



Trumpets – The Coming of the Glorious Son of Man

“I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

14Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:13-14

139Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Yeshua, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:9-11

I. INTRODUCTION

A. An Amazing Love Story: the God of the Universe is returning to be with His people and to rule and reign

B. Basic, Foundational Information

1. Paul included this story in his “New Believers class.” He was only in Thessalonica 3 weeks (Acts 17:2) and yet he talked about this topic in a significant enough way to refer to it in his letters to them
2. An Elementary Principle: This topic is listed as part of the basics in Hebrews 6:1-2 (resurrection of the dead right before the eternal judgment).

C. Regularly to Look at This: we specifically look at this three times every calendar year.

1. Grows in importance: This will be a theme that grows in importance as Yeshua’s return comes closer and closer.
2. This story is intended to comfort us, strengthen us, and give us help and perspective.
Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11
3. This part of the redemptive plan has been largely neglected in most of traditional (even Messianic) Christianity.

D. We Will Have Understanding of This (1 Thess. 5:1-6)

The anger of Yahweh will not diminish until it has finished all he has planned. In the days to come you will understand all this very clearly. Jeremiah 30:24 (NLT)

4“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” Daniel 12:4

II. FOUNDATIONS OF YESHUA’S COMING

A. Yeshua is God

1. The Son of Man described in Daniel 7:13-14
2. This was the primary term that Yeshua used to describe Himself (70+ times in the Gospels)
 - a. He didn’t refer to Himself as the Messiah (as the earthly ruling Israelite king). This is an inferior title in reference to the Son of Man. Being the Messiah (King of kings ruling over the entire world) is a secondary assignment under that of being the Son of Man. The title of the Messiah was not Yeshua’s calling card, the Son of Man was.
 - b. Yeshua was crucified because of this claim to be the Son of Man as described in Daniel 7 and the high priest knew what Yeshua was referring to when He made this claim.
60And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?” 61But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” 62Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? 64 You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?"

And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death. Mark 14:60-63

3. We can become callous to this "Sunday School reality" but this truth is staggering in its implications and something that we would be wise to meditate on.

B. Yeshua Died for Us with His Firstcoming

27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. Hebrews 9:27-28

C. Yeshua is Coming Again

1. To gather His people to Himself to be with Him
2. To drive the evil wicked squatters off the planet
3. To rule and reign with His saints for a thousand years and to prepare the earth for the Father
4. Before that there will be a time of testing and trouble

III. WHAT PRECEDES YESHUA'S SECOND COMING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

A. The Gospel of the Kingdom going to every ethnic group (Matthew 24:14)

B. Great Revival & Harvest: Holy Spirit poured out & a great harvest of souls (Joel 2:28-32 & Acts 2:17-21)

C. Anti-Christ Revealed & Elevated

1. With all lying signs and wonders (1 Thess. 2:9-10)
2. Abomination that causes desolation (1 Thess. 2:4): The Antichrist sets himself up as god to be worshipped in a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem. This is the action that tells us that we are exactly 3.5 years or 42 months, or 1260 days away from Yeshua's return.

D. Great Tribulation

1. Great Falling Away (2 Thes. 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; 2 Tim. 3:1-7; 4:3-5; 2 Pet. 2:1-3)
 - a. Great deception
 - b. Sound doctrine not tolerated
 - i. False teachers proliferating (2 Timothy 3:6-9)
 - ii. those deceived will gather around them teachers who appeal to what they want to hear. (2 Timothy 4:3-5)
How are we doing related to the Scriptures that are difficult for us?
 - c. Love of many will grow cold because of betrayal, difficulty, surprise, and offense at the difficulty (Matthew 24:12)
2. The Saints Worn Down & Overcome (many martyrs) (Daniel 7:21, 25)
 - a. The first part of Daniel's question was to know the implications of the fourth beast—why it was so different and what the consequence for Israel would be since it was so dreadful (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, the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom." (Dan. 7:21-22)
 - b. In this short vision, Daniel saw that the Antichrist would be permitted to kill the saints (7:21), and then he was assured of the victory of the saints (7:22).

E. Suffering & The Preparation of the Saints: we don't have to be among those who are deceived, listening to and applying false doctrine, and with our love growing cold

1. All Believers will suffer (for being faithful to Yeshua) (2 Timothy 3:12)
 - a. there is universal suffering because of being on this broken planet as well as a consequence for our sin and foolish decisions; the above is something that supersedes this and speaks of suffering for the sake of following the Lord.

- b. “Why do I have it so good/relatively easy in comparison with so many and what Your word says is coming?; Lord prepare me to suffer well with and for You”
 - 2. Yeshua suffered before His exaltation; so too will we who are His.
 - 3. Suffering is a byproduct not the goal. Loving Yeshua is our Goal. There is a pleasure in suffering for someone you love. Yeshua promises a fellowship in His sufferings (Phil. 3:10)
- F. Israel’s Leadership will Cry Out for Him:** Yeshua promised not to return until Israel’s leadership cried out for Him to come and help them (Matthew 23:39)

IV. YESHUA’S SECOND COMING

- A. He is Returning on the Clouds:** at the seventh trumpet (at a coming Yom Teruah); (Matthew 24:27; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 1:4-7)
- B. The First Resurrection:** at Yeshua’s return, the dead in Christ will be resurrected and be given new bodies and will be with Him (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- C. Believers Raptured & Given Glorified Bodies:** We who are alive will be caught up in the air, given new bodies and will be with Yeshua and will be like Him (1 Corinthians 15; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 1 Thessalonians 2:19
- 20But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Philippians 3:20-21
- 19The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23Not only so, but we ourselves who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. Romans 8:19-23
- D. Yeshua will Defeat and Destroy the Antichrist:** He will then set up His kingdom reigning from Jerusalem and we will help Him by co-ruling with Him throughout a new united humanity under Yeshua’s lordship.
- 1. *YHWH’s Supremacy & Sovereignty*: That is how much power I have over him. Thousands of years ahead of time I can tell you the day of his demise.” Nobody can predict the fall of an empire and the day that the most powerful leader of the empire will be killed. Yeshua says, “I will give it to you thousands of years ahead of time.” (Bickle, Leadership, 9)
 - 2. *The Timing*: The time of this judgment is clear from the context (in Daniel 7). Since the kingdom of God immediately follows, the judgment of this empire and its leader, the Antichrist, must occur at the time of the second coming of Christ. Many eschatological events are telescoped together in Scripture, however, and it is possible that this judgment may include both that of the Antichrist and his confederates at the beginning of the millennium (cf. Rev 19:20–21) and the judgment of Satan and the remainder of the lost at the end of the thousand year reign of Christ (cf. Rev 20:10–15) (Miller, 205-206).
 - 3. *A Finite Timeframe*: (*A time and times and half a time*) There will be a God-given limit of 3½ years for the persecution of God’s people. The word *time* refers to one year, *times* refers to two years, and *half a time* speaks of half a year, totalling 3½ years. There are eight scriptures and four phrases that describe the final 3½ years before Yeshua’s return. It is referred to twice as 1,260 days (Rev. 11:3; 12:6); twice as 42 months (Rev. 11:2; 13:5); three times as “time, times, and half a time” (Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 12:14); and as “the middle of the week” (Dan. 9:27). By comparing these verses, we see that they describe the same 3½ years (Bickle, Antichrist, 6)
- E. Yeshua will Rule & Reign**
- 1. *Yeshua’s Coronation*: Since the “son of man” was “given” a kingdom and authority to rule, this scene evidently describes the coronation of the “son of man” by the Ancient of Days. According to the text (in

Daniel 7), therefore, this individual will be crowned as the sovereign ruler of the world. His reign will never end (Miller, 207).

- a. *Commissioned as King of kings*: To this Man was given dominion over all the nations on earth. All peoples, nations, and languages will serve and love Him. He will be commissioned. He has already been received as King in heaven, but He will be commissioned before all the nations as King. Psalm 72, all the kings of the earth will acknowledge Him as King (Bickle, History, 14)

¹¹*Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. (Ps. 72:11)*

¹¹*I heard the voice of many angels...¹²saying... “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” (Rev. 5:11-12)*

2. *Yeshua’s Literal Coming Universal Kingdom*: Also, whereas all the features of absolute rule are ascribed to the son of man, the authority bestowed upon Christ here does not refer to his inherent sovereignty or deity.⁷³ Rather, a new phase of his work is described. Christ reigns in the hearts of believers in a spiritual sense today, but this passage describes the bestowing of a physical kingdom through which he will someday rule the earth. All of the other kingdoms described in this chapter are real, earthly empires; and it is best to see this kingdom as real and earthly as well (Miller, 210).

- a. As this passage makes clear, that kingdom will be universal. All peoples, nations, and every language group will worship him. It also will be eternal, in stark contrast to the worldly empires, which will be destroyed. Though his rule on earth will last one thousand years (cf. Rev 20:4–6), Christ's sovereignty will not end after the millennium but will continue throughout eternity (Miller, 210).

3. *Yeshua is Worthy*: We declare Jesus’ incredible worth in three practical ways (Bickle, Leadership, 15):

- a. *Yeshua deserves it*: He is worthy of continual praise as the supreme leader over the earth.

They declare, “You are worthy! You are worthy to receive it. You deserve it. You deserve to be the supreme leader.”

- b. *Yeshua is capable*: He is the only man with the supernatural ability to drive evil off the earth, restore all things to God’s original plan, replace all governments, and fill the earth with glory.

Number two, “You are worthy. You are capable.” It is one thing for a man to deserve it by his nobility, but who is capable? Who has the wisdom and the power to govern the whole earth? “You are capable.”

- c. *Yeshua is worth it*: He deserves our unqualified trust and sacrificial obedience.

Number three, “You are worthy, You are worth our unqualified trust. You are worth our sacrificial obedience. You are worth it, Yeshua. You are the Man.”

F. We Will Rule & Reign with Him as His Bride

1. We will be like Him
2. We will have new, glorious resurrected bodies
3. We are His Bride
4. This is our glorious inheritance in the saints

V. PREPARING OURSELVES FOR THIS COMING DAY

We don’t need to try harder we need to see more clearly

A. The Father’s Throne (Daniel 7:9-10)

1. *An Important Progression*: It is important that right after the revelation of the Antichrist is the revelation of the throne. Daniel sees his first glimpse of the Antichrist who is dreadful, terrible, and exceedingly strong. Daniel probably takes a deep gasp, but then he sees the throne of God. It is very important that we see the continuity and the sequence of verse 7-8 followed by verse 9. The revelation of the sovereignty of God is the first thing emphasized after Daniel’s first glimpse of the Antichrist. (Bickle, Leadership, 1)
- a. We see the Antichrist in verses 7-8. In verses 9-10 we see the sovereignty of God, the throne of God. The way to overcome fear of the Antichrist is to grow in understanding the sovereignty and the majestic beauty of God on His throne. When we see the throne, we have courage and confidence

before the threats. When we do not see the throne, and all we see is the threats, then we draw back in fear and are intimidated (Bickle, Leadership, 4).

- b. No aspect of God's grace transforms and satisfies our heart more than when the Holy Spirit reveals the majesty of God to the human heart. I don't only want to serve Him; I want to be obsessed with His magnificence—to experience the power and pleasure of being obsessed with Jesus. This equips us to overcome temptation, endure persecution, and engage in partnership with Him in His plans (Bickle, Leadership, 4).

2. *The Ancient of Days*: When the court sits (v 10) it is only the one advanced in years who occupies the throne(s). All the focus is on him in 7:9-10 (Goldingay, 165).

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15

B. We Will be with Him

1. We will rule with Him (Daniel 7 & Revelation 1)
 - a. We will judge angels (1 Corinthians 6:3)
 - b. Kingdom of priests (Daniel 7:27; Revelation 1:6)

C. What is Ours Now

1. Sins forgiven
2. Spirit of God indwelling in our heart (Romans 8:9-14, 22-23; 1 Cor. 2:11-16; Eph. 1:13-14; 1 Tim 1:14)
3. A new purpose, reason for living
4. A new heavenly language (1 Cor. 14)
5. Companions on the journey (1 John 1:7-9)

D. What is Promised

1. *Understanding*: we will not be unaware of this coming day (1 Thess 5:4-5)

³⁵ *“Some of those of understanding shall fall [martyrdom], to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end...” (Dan. 11:35)*

¹⁰ *“Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.” (Dan. 12:10)*

2. *Present and future suffering*

- a. In this first vision in 553 BC (in Daniel 7), the Lord showed Daniel the great suffering to come. He did not give Daniel the reason for this suffering until seventeen years later in the last vision (Dan. 10-12) in 536 BC. God will use the suffering to purify the saints and prepare them to partner with the Son of Man in ruling the earth forever. (Bickle, Antichrist, 6)

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- b. We are to embrace this

- c. All who live godly in Yeshua will suffer hardship (2 Tim. 3:12)

E. What we are called to do: Love YHWH with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength

1. *Watch* (study about the timing of His return) (Matt 26:41)

therefore let us not sleep as others do, but let us watch and be sober (self-controlled) 1 Thess 5:6

- a. Gaze (on the King)

2. *Pray* (talk to God)

- a. Repent - this is a byproduct not the goal—He is our goal. As we seek Him, we will realize we're not like Him the way we need to be. Repentance will be a byproduct of seeing and encountering Him Now, therefore," says YHWH, "Turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to YHWH your God, For He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.

Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him—a grain offering and a drink offering for YHWH your God? Joel 2:12-14

3. *Get Oil* (Intimacy with God) (Matthew 25:1-13); 1st commandment in the first place
4. Keep Assembling Together (Heb 10:25)

F. Love our neighbor as ourself: Bring the gospel of the kingdom to everyone.

VI. CONCLUSION

A. We are in an amazing season. Never again will we have the opportunity to love Him and serve Him when He's not physically present.

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