

THE COMING GREAT EXODUS

Feast of Trumpets 2006, Part 2

Light on the Rock

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Abstract: This sermon continues where the last one left off: events leading to the return of King Jesus. The possible timetable after the 7th trumpet is blown. The 7 Last Plagues – in one day, or over months? When is the Marriage of the Lamb? Where will it be? Who performs the wedding? Will the world welcome Jesus' return? We explore prophecies about the coming captivity of end-time Israelites, including Americans, Britons, Canadians, Aussies, and Jews – and the good ending to that story.

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Greetings everyone, brethren. I hope you have heard already my first Feast of Trumpets sermon for this year, as this one continues off that. This sermon will make much more sense if you listen to the other one first.

Last time we reviewed the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets, showing the events which we're told must first lead up to the triumphant return of King Jesus to the Mt. of Olives with His new Bride, the church. We also covered why Rosh Hashanah is not the Biblical name. We also started the discussion of *when* to expect the 2nd coming and whether or not there has been any delay.

Today I want to continue with the events of the day when Christ and His Bride return as conquerors of this world – and we'll start with the armies facing the returning Christ and what happens to them. Then we'll discuss how prophecy says God and His Bride **will rescue millions of Americans, Britons, Australians, Canadians and Jews from actual slavery**, all around the world, in what will be remembered as **the Greatest Exodus of all time**. You and I will have a very real part in that mission to find, rescue and bring back alive millions of our countrymen – and to introduce them to their Savior, Jesus the King.

*Last time I showed how it seems more likely to me now that Jesus returns to get His Bride, not on the Feast of Trumpets, but on or before the Feast of Pentecost to take His Bride to heaven to marry her (us), in a wedding location befitting the King – up there in Heaven. Who could be the *only* one qualified to perform it? I think God the Father.*

Remember **Matthew 22:1** says a "certain King (God) put on a wedding for His Son (Jesus)." God does the honors. Besides, even before the wedding, the Bride – now born again spirit members of God's family – has to be presented to the Father and accepted on behalf of the rest of the harvest to come, as Jesus himself had to ascend to heaven and be accepted after *His* resurrection.

Our ascension to heaven with Christ, to meet Abba – our dear Father – is probably **depicted by the two leavened loaves** that are raised to God the Father on the Day of Pentecost. That's us, possibly.

It would be good to read once more Rev. 11:15 and 1 Cor. 15:52. When the 7th trumpet sounds, the last trumpet, the dead in Christ are resurrected first and then we which are alive and remain are changed and are caught up by angels and raised up to the clouds to be with the other resurrected saints and to be with the Lord. I pointed out last time how Jesus Himself tells us this event happens *after* the Great Tribulation, not before it (**Matthew 24:29**). Read it for yourself and see.

I believe we then proceed up to heaven to see our new city, to tour our new homes, to meet our team mates we're assigned to work with, and to then finally to get married to King Jesus. This is going to be a very exciting time. At that time we will no doubt participate in glorifying God and King Jesus, no doubt. There are times in the book of Revelation where every being in heaven falls on their knees and cast their crowns before the great Almighty as they proclaim His praises (**example, Revelation 4:9-11**). Everything that is happening – is for God's glory, and for Him. It's all about His goals and plans. God, in turn, is the greatest giver of all and loves to share everything He is and has.

STILL 7 LAST PLAGUES AFTER THE 7TH TRUMPET OF GOD

Let's continue. So the 7th trumpet sounds – but after the 7th trumpet—which you can read about in **Revelation 11:15**, there are still **7 last plagues**. One of those 7 last plagues is the **200 million-man army** invading Israel from East of Euphrates. No doubt many of these will be from Iran, India, Pakistan, China, Russia and members from many countries. ***There is no way anyone can march, transport, fly in, or move that many people in less than a few months.*** No way!

Pentecost is in the early summer (usually late May or early June) and the feast of Trumpets is usually late September, which allows for a little over 3 months. Three months to allow the armies to assemble in place, and in these same 3 months or more the 7 last Plagues are being poured out. But also these same three months will be when are having a wonderful, awesome marriage feast in heaven and getting to know the other saints we will be working with as we prepare to finally – Hallelujah – set up the Kingdom of God as the ruling family here on earth.

So though I still believe we very well could land on the Mt of Olives with King Jesus on the Feast of Trumpets in some future year, I believe Jesus comes back at first several months earlier for His Bride – and then takes His Bride (the church) back to His father in heaven for acceptance by the Father and then for His wedding to His beloved Bride. ***I believe it is very likely Jesus returns for His Bride before, or on, the Feast of Pentecost. Then after the wedding in heaven, we all return three months later with Christ to rule in Jerusalem on earth*** after defeating the 200 million army assembled to fight us.

Again, for more details of this scenario, I suggest you listen to the sermon I gave titled, **“Christ and the church, part 3” given in March 2004**, available on my website - www.lightontherock.com

Now back to the events leading to the culmination of the Feast of Trumpets. **1 Cor. 15:52** tells us the resurrection occurs at the last trumpet. If there are *seven* trumpets, then “the last trumpet” has to be the 7th one. After the 7th trumpet are 7 last plagues which – when analyzed – surely must take several months to complete.

Heavenly TEMPLE IS OPENED – AND THEN SHUT – AND THEN OPENED AGAIN. Why?

After the 7th trumpet is sounded, we read in Rev. 11:19: “Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”

WHY is the temple of God in heaven opened? Remember Isaac and Rebekah? He opened the door to Sarah's tent, to let in His new bride and to consummate their marriage. In the same way, during the

7 last plagues being poured on the earth, God opens the door to heaven, I believe, to welcome in the newest members of heaven: the body of Christ, the Bride of King Jesus.

Just as Jesus had to present Himself to the Father as the first of the firstfruit of the barley harvest, we also must be presented as the firstfruits of the wheat harvest at Pentecost. I'm relatively certain we also will have to be raised or waived to heaven and presented to the Holy Father for approval. By "Holy Father", I do NOT mean a man in Rome, but God Almighty.

Jude 24 describes this moment by saying we are presented "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy". **Ephesians 5:26-27** says the church will be "without spot or wrinkle". That can happen because Jesus clothes us with *His* righteousness. We die to sin, as Jesus became sin for us, that we may also be the righteousness of God in Him. (**2 Cor. 5:21**).

The temple has to be opened in heaven for this to happen!

So here's the story flow: Rev. 11:15 – the 7th trumpet sounds, and we're changed to spirit or resurrected. Angels swoop down to pick us up and take us to Christ above the earth. From there, I believe – as in Biblical weddings – the Bridegroom (Christ) returns with His bride to His father for the wedding supper and consummation of the marriage. Rev. 12 and 13 are inset chapters.

Next, Rev 12 describes the Bride of Christ, the church of God. We know this woman is the godly Bride, because Satan goes after this woman who is described as those who "keep the commandments of God and they have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (**Rev. 12:16-17**). That's not describing a physical nation, but the spiritual church of God!

Rev. 13 describes the Beast power, who is given authority to make war against the saints (Rev. 13:7). The end of Rev. 13 describes a great miracle working false prophet who will deceive the whole earth. Then we come to Rev. 14 which once again involves us, God's church. We've been resurrected, we've been taken up to be with Christ, and then what? Let's allow the Bible to tell us.

Revelation 14:1-6 "Then I looked, and behold, *a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand*, having *His Father's name written on their foreheads* [so it is saying they are of the same family and household as God the Father!]. Verse 3 says it is "before the throne" so I don't think it's just another Mt. Zion, but the heavenly Mt. Zion. And it's after the 7th trumpet, which has already blown, and it's also before the wedding described in Rev. 19.

Rev 14:2 "And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. *3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders;* and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. *4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.* These were **redeemed** (*bought*) from among men, *being firstfruits* to God and to the Lamb. *5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God."*

These verses picture the church – for we are the ones bought with the Lamb's blood (**1 Pet. 1:18**) and we are the firstfruits according to **James 1:18**. And notice again we are "without fault" just as Jesus said *is* His purpose: to have a bride HE has made perfect and complete by *imputing* His righteousness to His bride (**Romans 4:20-25**) so we are without spot or wrinkle (**Ephesians 5:27**).

Revelation 14:14 -19---The rest of the chapter is about angels coming and going from the context of heaven, being in heaven, and starting the reaping of the earth in the winepress of the wrath of God.

Revelation 15 “Then I saw another *sign in heaven*, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. **2** *And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.* **3** *They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:*

"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! **4** Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

5 *After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was OPENED.* **6** *And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.*

7 “Then one of the four living creatures [that's obviously *in heaven*] gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. **8** *The temple [remember in heaven] was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.*”

So now it is obvious the temple in heaven is now CLOSED OFF until the seven last plagues are completed.

The 144,000 apparently are in the temple, on the sea of glass, before the throne and the 24 elders.... awaiting the completion of the 7 last plagues on the earth. **We're up in heaven, because that will be our HOME. It is OUR city** then. Read the many verses about heavenly Mt. Zion. We're *citizens* of that city now (**Phil. 3:20**). We are “born there” it says in Psalms. **Heb. 12:22-23** says we're registered there. God's people look for a city whose maker and builder is God, a real city with real foundations (**Heb. 11:10**). It's OUR city once we marry King Jesus. That's why its described as “a bride adorned for her husband” in **Rev. 21:2**. I want to give a whole sermon about what heaven is really like – the heaven we inherit as our home city, along with the earth, which will also be our inheritance.

Jesus has come for His bride, a bride now like Him, a spirit being of the God family. He has taken her back to His father's house that has many mansions or dwelling places, seen in heaven, but they're not yet married and now the temple is not open for anyone for a time.

What could be happening in that temple? THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB!

Probably right on the day of Pentecost we get married, then return to earth no sooner than 3 months later probably in the autumn, for the Fall holydays. Remember Biblical marriages often lasted days, sometimes weeks and a heavenly marriage could conceivably last months.

In the meantime, what's going on here on earth?

7 LAST PLAGUES are being Poured out AFTER the 7TH TRUMPET BLAST

Revelation 16:1 “Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, ‘Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”

We can read of the “7 last plagues” in Rev 16

Revelation 16 for these to be perceived as plagues, they have to last more than minutes or hours! They have to last at least days, and possibly weeks.

plague #1 = boils on man and beast

plague #2 - seas turn to blood, killing all sea life

plague #3 - all the fresh waters turn to blood (presumably killing much more life. God is angry!)

Rev 16:8 - plague #4 – the sun scorches the earth.

Revelations 16:10 - plague #5 - darkness and pain over the land

Revelation 16:12 -- plague #6 – The Euphrates is dried up so that the 200 million army can march from east of Iraq into Israel.

Brethren, it will take several *months* to move 200 million people hundreds and hundreds of miles. Verse 16 -- they are coming to Megiddo, for the final battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 16:17 Plague # 7 – a super-huge worldwide mega quake that moves islands and mountains. A quake so terrifyingly massive, there has never been the like. This is beyond one’s imagination. You want to be on God’s “good side” before this one hits, believe me.

Then **Revelation 17** describes the destruction of the great whore, the great end time false religion.

Rev 18 describes the destruction of the end time modern-day Babylon who will have destroyed the modern descendants of Israel – and now God Himself has His angels destroy this great empire in a very short time – the Bible describes as “one hour”. This is a system so evil that God tells us to “come out of her, MY People” (**Rev. 18:4**). A system and an empire so bad that it is actually dealing in the human slave trade (**Rev. 18:13 – the “bodies and souls of men”**). **This cannot be New York, cannot be USA** – because by that time the USA will have been taken captive, as prophecy indicates. Call me crazy, but if we’re modern day descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, then this is going to happen. We are taken captive *by* Babylon, so we can’t be the Babylon of the Bible. The world mourns the demise of this end-time Babylon, but they will celebrate the demise of the US and Britain. Can’t be the same thing, brethren.

God Himself will completely annihilate this end-time Babylon probably centered in Europe – as He once did Sodom and Gomorrha. It will happen again. Don’t be part of this system. This is the great city that will make the lives of true believers hell on earth. Let’s read that in Daniel 7.

Daniel 7:21-22

21 "I was watching; and *the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.*

Hallelujah! In the end, because of our husband the King Jesus, we win! And yes, I do talk about the *person* of Jesus, as well as His message. We are not marrying a message! We are marrying a person, the person Jesus Christ! We love Him, not just His message. We’re marrying *HIM*, not His Father. We know *Him*, as well as His Father. King Jesus is our husband-to-be, and we in fact get to know

Father better because we know King Jesus. Jesus is the revealed perfect expression of Father. That is why Jesus could say, "He who has seen me, has seen the Father" (**John 14:9**).

Dan. 7:23 continues: "Thus he said:

'The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. 24 The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings. 25 **He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High** and shall intend to change times and law. Then *the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time (3-1/2 years)*

26'But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy it forever. 27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'

Wow, wow, wow! I want to be there. I want to be on the winning side – Jesus, the King's side. To be there, we have to have that relationship with Him *now*. Right now. We have to be awake, we have to *KNOW Him intimately by studying His every word, by walking with Him, by obeying Him* and following the lead of His spirit in us. And we have to be fighting sin and repent when we fail. There's no more time to fool around, folks. I've done a lot of fooling around with time, with sin, and it's high time we *all* stop – and walk with our Maker now while we still live. It's how we're living *now* and from now on that counts the most. Make it count!

Revelation 19:1-8

"After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude *in heaven*, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! 2 For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and **He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.**" 3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" 5 Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, *as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, 'Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.' 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.'*

Rev 19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

It is probable to me, that it is also during or perhaps before this wedding feast, that we are given our **new names** (see my sermon "Our New Names" in 2004 on the website). I picture this as possibly happening during a very moving and inspiring "induction ceremony" where we receive our new names, our praises and encouragement from Jesus, as well as our rewards and details of our upcoming job assignments on earth. This all takes time. Though *heaven* is outside of time and space, months are passing here on earth. And the 7 last plagues of Revelation 16 are being poured out here on earth.

In my viewpoint, we have now passed thru the several months on earth between Pentecost and the 7th month of God's calendar, the Feast of Trumpets. Heaven will open one more time – for the dramatic invasion of the earth from heaven. The Feast of Trumpets depicts an invasion that will make D-Day of June 6 in World War II seem like child's play. And *we* will be part of this invasion if we are in heaven marrying King Jesus just before this invasion begins.

KING JESUS' INVASION BEGINS

THE GREAT BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Revelation 19:11-21

“Now I saw heaven OPENED, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood [HIS blood], and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

“KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather **together for the supper of the great God,** 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19 **And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast [the dictator over the one-world empire] was captured, and with him the false prophet [the great false religious leader] who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.”**

This battle will result in a horrific scene of destruction. This is why the Feast of Trumpets is a “good news, bad news” day. Good news for the Bride and good news for the rest of mankind who will be liberated from the evil hordes on the earth – and bad news for those assembled to fight the King of kings.

That battle is further described in **Zech 14:12-15.** *The full story starts in verse 1 of Zech 14.* I believe all this could happen on the Day of Trumpets, in some future year. Let's read parts of it.

Zechariah 14:1-12

“Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, [And your spoil will be divided in your midst. 2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. 4 **And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,** From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah.

Thus the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You.

6 *It shall come to pass in that day That there will be no light; The lights will diminish. 7 It shall be one day which is known to the LORD --Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen That it will be light.*

Let's kip to verse 12...

12 **And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths."**

It sounds awful, but we have to understand this: King Jesus is not coming as a martyred Lamb this time. No, this time He comes as the Lion of Judah, as a conqueror to depose the evil tyrants of this world. They won't give up without a fight, so they have to be annihilated, along with their armies. That's what we just read. It will be awful, but this time Jesus is showing He's not messing around, He's not here to let them crucify Him again this time, and this time His Bride is with Him to help implement a new order on this planet.

And from then on, we are the bride of Christ, at one with him.

There will never be another bride for Christ. This is truly a one time opportunity. It is the greatest calling you can have. Paul called it "a high calling". Later, in **Hebrews 11:35**, he calls it "*a better resurrection.*" And God wants you to be in it. To be part of it, as the very Bride of the King of Kings.

Will JESUS Return in a Jubilee Year?

I believe Jesus' return to earth will be in **the year of the JUBILEE**, when all debts are cancelled, all slaves are freed, when land is returned to their families and all that (**Leviticus 25:8-17**). The Jubilee year was always proclaimed on the day of Atonement. Why do I say that? After Christ returns to the earth, it will truly be a time of freedom. **No one knows for sure when the genuine next Jubilee will be.** Some have speculated the next Jubilee would be 2012, some say around 2030 or some say 2020 or 2021. We apparently don't know for sure, and even if the Jews claim to know, I don't know if they really know for sure. It makes sense to me that the year Christ lands on the earth will be a Jubilee year.

Probably in the next sermon – on the meaning of Atonement – we'll have time to explore the Jubilee in more detail.

Jesus will come to save, but believe me, at first He is coming with firmness and power and even righteous anger. He'll come to reward His people – but also to punish those who have destroyed the earth. (**Rev. 11:18-19**).

I believe what I've just read to you will happen on or near the very Feast of Trumpets in a year to come. Since the exact day of the Feast of Trumpets is determined by the sighting of the new moon, and because it can happen on either of 2 days, and since the skies will be dark, overcast, gloomy with

debris of battle and natural phenomena – it may be very hard to know the exact day even when we're almost upon it!

The world will need some SWIFT action to get it back in shape. It will take SUPERNATURAL SPIRIT BEINGS – the REAL super heroes – and that will be made up of the family of GOD, the newest children in His family, now wedded to Jesus Christ as His bride.

So we've landed on the Mt. of Olives earlier, in Jerusalem now – the 200 million-man army has been annihilated – great earthquakes and 100-lb. hailstones have rocked the area, nuclear winter has set in – and God will have to heal the earth, heal the atmosphere, heal the planet of nuclear fall-out, and save any remaining humanity alive!

But one thing that will happen right away too, probably beginning on this very day, is freeing the captive descendants of Israel. Let's talk about that next. Probably it'll happen starting with Atonement since the JUBILEE year was when slaves were freed every 50 years. I believe the YEAR Christ returns will be a Jubilee year. It just makes sense to me!

USA and Britain Will be taken into Slavery and Captivity in the Years Prior to Jesus' Return

I must remind my listeners: In **Genesis 49:1**, Jacob – renamed Israel - - prophesied that his 12 sons would be around in a mighty way in the “last days”. **Go read it in Genesis 49:1**. It is inconceivable that we read prophecies for the end time that name, by name, Ethiopia and Egypt, for example, but that somehow the United States, Britain, France would not be mentioned. Remember Israel had TWELVE sons – not just Judah. Judah – which is modern day nation called “Israel”, was but ONE tribe of the 12. The other tribes have all but disappeared to history, but they really haven't. They have simply been renamed. Joseph, the head tribe, had 2 sons: Ephraim and Manasseh. I believe the USA and Britain are Ephraim and Manasseh. The proof of that has to be for a future sermon.

So the **end-time descendants of ancient Israel are primarily the nations of USA and Britain, and many of the northwestern nations of Europe**, including France, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, as well as Canada, and Australia.

The end time **descendants of the ancient nation of Judah – which was separate from the nation of Israel – is the modern country calling itself “Israel”** today. But that nation is but one tribe of ancient Israel.

Many of us believe the prophecies for Israel really refer to the USA and Britain primarily, and the prophecies for Judah are the ones which refer to the modern nation calling itself Israel.

Please be turning to Zechariah 13.

IF we're right – and there are many who believe what I've just said – then some very shocking things are destined to eventually happen to our beloved America and Britain. The Bible reveals we will lose the pride of our power, we will suffer horrific famines, natural catastrophes one after the other, AND we will be destroyed in war!

One third of Americans and Britons, Aussies and Canadians die by famine and disease, one third by war – and the final third will be taken captive as slaves around the world. Yes, you heard it right. As slaves. Remember the verses I read in Revelation 18, about how Babylon deals with the lives of men!?

JUST before the passages about King Jesus returning to the Mount of Olives is another interesting passage, this one in Zechariah 13.

Zechariah 13:8-9

8 And it shall come to pass in all the land," says the LORD,
"That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it:
9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined,
 And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them.
 I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

Another prophecy, to JERUSALEM itself, not necessarily all Israel:

Ezekiel 5:5-14

5 "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her. 6 She has rebelled against My judgments by doing wickedness more than the nations, and against My statutes more than the countries that are all around her; for they have refused My judgments, and they have not walked in My statutes.' 7 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: '*Because you have multiplied disobedience more than the nations that are all around you, have not walked in My statutes nor kept My judgments,* nor even done according to the judgments of the nations that are all around you' -- 8 therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Indeed I, even I, am against you and will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations. 9 And I will do among you what I have never done, and the like of which I will never do again, *because of all your abominations.* 10 **Therefore fathers shall eat their sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers;** and I will execute judgments among you, and all of you who remain I will scatter to all the winds.

11 'Therefore, as I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish you; My eye will not spare, nor will I have any pity. 12 ***One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter another third to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.***

13 'Thus shall My anger be spent, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be avenged; and they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them. 14 Moreover I will make you a waste and a reproach among the nations that are all around you, in the sight of all who pass by'.

That was for JERUSALEM. But as we continue to **read in Ezekiel 6, we see this warning continues against ISRAEL –which is REALLY modern-day United States and Britain!**

Ezekiel 6:1-10

"Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 2 "Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, 3 and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys: "Indeed I, even I, will bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places. 4 Then your altars shall be desolate, your incense altars shall be broken, and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. 5 And I will lay the corpses of the children of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones all around your altars. 6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be

laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, your idols may be broken and made to cease, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. 7 The slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

8 "Yet I will leave a remnant, so *that you may have some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries*. 9 Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations *where they are carried captive*, because I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols; they will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations. [they WILL repent in captivity]. 10 And they shall know that I am the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would bring this calamity upon them."

Now comes one of the most moving prophecies in all the Bible.

FREEDING THE CAPTIVES AND RESTORING THEIR HOPE

Have you ever wanted to do something GOOD, to bring people together, to heal, to reunite families?
Your chance is coming, and soon.

Our peoples will be suffering in ghetto concentration camps, they will be slaves, they will be being raped, beaten, tortured, abused in every way – and all this drives them to their knees in deep repentance finally, and the Great God in heaven hears, and sends rescuers out to deliver them.

You will be part of those rescue teams. We will bring back *millions* of formerly captive Americans and Britons primarily, and Aussies and Canadians too. *Millions!* Let's read a few of these moving passages.

Jeremiah 23:3-8

3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD.

5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness [referring to King Jesus, at the 2nd coming]; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' 8 but, 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell in their own land."

Did you get that? Years from now, after this happens, people won't talk about the "exodus" and be referring to when 2 to 3 million Israelites marched out of Egypt under Moses, but will refer to MANY more millions marching back to Israel and to their own homelands, under a NEW exodus. "The Exodus" will refer to this time, not the time of Moses.

Isaiah 27:12-13

12 "And it shall come to pass **in that day** That the LORD will thresh, From the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt; **And you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel.** 13 **So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown; They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, And shall worship the LORD** in the holy mount at Jerusalem."

Gathered "one by one". You, as a new spirit-born child of God, will have supernatural powers. You will be able to fly, become invisible or visible, have supernatural strength, unstoppable vision and hearing – and you'll be full of love, and have the ability to heal.

I can hardly wait! The joy we'll be a part of, as we reunite fathers to their daughters and sons, as we find missing spouses and bring them back to the Holy Land to worship the King – wow. And we'll have to be doing a LOT of healing. There will be people who are ready to perish. Many will be starving. Many will have been beaten. Emotions will be raw. Psyches and one's mental health will have to be healed and restored. Legs and arms will have to be restored. Eyesight will be healed and restored.

Brethren, you don't want to miss this! You have been called to be a part of this – unless you sleep and fall into a life of sin, deviant from the ways of God. The choice is ours.

Zechariah 9:9-17 This starts by describing the first coming – and then segues to the next coming.

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.'

11 "As for you also, Because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. 12 **Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you.** 13 For I have bent Judah, My bow, Fitted the bow with Ephraim, And raised up your sons, O Zion, Against your sons, O Greece, And made you like the sword of a mighty man." 14 **Then the LORD will be seen over them,** and His arrow will go forth like lightning. **The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet,** and go with whirlwinds from the south. 15 **The LORD of hosts will defend them;** they shall devour and subdue with sling stones. They shall drink and roar as if with wine; They shall be filled with blood like basins, Like the corners of the altar. 16 **The LORD their God will save them in that day, as the flock of His people. For they shall be like the jewels of a crown, Lifted like a banner over His land --** 17 For how great is its goodness And how great its beauty! Grain shall make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women."

By the time Jesus returns, this world will desperately need the Redeemer, the Healer, the Creator Himself. When the Word first created this beautiful planet, He gave it to mankind as a beautiful, clean, pristine earth. By the time we return it to Him, it will be a mess. We will have destroyed the earth. If Jesus doesn't return, GOD says "no flesh will be saved" (Matthew 24:22). Turn to Revelation 11.

I'd like to give you a few passages to write down and read silently, reverently, on your own that discusses what we've just been saying a bit more:

Isaiah 43:5-21 and Ezekiel 34:11-16

Ezekiel 36:23-32

23 And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD," says the Lord GOD, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. 24 ***For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.*** 25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; *I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.* 26 *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.* 27 *I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.* 28 **THEN you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.** 29 I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. 30 And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations. 31 Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations. 32 Not for your sake do I do this," says the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!"

Amos 9:14-15

14 ***"I will bring back the captives of My people Israel;***

They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. 15 I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them," says the LORD your God."

Zephaniah 3:19 - 20

19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you;

I will save the lame, And gather those who were driven out;

I will appoint them for praise and fame in every land where they were put to shame.

20 ***At that time I will bring you back, Even at the time I gather you;***

For I will give you fame and praise among all the peoples of the earth,

When I return your captives before your eyes," says the LORD.

Many, many other passages describe this wondrous time. A time when Israel (USA/UK, Canada, Australia) and Judah (modern day "Israel") will return from captivity together. It describes them coming back with singing, joy and praising God. It even goes on to say that their captors will become their servants, as we then teach all of them God's ways, God's truths, God's words. Then slowly, over time, God's way spreads around the world .

Isaiah 11:15-16

15 The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt;

With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River, and strike it in the seven streams, And make men cross over dryshod.

16 There will be a highway for the remnant of His people who will be left from Assyria, As it was for Israel in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt."

But THIS will now be “the GREAT EXODUS” – coming out of Egypt, Syria, Germany (Assyria) and the other places we will have fellow countrymen taken captive.

Isaiah 35:3-10

“Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you.”

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where each lay, there shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

8 ***A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.*** The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. ***But the redeemed shall walk there, 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”***

God is going to humble those who humiliated His people.

Isa 60:10-16

10 ***“The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, And their kings shall minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But in My favor I have had mercy on you.*** 11 Therefore your gates shall be open continually; They shall not be shut day or night, That men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in procession. 12 For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, And those nations shall be utterly ruined.

13 ***“The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, The cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, To beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I will make the place of My feet glorious. 14 Also the sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing to you, And all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; And they shall call you The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.***

15 ***“Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, So that no one went through you, I will make you an eternal excellence, A joy of many generations.*** 16 You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles, And milk the breast of kings; You shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

Are you ready to – as the WIFE of Christ – to *HELP* our husband, King Jesus accomplish what the prophecies say?

I sure do. I sure will.

Brethren, so the meaning of this Feast of Trumpets include these things:

- It is certainly the return of King Jesus and His Bride, the church, probably after their wedding supper up in heaven.
- It’s a momentous time, the worst time the world has ever seen, just *prior* to the return of the King.

- We will return to earth to *stop* the wholesale carnage. Yes, we will also fight a huge army assembled to battle us, but after that, we put an end to killing and carnage – and save humanity alive. We then rule and establish God's kingdom on earth. The Kingdom is the ruling family of God. We are to pray "Thy Kingdom come" because it is only this kingdom coming that will save this earth and all humanity.
- Right about this time or soon after will also start "OPERATION RESCUE", and the bringing back of the captives, returning repentantly to Jerusalem and we will be part of that very moving project.

There's no way, we should be allowing ourselves to sleep spiritually. No way.

It's high time to be more zealous. High time to study more, pray more, serve more, fellowship more, grow more, overcome more. It's high time to KNOW JESUS and our Father more.

Brethren, if you're getting some feeding spiritually from these messages, tell others about them. Not for my sake. I don't even know who you all are. But if God is feeding you through these, spread the word. And perhaps one of these days, we'll get to meet one another. This is your brother, Philip Shields, saying -- God bless you -- and you be strong with God until next time. May God hasten the day of the return of Jesus Christ -- as He establishes the government of God on earth, along with His Bride.

Be sure to hear the continuation -- on the Day of Atonement sermon.

Please spread the word to others, if you've found this helpful and thought provoking. Thank you.

