.

The Word is still being written and revelation being given because we are the details and characters of Revelation. It has not died with John on the isle of Patmos: **Acts 2:17** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams...Start being more aware of your part and chapter in The Book.

## CONTROL, DOMINION AND DESTINY

When in times of turmoil, indecision and our frustration with the ways of the world, we throw up our hands as if having no recourse in the matters of life by saying, "God is in control." After which, in many cases, we go about our lives making choices and controlling what we do day in and out without any consultation of the Lord until we hit a stumbling block declaring once again that God is in control. For example, Sarai heard God's Will of her bearing a child in her old age, so with self-effort she made God's Will into Ishmael. This did not change God's Will for we see it fulfilled in Isaac.

Man has interrupted God's Will with his self-efforts in a little thing called dominion. Oh yes, God gave man dominion on earth and man made it a sovereign dominion of kingdoms ruling over himself and mankind. (You will see this more clearly in 1 Sam 8.) Man taking dominion results in many things contrary to the Will of God. Make no mistake about it God's Will does not change with our interference because He will always get his Isaac while we deal with our Ishmaels!

God set forth a plan called destiny as we may see somewhat darkly taking us to the end and new beginning in Revelation and to the return of Jesus in the briefer outlines of Matt 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13.

We see three things at play: God's Will, man's dominion and satan capitalizing on man's efforts. Man does not always take God's Will into his dominion. Especially during this season seeing the frustration over the candidates at large. We make our choices based on

## FAKE ID'S

In the old western movies we see the ownership of cattle placed upon their hind quarters with a fiery brand. No matter where the cattle roamed the identity to whom they belonged was forever burned into the scar they bore. Likewise from birth to older age we carry the scars of branding by names or labels given us. "You are your father's daughter," can be meant as a compliment or a negative in either promoting the gifts of the bloodline or the curses. "I have my mother's metabolism," is usually a comment to excuse being overweight to obese. "Why can't you ever do anything right?" "What's wrong with you?" "You're so stupid!" "What a dodo!" "Idiot!" etc. etc.

Are we just cattle in satan's corral branded for ownership? Is it any wonder we use a fake ID, being so confused of who or whose we are? Trying to break out of the corral does not erase the scar from the brand still

what we esteem more highly in our own minds, but in the end once again throw up our hands and say that God is in control. It will do us good to reread 1 Samuel 8, in which the people are crying out for a king to rule them like the other nations. The prophet is upset that they would desire a king over the Creator of all things. God instructs Samuel to show them the manner of a king's ultimate claim on them and how it would dictate their liberties into his desires using their sons and daughters. In the end man did not change his request for a king and here is the conclusion of the matter: **1 Sam 8:18-22 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day. 19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; 20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. 21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD. 22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king.**

God did not *control* their bad decision. And choose, they did. They found the tallest man to fit the bill. Of course, with their choice other bad decisions were made, yet in the meantime God appointed a man for *service* (I stress the word service here) whose name was David. You may also recall that Saul, the people's choice, went after God's appointed one to

intact. The scar is a soul wound that is invisible to the eye but upon being nudged by life causes a reaction. The wounds frame our personality in bondage, yet we seem unaware of why we continue to react in the same old ways. Most soul wounds beget others like it. Identifying the wound helps us to clean it out and allow it to heal permanently. Usually there is one name lording over the rest like the example of Legion...for there were many Lu 8:30. The name is very like the wound. The definition of legion is a unit or brigade of 3000-6000.

There was a young lady who had nightmares of choking or being strangled. She had a constant fear that she was going to be killed by strangulation. It kept her bound in fear for years until she found out that as a toddler in her highchair she choked on a peanut butter sandwich. It was a trauma that, like blood in

kill him. In this we can easily see God's Will in contrast to man's wayward, dominion choices. God's anointed one grew under His divine protection, yet was named king in the dominion set up by man. God can neither take dominion away from man nor man's free will to do as he pleases with it, however, He will appoint his servants who hear and proclaim His voice. These factions continue to this day not by the control of God but between the destiny set by God with the fracture of choices in the realm of self efforts in man's created dominion.

You and I play our part in the characters from the Book of Revelation. We either choose to follow the destiny given by God or walk the realm of doing what is right in our own eyes and self efforts.

We see more clearly the Ishmael/Isaac conflict as never having left us but accelerating in this hour through its terrorism and threats of death. We can also see how far we have come by crying out for a king to fight our battles and make our decisions for us rather than seeking the Lord and His Kingdom's righteousness.

Instead of throwing up our hands and saying that God is in control, we need to be more conscious of our part in destiny and ask God how, when, where and what we can do for the Kingdom. Man's dominion choices will never change God's destiny set even at the suffering of the Ishmaels and kings.

the water to a shark, caused a wound with an oppressor named "Choke". Choke invited fear, death, strangling, anxiety and panic lending itself to agoraphobia. Agoraphobia is a phobia of being in a situation where escape would be difficult or impossible, or help would be unavailable if a panic attack should occur. This limited her to the corral with the brand of ownership by "Choke" and medication that was of little use. Once Choke was uncovered the rest were easily taken care of as well, and her fake ID was cut into pieces.

That was only one example, but there are many from traumas in our lives or labels we have been given. It is time we discover the brand and get the inner healing we need or we will default to the corral our entire life. (Remember that the name is very like its symptoms.)

## SHOCK COLLARS AND INVISIBLE FENCES

Have you ever seen videos or first-hand how a dog reacts to the shock collar? One dog thinking to escape his owner's boundaries ran for the border only to receive a shock that made him whip upward and flip in mid air. Invisible fences also keep pets inbound. There is also a method for incessantly barking dogs using a device that upon the barking sound lets out a high pitch beyond human hearing but effectively in range of dog's causing him to stop abruptly.

We would never be so inclined to use these methods upon our own children, although we may have thought it for someone else's! I *have* witnessed children on a leash, however.

We cannot shock our children into submission nor tape their little mouths shut, but there is a spiritual solution as invisible as that unseen fence or sudden jolt for dogs.

***Prov 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.***

What is the method of training in

today's world. The Scripture infers that it is left to the parents to train up their children. In today's world, children go to school to be trained in a not so Christian theology but by a progressive, humanistic system for 8 hours of the day. Not many families attend church to have their faith instilled by the washing of the water by the Word. Even less have a family altar of Bible study and prayer. Holidays become a fat man in a red suit passing out presents and a bunny hopping about laying chocolate eggs etc. For many God is added into the mix of invisible characters no different than when the children of Israel lived among idolaters coalescing all the characters with God.

God will remain invisible, undistinguishable and seldom present in difficult times through the lack of building a relationship while our children are young.

Without a relationship the God of the universe seems impersonal, ancient, not always hearing or seeing what goes on in a little life. Ironically this

God of the universe left his throne and became one of the little people. He did not build a palace in which to be served but went about touching and serving mankind one by one. He ate with the ordinary and imperfect and suffered all little children to gather 'round Him. Then because He so loved us, He laid down His life. He did not just give up the ghost or take an overdose to sleep away His life more gently. He was beaten with many stripes in order for us to claim healing. A crown of razor sharp thorns was crammed into His skull for the chastisement of our peace upon Him. All of His bones were out of joint as He was stretched out with iron spikes driven through His hands and feet. It is hard to imagine waiting for death in that condition as He began to slowly drown on His own body fluids. Most thieves and murderers were tied to a cross and died slowly from drowning this same way.

This event is the shock collar stunning us into the understanding that this King of all kings loved us with such

passion to save us from our recklessness in sin. This is what our children need to know from our training them up.

Reading His words and seeing His deeds on earth builds our understanding of His person and compassion. We see Him no longer as uncaring or impersonal but see Him up close and very personal. This is the invisible fence that holds them back from the danger of the highways and byways of life as well as the temptations that try to claim them. If the temptations do meet the mark of their attention, they have recourse to be delivered by the Father that beat up the enemy for them once before and can save them in their darkest hour.

Training is the responsibility of every parent and grandparent. It is that shock collar and invisible fence that keeps the spiritual hedge of safety for our children and in the presence of danger a fortress to run into and be saved. Teach the little ones to talk to Jesus and one day they will learn to listen to Him.

## LAST COMMISSION, THE BEST

John, the apostle and son of Zebedee, dove into the work of starting and building churches. He lived and worked much in Ephesus, which was one of the most beautiful sites like heaven on earth. History has it that he was a leader of the church at Ephesus. Eventually, he was captured in a persecution campaign by the Roman Emperor Domitian. John was ultimately sentenced to Patmos (Revelation 1:9). Patmos was a small, rocky and barren area where many criminals of Rome were sent to serve out their prison terms in harsh conditions. There were mines on the island that the criminals were forced to work. John was sent to the island for the same reasons because the early Christians were considered a strange

cult group who were known for causing trouble within the Empire.

John went from leading the church to being exiled and alone as if going from heaven to hell. He was separated from family, friends and supporters and his charge...Mary mother of Jesus.

How does one feel when their life's purpose and destiny seems to come to an abrupt halt for whatever reason? Let me tell you. Jesus showed up with John and transported him into the future taking him all the way to His return in the last of days as well as showing him a new heaven and earth. No man had ever seen the panoramic view of all that would come. Imagine thinking your life's work was over or

at a stand still and then to be given the most incredible commission like no other...to see the future unfold to the very end!

John witnessed all the inventions of the future, yet had no words for the technologies in place. He described what he was shown as best he could. The elements of war's progression must have been unbelievable. Can you imagine the sight of the Rev 12:7 war in heaven when ***Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels?*** It would be a million times greater than watching Star Wars for the first time.

When John thought his commission was over, it had only just begun in a

way he never dreamed.

Do you feel like Ephesus is only a memory and you are having a Patmos experience? Well, hold onto your faith Sister and Brother because "it ain't over yet"! We are living what John only saw, BUT WE ARE HERE...NOW! We not only see the technology, we use it every day. John saw us and a glorious finale in which we have a part. It may seem at first like we have been abandoned to the elements of Patmos, but one day the sky will roll back and we will see first hand what John viewed.

This is not the time to faint with discouragement as your Ephesus is gone and Patmos is the reality. It is only the beginning of an amazing ride for dedicated Christians! Make sure you are one of them!

## UNRESTRAINED HEARTS

In Exodus 7:13 it appears that the Pharaoh had a hardened heart against Moses' admonition and Israel. It reads that God hardened his heart. What that actually means is that God did not restrain Pharaoh's heart from doing as he pleased, just as in the builders of Babel, only then God did restrain their hearts and tempered down their minds (seen as language in the Scripture). God does not make people do or not do, but He has restrained the hearts of man or lifted the restraints.

When God lifts His hand of restraint from men, we see confusion and chaos. The elements of weather and condition of the earth react to the changes of mankind.

Another word for restrained is "holden" as in the event of the disciple eyes being *holden* on the road to Emmaus so that they did not recognize Jesus until they sat with Him to eat. **Luke 24:15-16** *And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with*

## THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

We not only read the Bible; the Bible reads us. Here is the Scripture that indicates what I just said: **Heb 4:12** *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

The Word cuts right to the matter and shines its light upon our

*them. 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.*

If God had not restrained the hearts of man the earth would not be as old as it is today. That being said, there is a time that we see changing from the restraint of mankind to man no longer being *holden* by those restraints either mentally or physically. We see this in the candidates from the past to the present from a Washington and Lincoln to a Hillary and a Trump. We see the evolution of unrestrained technology from a copy machine printing out pages to copying human organs, from holograms seen but of no substance to holograms that can be touched! We are the witnesses to a generation of unrestrained hearts.

Who would have guessed that our future leaders would be the lawless or incoherent of intellect because being angry is a motivation which rarely can find a coherent sentence that does not sound juvenile.

thoughts and intents. Many people read the Bible but seldom allow the Bible to read them. The best example I have of this is when I was having a particular problem with someone. I had told some friends what she had done against me, and then began to pray for her with those to whom I had discolored her. I started the prayer confessing my love for this person...probably because I had read the Word that tells us to love one another even our enemies. I felt the Word reading me by dividing

Unrestrained youth whose parents are busy within themselves to do anything about it, therefore, we have a new plague on society; "influenza" not limited to the affluent but to the undisciplined.

In whose hands is life and death? **Deut 30:19** *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:* You have just read God's judgment that life and death is in the hands of mankind yet restrained until the generation in which we are heading. Remember that God restrained Satan from killing Job. Job lived betwixt two kingdoms at work on earth, and though he was unusually pious for his day fell in the trap of speaking his fears...which Satan used to come upon him. **Job 3:25** *For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.*

my spirit from my soul/flesh and revealing the intents of my heart. I felt the truth of the Word telling me that if I loved this person, I would not have colored her in disfavor before my "pious" prayer making me out to be the bigger person. The truth was that my actions proved that I did not love her. I prayed according to what I had read in the Bible, but the Bible had read me and revealed what was true. The Word of God *is* quick, powerful and sharp!

God lifted His hand of restraint in Noah's day, and Jesus said there would be another "as in the days of Noah".

Will our fears come upon us in this day or will we stand on the Word of God trusting Him? We have the power of life and death in our mouths...how will we speak it? **Prov 18:21** *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.* Are we eating a pleasant or bitter fruit?

No matter what is just ahead of us, we need to be firmly planted in the Word of God whether in life or death. The sting of death is broken to all who find the heart of God through Jesus. In this there is no death but everlasting life without tears, sickness, division or pain and stress.

We must restrain our own hearts from the deceits of the world while un-restraining the fires of our passion in Godly witness.

Many times we get put out with our pastor because the sermon hits us between the eyes and we feel under attack. "HOW DARE HE READ MY MAIL," we think, but in truth it is the Bible reading us that offended.

We read the Bible the way we want, yet the Bible reads us the way it really is. The funny thing is that the more I read the Scriptures the more they read me!!

If you still do not get what I am saying...you have a long way to go.

## GROOMED AND READY

I find that waiting for Jesus return is exciting by the day. Whether the news is good or bad we come closer and closer to the day of the Lord. I may taste the frustration of the government in place and see the future prospect of governmental change as no better and even worse if possible, but it all says Jesus' return is closer!

We read Revelation as if it is a separate life from what we are living, yet prophecy speaks of our life coming about to the end and new beginning.

God gives us a view from future's window: *Luke 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.* This

## FILL 'ER UP!

I am probably going to step on some toes...like that has never happened before!

If you have this restless feeling that your church is not satisfying the deeper things you are craving, my question is why have *you* not reached farther? One Sabbath's sermon a week is not supposed to fulfill everything. It is an addition to our praying together, praising, studying, testifying

## ONE SIZE FITS ALL GODS

*Mark 12:29 The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:*

*John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (Jesus).*

There is no such thing as a god of the month club, but there is today's conditioning that one coming Christ for Christians is Jesus, for the Muslims is the Imam Mahdi, for Buddhists is the

is the view from the window of every nation abiding *on earth*. If you are on earth this is the view. It is not applicable to third world countries alone but to everyone ON EARTH. Yet the message is clearer that Jesus' coming is closer and closer.

One minister tells the testimony given by a mother of a little 5 year old girl whose Sunday school teacher talked about Jesus return being close at hand:

"Mommy, is it true that Jesus is coming back?"

"Yes, Honey, it's true."

"Do you believe that?"

"Yes, Honey, I really do."

and ministering one on one throughout the week. If you have reduced yourself to one hour or so on one morning's sermon then it stands to reason that you are spiritually thin and starving. Who told you that sitting in a pew for an hour would feed you for the whole week any more than one Sabbath dinner would sustain your comings and goings for six other days of abstaining from food! If that is the case, then I feel sorry for the pastors

5th Buddha and for the Hindus is Krishna etc., etc.

There is not a one size fits all gods. There is only one whose Word became flesh, and died for the sins of all mankind.

I do not know if you have seen the bumper sticker **COEXIST** on any cars yet, but it is the new move of one size fits all gods living together in peace. Here is the breakdown of its meaning:

"Could He come back this week?"

"Yes, He could come back this week."

"Could He come back today?"

"Yes, He could come back today."

"Could He come back this moment?"

"Yes, Honey, He could come back this moment."

"Mommy, would you help me comb my hair?"

The simple acceptance of Jesus return being this close should be ours. Is our hair combed? Are we ready for Him? Are we wearing our best Jesus in the world? It is a vesture we neither take off nor for granted. *Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have*

*been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

I have changed my thinking from having a typical day that runs into the next to the last day and chance I may ever have to do something for the Kingdom.

Is there oil in my lamp, enthusiasm in my step and an unquenchable flame burning in me that sets on fire whatever comes in close contact with me? Oh, Dear Jesus, let this be me!

How scared the enemy must be knowing that Jesus return is closer and closer by the day. We can see this in the fever of the world. The enemy is sick with fear and his condition IS terminal! Halleluiah!! Jesus is close!

carrying the weight of your criticism because they cannot fulfill what is your responsibility as a workman in the Kingdom.

If we are not filling up, it is not the pastor's fault. Is it that pastor's fault, for example, if we accuse him for our divorce because he seldom taught on marriage? It is not up to the pastor to workout your marriage or you salvation. It is the job of each of us to seek

God and His righteousness in order to be filled.

I do not see my church as a place obligated to fill me up but the place I gather with others to take part. We give and take from one another sharing in the good news by actively participating.

So if this is your feeling lately, get up and on the move...A Christian in motion tends to stay in motion! Become a mover and a shaker!

**C**-Islamic crescent

**O**-symbol for secular peace

**E**-combination symbol for male/female equality

**X**-representing the Jewish Star of David

**I**-is dotted with a pentacle for pagan religions

**S**-is Yin Yang of Taoism

**T**-is the cross for Christ

There will be "ONE" who will gather His from the four corners of the earth to Himself. He was a promise who came to earth and raised from the dead promising to come again. He is the Way, Truth and Life and only way to the One True Father.

The other expected appearances will come as "one" also, but do not be fooled, for "it" was forewarned to make an appearance as well as playing the role of antichrist.