

Transcript – Feast of Trumpets–Time of Dedication

Alrighty, Chag sameach and Shabbat shalom. And here we are at the Feast of Trumpets 2011. Hard to believe a whole year has gone by since last year. Some of you are here now just about a year. And we are filming this particular message that you'll see today from our brand-new sanctuary that many hands made the labor light that Yahweh has blessed us with a new place here. And we've just been discussing how Yahweh has been blessing His work from Israel and Jerusalem.

So, since it is the Feast of Trumpets, and in Paul's letter to Timothy he says we need to give meat in due season, I would like to talk today about the Feast of Trumpets, what it's about, what it means. And I think with everything going on in the world today, if there was ever a time that we needed a message about Trumpets, it's today. I think it's extremely pertinent to the days we're living in, as we'll see as we get on with this message. But I'm going to start in Leviticus 23 and verse 23 through 25 ... Leviticus 23, and 23 through 25 says:

Leviticus 23:23-25 *And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first of the month, a Holy Day Sabbath shall be to you, a memorial acclamation of the resounding of trumpets, a holy gathering. You shall do no laborious work and you shall bring a fire offering to YAHWEH.*

So, here it is. I'm going to go over today the **four reasons for the blowing of trumpets**. And this is actually **the first one: As a memorial** ... as a memorial. Yahweh clearly says, *in the seventh month, on the first day of the month*, the month of Tishri. Here we are, New Moon was last night, that we were keeping, and it is a memorial of the resounding of trumpets. Yom Teruah.

If Messianic people, many people call this day Rosh Hashanah. It's really not Rosh Hashanah. Rosh Hashanah is 'rosh' means head, 'shanah' is year—the head of the year. It's not the head of the year. It is Yom Teruah, the day of the blowing of trumpets. Why do they call it Rosh Hashanah? Because in one way it is; it's the end of the agricultural year, and the beginning of the new agricultural year. So, you can say, as far as the civil year goes ... Even in Scripture, Rosh Hashanah was the beginning, even kings' arraignment sometimes was gone according to Rosh Hashanah ... So, in the way of a civil year, yes, you could say it's the beginning of the civil year. But it is not the beginning of the biblical year as we know comes in Aviv.

It's also, what I just read here, **it's an appointed time** ... it's an appointed time. Which that word, if you look it up, literally means 'to make an appointment with.' So, besides the weekly Sabbaths, we know on Yahweh's seven annual chagim, or Holy Days, that Yahweh makes an appointment with us. So again, when we just prayed to the service, we prayed Yahweh's presence to be upon us, we prayed His blessing on this new sanctuary, and now He's making an appointment with us.

So, it's a reason why, no matter what else we're doing, it doesn't matter if you work as a fireman, if you work as a nurse, you're not to work on this day. Because Yahweh's making an appointment with us. And if you don't want to stand somebody up for an appointment, it's Yahweh. Of course, at the same rate, if you were going out to your service, and your neighbor's house was burning down, you wouldn't say, "I need to get over to the service," and let your neighbor burn inside the house. So, we don't want to be ridiculous with it, but it is a holy day. It's a day that no work should be done on this day. It's a Shabbat to Yahweh.

The main theme of Yahweh's Holy Days is the kingship of Yahweh. We see it starting with Pesach, going to Feast Firstfruits, going to the Days of Unleavened Bread, and Shavuot, and now we're hitting the fall Holy Days, which literally is in fall Holy Days. The theme is the kingship of Yahweh and the plan of salvation through the blood of Yahshua. Passover being about forgiveness. Days of Unleavened Bread, taking sin out of our life. Feast of Firstfruits, Yahshua being the Firstfruit to Yahweh, first resurrected from the dead, us to follow later. Then of course, Feast of Yom Teruah (Feast of Trumpets) today, which we're going to talk about. Or actually, Shavuot first, the giving of the Holy Spirit. The return of Yahshua to earth on the Feast of Trumpets. Yom Kippur, which will be in 10 days from here; *I will turn your fasts into feast days*, the wedding supper. And then Tabernacles which pictures the Millennium. And the Last Great Day, the White Throne Judgment.

So, all these days, **the main theme is the kingship of Yahweh and the plan of salvation through the blood of Yahshua**. The shofar is blown on this day, traditionally a hundred times on Yom Kippur. And a shofar, like I have here, is either made of a ram's horn or another kosher animal. Jewish people do not make the horn out of a cow because of the golden calf incident. So, any other kosher animal would be fine according to Jewish tradition, of course. The Bible really doesn't tell us what animal to use as long as it's kosher. If we go to Numbers 10, we'll see a little bit more about this day. Numbers 10, starting in verse 1.

Numbers 10:1-2a *And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, Make two trumpets of silver for yourself.*

Comment: At Sukkot if you're with us or you're watching our video ... You could come on the Holy Days. We will have a live video coming from Jerusalem. If you're not watching it live, it will be there on tape after that. So, you're welcome to watch it online ... but you'll see two silver trumpets that we have there with us.

Numbers 10:2b-7 *You'll make them of hammered work, and they shall be to you for the calling of the congregation, and for causing the camps to pull up stakes. And when they blow with them, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the door of the tent of meeting. And if they blow with one, then the rulers, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall assemble to you. And when they blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall then pull up stakes. And when you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side will pull up stakes; they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. And when the assembly is gathered, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm.*

Numbers 10:8-10 *And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets. And they shall be to you for a never ending statute throughout your generations. And when you go into battle in your land against the foe distressing you, then you shall blow with the trumpets, and you shall be remembered before YAHWEH your Elohim. And you shall be saved from your enemies. And in the day of your gladness, and in your appointed times, and in your new moons, you shall blow the trumpet over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. And they shall be to you for a memorial before your Elohim. I am YAHWEH your Elohim.*

So, **we see the blowing of trumpets is very important in Scripture**. And there's different reasons for it. We're going to see **there's four main reasons for the blowing of the shofar or trumpet in Scripture**. The first one that I'm going to get into, which He mentions here, **is at the New Moon** ... at the New Moon. We said it before from Leviticus 23 ... [Elder Don coughs] Excuse me ... that **the New Moon is a memorial**. So, **you blowing the trumpet as a memorial**. Psalm 81 and verse 3 ... Psalm 81 and verse 3 says:

Psalm 81:3 *Blow the ram's horn in the new moon, at the covered moon, on our feast day.*

Blow the ram's horn in the new moon, at the covered moon, on our feast day. There is a lot of discrepancy back in Babylon, Babylon being confusion, as to when a month starts. I've been studying this now for probably close to 20 years, maybe a little bit less, maybe 17 years. And clearly from the scripture, you know, you always say "if there's just one clear-cut scripture, then we work around it." This scripture clearly shows ... **blow the ram's horn in the new moon, at the covered moon**—keseh—to cover it, to completely cover it.

So, when is the New Moon? Clearly it has to be conjunction. There's absolutely nothing in Scripture that ever says you visually have to sight a crescent moon. Matter of fact, you'll never see the word 'crescent' and 'moon' even in Scripture, even once. You see Rosh Chodesh, the head of the month. You never see the word for 'crescent' and the word for 'moon' (yareach) together. So, clearly, this scripture shows us it's the covered moon. And according to Jewish tradition since the beginning of time, this scripture has always been believed by the rabbis to be referring to, particularly, the Feast of Yom Teruah (the Feast of Trumpets) that we're seeing today.

It's very interesting that the Samaritans that live in the Land, ... Yahweh willing, as long as we can, we will be visiting the Samaritan city of Mount Gerizim right after Sukkot on our pilgrim tour. And these Samaritans that are up there, you'll hear from the priest of the Samaritan people who believes he is a Levite. He can show his genealogy going all the way back to even Aaron. Some of these are remnants of the Sadducees from the temple times and Levites. And clearly, they have the

oldest calendar, biblical calendar, going back to the days of Moses when Israel first entered the land of Israel, before the time of even the judges. And they go by conjunction for the beginning of the month.

The sighting of a crescent clearly came from Babylon later. It was not there when Israel first entered the Land. There's no historical reference. There's nothing to show that Israel ever was visually sighting a crescent moon for the beginning of the month until after the Babylonian captivity. And all historical records show us that the crescent sighting comes from Babylon. Very simple. It's not my message for today, but it will be my message for another day, because I would like to clearly show this from Scripture, from history. It's so provable that the month starts at conjunction. It does not start at the visual sighting of a crescent. So, that's, though, first reason I'd like to get into for the blowing of trumpets as we read here, to announce the new month ... to announce the new month.

Second reason. Second reason, and the one that I'm going to spend on most of the message today, **why you blow the shofar, is to announce a warning of danger.** And that's why I said, this Feast of Trumpets 2011, I believe more than ever in my 47 years of life, do I believe this message that I'm going to tell you now needs to go out and quickly.

Things have changed. We're seeing now, if you're watching the news in the last week, the Palestinians have declared statehood. It's in the Security Council. This Monday they're going to be discussing it, and possibly, I mean they can drag it on, but possibly within two to three weeks, they could actually vote on this. And they believe they have the nine votes to be able to get it through the council. Of course, America can veto that, but then they still can go to the General Council and get the Palestinian statehood from that.

So, we're living in very dangerous times, and the warning does have to go out. The Palestinians are now saying that the Arab Spring is turning into the Palestinian winter. So, we saw what the Arab Spring was about. It wasn't about a bunch of students just wanting equal rights. If you go from Tunisia over to Libya, over to Egypt, over to Syria, you're looking at the Muslim Brotherhood trying to take over the Middle East. You're looking at radical, fanatical Islam including al-Qaeda trying to take over these countries. And that's what we're at right now. So, Ezekiel 33 ... Ezekiel 33, starting in verse 1.

Ezekiel 33:1-4 *And the word of YAHWEH was to me, saying, Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them: When I bring the sword on it, on a land, and take one man from the people of the land, their borders, and set him for a watchman to them, and when he sees the sword coming on the land, and **he blows the ram's horn and warns the people,** ... Like I said, time of warning of danger ... **and the hearer hearing the sound of the ram's horn, and does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him; his blood shall be on his own head.***

Ezekiel 33:5-7a *He heard the sound of the ram's horn and took no warning; his blood shall be on himself. But he who took warning, he shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the ram's horn, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes his soul from them, he is taken in his iniquity. But I will require his blood from the watchman's hand. And you, son of man, I gave you as a watchman to the house of Israel.*

Comment: And very important, that we're going to see, **the book of Ezekiel is not written primarily to Judah. It's written to the house of Israel.** And we're going to see even to **where** the house of Israel is.

Ezekiel 33:7b-9 *And you shall hear the Word from My mouth and warn them from Me. When I say to the wicked, O wicked one, surely, you shall die! And you do not speak to warn the wicked one from his ways, the wicked one shall die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood from your hand. But you, if you warn the wicked from his way, to turn from it, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.*

Ezekiel 33:10-11 *And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, This you have spoken, saying, Surely our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we are rotting in them, even then shall we live? Say to them, As I live, declares Adonai YAHWEH, I do not have delight in the death of the wicked, except in the wicked turning from his way, and so to live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! For why will you die, O house of Israel?*

And I say this with all sincerity today. I give a message like this not to judge anybody, because we judge ourselves so that we don't have to be judged by Yahweh, but I don't want anybody's blood on my head. And I see things going on today in the West. I see things going on today in the congregation that I must warn you. I must warn you like the Bible says. And like He says right over here, *if the hearer hears the word and takes the warning, then the sword will not come on him; and the blood will not be on his own head.* But if he doesn't take the warning, then what happens? The blood is going to be on his head, but the blood will not be on my head. And like I said, I love the brethren too much not to give the warning.

If we go to Ezekiel 2, we will see who this message is to. Remember, Ezekiel is written in 573 BC. When did the house of Israel go into captivity? 722 BC. So, **this is written 150 years after Israel left the very land of Israel where we are today.** And let's listen to who Ezekiel is writing to. He's not writing to Judah who just went into captivity in Babylon. Look what he says. Chapter 2 and verse 1.

Ezekiel 2:1-3 *And He said to me, Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you. And the Spirit entered into me as He spoke to me, and He made me to stand on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. And He said to me, Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to the nations, the rebelling ones who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this day.*

Comment: So, the message is to the Israelites, the Ephraimites that are living in diaspora. This is who Ezekiel is writing to.

Ezekiel 2:4-6 *And the sons are stiff of face and hard of heart. I am sending you to them. And you shall say to them, So says Adonai YAHWEH. And they, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear (for they are a rebellious house), yea, they shall know that a prophet has been among them. And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them and their words. Do not be afraid, though briers and thorns are with you, ...*

Comment: Remember in the parable of the Sower and the Field? The ones that the cares of life ... What did He say? The thorns and the thistles, the cares of life that are taking the Ephraimites that are living in their diaspora away from Yahweh.

Ezekiel 2:6-7 *... though you are living among scorpions. Do not be afraid of their words, and do not be frightened by their faces, though they are a house of rebellion. And you shall speak My words to them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, for they are rebellious.*

That's why I say, all I can do is give the message. I'm not particularly pointing anybody out particularly. But as a whole, I am saying that the house of Israel living in the nations are not fulfilling the Word of Yahweh. And just like He said here, they are prideful. They are stubborn. They are rebellious. And believe me, I've been all around the world and back, and I clearly see the difference of our brethren living in Africa, our brethren living in Asia, and our brethren living in the West. And the people in general, the society, it is a wicked, rebellious, prideful society.

And you know what? When you give a message like this, you know what happens? You're the guy who gets judged ... you're the guy that gets judged. Why? Because these rebellious people, that either their knees are so hardened because of their hardened heart, they will not get on their knees and repent to Yahweh. It's that simple ... it is that simple. People are not repenting of their sins. **People are offended at the drop of a hat. How on earth when you look at what we owe Yahweh for everything He's done for us, how can we be offended at the stupidest little things that happen? How do we look at people's words and we judge every word they say, and we never look into our own hearts?** And this is the times we're living in.

And this is what Yahweh is saying. It doesn't say, "Thus says Don." It says, "Thus says Yahweh." Read Ezekiel 1 through 9. This is end-time stuff. And He is saying, the house of Israel is like that to Me. [Elder Don flicks his nose with his hand]. I'm sick of them! I'm filled up with their pride and their arrogance! I'm fed up with it! And judgment is coming ... **judgment is coming.**

And that's why I say, more than ever, this Feast of Trumpets should be a blessing to us, and a blessing to, I hope, everybody that hears this. Because there has to be a great repentance coming worldwide. **There has to be a great repentance coming, or there will be no regathering to this Land.** And you have these teachers over there in America, so-called Messianic teachers, that are tickling the ears with 'the great regathering and the little regathering;' and tickling the ears of the people, telling them nothing about repentance, nothing about their sins. How many people there ... The divorce rate in America is 60%. How many people are leaving spouses, marrying others when they know the Bible says it's adultery? **You leave your spouse and marry another, it's adultery!** And people will do it.

And then you know what they do? They want to judge you. I didn't make the laws. I didn't make the commandment "*Thou shall not commit adultery.*" I didn't sit there in **Matthew 19** and **Matthew 5** and tell the Pharisees, "*If you leave your spouse and marry another, it's adultery.*" Yahshua said the Law from Yahweh. Yahweh made the law; *you shall not commit adultery.* If you leave your spouse and marry another, it's adultery. **It's adultery according to Yahweh. And no adulterer will be in His Kingdom.** It's that simple.

So, you know what? Get off our mailing list. Don't listen to me. It doesn't make a difference. Like He says, *don't be afraid of their words.* And I'm not afraid of their words ... I'm not afraid of their words. **They should be afraid of the Word of Yahweh, and they're not.** And that's what scares me. I'm afraid of the Word of Yahweh. I'm not afraid of the words of men who are not living by the Word of Yahweh, who separate themselves. They don't want to be part of congregations. They don't want to be part of fellowships. They don't want to serve anybody. All they want to do is judge ... judge ... judge ... judge. And that's what's going on there.

It is a rebellious, prideful house; and Yahweh is sick of it. He's absolutely sick of it. I'm telling you, if ever there was a message we have to take to heart, it's here. Because we're moving ahead. This is Trumpets 2011, and we are moving ahead. The Arab Spring, like I said, is turning into the Palestinian winter. War is coming in this Land. **Judgment is coming on Israel as well as America and the rest of the world. There is nowhere to hide except under the wings of Yahweh. And you will not hide under His wing if you're filled with pride and sickening sin.** Yahweh is not going to hide you. He is not going to hide you under those circumstances.

And it's for each of us to go in our prayer closet, get on our hands and knees in earnest prayer to Yahweh. And ask Him, like David said in Psalm 50 [should be **Psalm 19**], **Psalm 51**, reveal to me the sins I need to repent of. *Make a clean heart in me.* And that's what we need to do. That's what we need to do here. Ezekiel 3 ... Go to the next chapter ... and verse 4. He says:

Ezekiel 3:4-7 *And He said to me, Son of man, Go! Come to the house of Israel and speak with My Words to them. For you are not sent to a people of deep lip and difficult of language, but to the house of Israel; not to many people of deep lip and a difficult language, whose words you cannot hear. If I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you. But **the house of Israel is not willing to listen to you,** ... I hate to say it, it cuts my heart, but they're not. They're not willing to listen ... **for they are not willing to listen to Me,** ... Like I said, I didn't make the commandment ... *for all the house of Israel are strong of forehead and hard of heart.**

Ezekiel 3:8-11 *Because, I have made your face strong over against their faces, and your forehead strong over against their foreheads. I have made your forehead as an adamant harder than flint. Do not fear them, and do not be frightened by their faces, though they are a house of rebellion. He said to me, Son of man, all My Words which I speak to you, receive into your heart, and hear with your ears. And go! Come to the exiles, to the sons of your people, and speak to them, and say to them, So says Adonai YAHWEH, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.*

And that's all I say ... that's all I say. I'm here because I love the people of Yahweh. I'm here because I love even friends of mine from the West. But if I wasn't giving a message like this, I wouldn't be showing love. *Open rebuke is better than secret love.* It has to be there. And I'm telling you, **repentance isn't something you do once when your baptized; it's an ongoing, every day thing.** And I've said this many times, if you've never shed tears in repentance, you've never repented.

People come to me all the time, "I can't overcome this sin. I don't know why I'm doing the same thing." Very simple. You haven't repented ... you haven't repented. **Repenting is abhorring it. Repenting is turning away from it. Repenting is never doing it again.** So, if you're continuing in the same prideful, sinful attitude, it's very simple: You haven't repented. And why aren't they repenting? They're not repenting because they love their pride. They love the praise of man more than the praise of Yahweh. And they will not humble themselves before Yahweh.

Because you know what? It's a lot easier for me to judge you than judge myself. And that's the problem. Most of these people don't want to look at themselves. And the littlest bit of criticism, ... What on earth are pastors for? Pastors are there to help edify, to help you build yourself up ... But today you give the tiniest bit of criticism to anybody, and man, they don't want to hear it. Because they are prideful and rebellious. And I say, if you've ever been corrected and you're offended, then you're filled with pride.

Because the Bible says over and over and over, ***it is the wise man who seeks correction.*** We should love correction. We should be yearning toward it. Because when we're corrected, what does that mean? It means we're going to grow. We're going to be more like Yahweh. We're going to get more like Him.

And yet, I hate to say it. Like I said, to the house of Israel ... And it's not just America. Europe is just as bad if not worse with their pride ... Europe is just as bad if not worse with their pride. And they can sit here and criticize till the cows come home. You give one little point of criticism, and what happens? What happens? They're fully offended. And it's pride. Pride, self-willed, unsubmissive spirit, rampant to the Israelites in diaspora.

Like I always say, **Proverbs 18:1**, *he who separates himself seeks his own desire.* How many have separated themselves from the congregation or Yahweh's elders and leaders due to pride, arrogance, and wanting no accountability? The internet congregation, that's what it is now. No accountability to anybody or anything. Believe whatever they want to believe. I get letters every week from people telling me how they think. And you know what? I really don't care how **they** think. And they shouldn't care how **I** think. **All that matters is how Yahweh thinks.** That's what matters. Who cares what I think? And who cares what someone else thinks?

It's how Yahweh thinks! Taking it *line upon line, precept upon precept.* Taking a doctrine ... and whether that doctrine is baptism, laying on of hands, no matter what the doctrine is, it doesn't matter. **It's being able to take it line upon line, precept upon precept, and being able to show it from the Bible.** Like we did the immortal soul, another one. Many, even Messianics, they want to believe their whoever is floating around in heaven. It's not in the Bible. It just isn't there. And then they are offended that you are teaching the truth of the Bible. And like I said, I may make an apology for me if I do something wrong. I am not going to make an apology for Yahweh's doctrine. I'll never do that. So again, if somebody is offended at Yahweh's doctrine, that's something they have to deal with.

So, let's look into what is this message of Ezekiel. Because again, warning. **Trumpets dealing with warning. And it's an extreme important warning we're dealing with.** Ezekiel 3, same chapter there, verse 16 ... Ezekiel 3. It says:

Ezekiel 3:16-19 *And it happened at the end of the seven days, even it happened that the Word of YAHWEH came to me, saying, Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. And hear the Word of My mouth, and warn them from Me. In My saying to the wicked, surely you will die; and you did not warn him, and you do not speak to warn the wicked from the wicked way, to save his life, he, the wicked, shall die in his iniquity. But I will require his blood at your hand. And you, because you have warned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or his way, he, the wicked, shall die in his iniquity. But you have delivered your soul.*

Ezekiel 3:20-21 *And when the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die. Since you have not warned him, he shall die in his sin, his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered. But I have required his blood at your hand. But you, because you warned him, the righteous, so that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, surely he shall live because he is warned. And you have delivered your soul.*

So again, very, very, very simple. We see in the West, like I say, Western society today is a society of pleasure seekers. It's a society of people who are not repenting for being idolaters. **Idolatry is the major sin in Western society**, seeking their own ways, rejecting Yahweh, stubbornness, pride, self-righteousness, trusting in the system of Babylon more than Yahweh, all different kinds of things of that system.

The big thing now, if you're watching the news, there's an election coming up next year, of course. Barack Obama against whoever will be the Republican nomination. But all talking about social security ... social security. What about Yahweh security? Where is Yahweh security? **Yahweh should be our security. Yahweh should be our trust.** And not that there's anything wrong if you work your whole life and you're getting a check from what you work, that's fine. But I'm talking about the trusting of this, the trusting that the government has to take care of you. The government has to provide your health care. The government has to provide your retirement. Socialism. That's what socialism is, that the government is your Elohim providing everything. And it's a mentality, like we said, just like the Kingdom is a mentality. We have to make sure that we're not getting into idolatry because of this, that "we deserve it," "it's our right," and "it's ours."

Ezekiel 6. Let's go over another chapter. Like I said, Ezekiel 1 through 9, ... Read it on your own later ... all end time, all about the destruction that's coming on the Israelites living in their diaspora. Ezekiel 6, starting in verse 1.

Ezekiel 6:1-5 *And it happened, the Word of YAHWEH came to me, saying, Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel and prophesy against them. And say, Mountains of Israel, hear the Word of Adonai YAHWEH: So says the Adonai YAHWEH to the mountains, and to the hills, and the ravines, and the valleys, ... talking about totality ... Behold, I, even I will bring a sword on you, and I will destroy your high places. And your altars shall be ruined, and your pillars shall be broken. I will cast down your slain before your idols. And I will put the dead bodies of the sons of Israel before your idols, and I will scatter your bones around your altars.*

Ezekiel 6:6-10 *In your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places will be deserted, so that your altars may be laid waste and become guilty, and that your idols may be broken and brought to an end, and your pillars may be cut down, and your works wiped out. And the slain shall fall in the midst, and you shall know that I am YAHWEH. Yet I will leave a remainder, so that may be left to you those who escape the sword among the nations, in your scattering among the lands. And those who escaped shall remember Me among the nations where they were made captive, because I was broken by their whoring heart which had turned away from Me, and by their whoring eyes which go after their idols. And they shall loathe against their faces for the evils which they had done in their abominations. And they shall know that I am YAHWEH; and not in vain have I said to do this evil to them.*

Ezekiel 6:11-14 *So says Adonai YAHWEH: Strike with your hand, and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas, for the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague. He who is far off shall die by the plague, and he who is near by the sword, and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine. So I will fulfill My fury on them. And you shall know that I am YAHWEH when their slain shall be in the midst of their idols all around their altars, on every high hill, in the top of the mountains, under the green tree, and under every leafy oak, (the place where they gave their soothing aroma to all their idols). And I will stretch out My hand on them and make the land a desolation even more desolate than the desert toward Diblath, in all their dwelling places. And they will know that I am YAHWEH.*

So again, like I said, **Trumpets, time of warning.** Who knows? This time next Trumpets, maybe that country won't even be there anymore. Maybe they will be. But sometime in the near future, we know that Yahweh's judgment is coming. And we know He says the sins have filled toward heaven, and there's a great judgment coming. And people are being pacified, that there's these refuge that, "Oh, the Lord told me my place is going to be a refuge," and this and that. And Scripture doesn't say it. Scripture says when it's all said and done there will not be one soul in Babylon. It's that simple. It will be the home of jackals, demons, every foul spirit, but not one soul will be living there.

And we know we're getting close to that judgment that is coming. It's becoming extremely close. Everybody is doing what's right in their own eyes, and people are making themselves their own Elohim. It's scary. It's scary to see how far in just the last decade things have to deteriorated.

Revelation 3 ... Revelation 3. Like I said, you know when you give a message like this, the vast majority of people, unfortunately, will not heed the message. But even if one—even if one—will hear a message like this and turn their hearts back to Yahweh and repent, it's worth it. Revelation 3 and verse 14. He says:

Revelation 3:14-16 *And the messenger of the congregation of Laodicea, write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Head of the creation of YAHWEH: I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold, nor hot. Because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I'm about to vomit you out of My mouth.*

Comment: And that's part of what's going on in the West. How zealous are they for the work of Yahweh? How excited are they for Yahweh calling the sons of Israel, the children of Israel back in to covenant relationship? How excited are they that Israel is a nation again after 2,520 years? How excited are they that after more than 2,700 years Yahweh has opened up for the sons of Ephraim to be able to keep the Feast again in the land of Israel? How excited are they that in the last 140 years there's more than 22,000 archaeological sites right here in Israel that the past comes alive and they can actually see all these things from the Bible? How excited are they?

They're not that excited. You know why? Because everything is just moping around ... moping around. You come to Sabbath services, and it's like, "Wow! Shabbat shalom!" "Shabbat shalom." [Elder Don replies in a mooney voice]. "Hey, how's everything going?" "Uh, my car's not working again." [He replies again in a mooney voice]. All this mumbling and moping. Like I said, **this is the day to praise Yahweh. This is the day to look on the glorious things His hands are doing.** And I know, believe me, people write me all the time. I know that the vast majority of brethren around the world will never step their foot on this soil of Israel until the Kingdom comes.

But at the same rate, most of them have that desire in their heart, that if it was possible ... I'm talking about some are from America, but a lot from third world countries also. They just can't do it. They don't have the money. They don't have the means. They can't get here ... But every year with all their desire they want to be here. They want to see what Yahweh's doing in the end time. They pray for Yahweh's end time work here every day of their life. They want to be part of it in any way that they can be, by praying, by helping. Like I see some of these letters. People say, "I can do this," "I can proofread." They want to be part ... they want to be part of it.

And I say, **one clear-cut way to make sure you don't become a Laodicean: Be involved in the work of Yahweh.** You have to be involved in the work of Yahweh. **Because when you're involved in the work of Yahweh,** you know what that means? **Your mind is not on yourself.** It's not on yourself and all the things that you want or you're not getting. **The more you are involved with the work of Yahweh, the closer you will be to Yahweh.**

It's just like here. We're working two weeks. I believe every day we worked we became closer. Our friendships grew more. It just became closer because we're all working toward a common goal of something together. And **that's the key. Yahweh has a common goal of redeeming the sons of Jacob back to Him and redeeming this Land back into covenant relationship.** And **the more our mind is focused on that work, the more we're going to be closer to Him and each other.**

But **I'm telling you, a clear-cut way to fall away, a clear-cut way to get a murmuring spirit, a clear-cut way to get an accusing spirit is to be bearing no fruit, not to be involved in the work of Yahweh whatsoever, and just have in your mind everything that you would do different.** Yahweh created the earth in six days, but you know what? You "have a better plan." You "could have did it in five days." And you "would have created this." And you know what? You "would have made it this way." That's the clearest cut way to get to yourself a one-way ticket out of Yahweh's Kingdom, by always figuring out you have a better way to do it. But this is the Laodicean here. This is Laodicean. He's lukewarm. He's not zealous for the work of Yahweh. So, because you're lukewarm, He's about to vomit out of the mouth.

Revelation 3:17 *Because you say, I am rich, and I am made rich, I have need of nothing, and do you not know you're miserable and a wanderer and poor and blind and naked.*

Comment: Like I say, 70% to 80% of the world live on \$5 a week, \$5 to \$20 a week or less. And then you have the rest of the world living on \$40,000, \$50,000, \$100,000. And that's what they say, they're rich and they made themselves rich. They don't need pastors. They don't need congregations. They don't need any of this. *He who separates himself seeks his own desire.* That's why they're called wanderers here. Because they can't be part of any congregation.

And I say that if you ever have somebody who's in your congregation who winds up leaving who's a problem, I always say look at their spiritual resume. Look at where they were before you, and look at where they are after you. And normally you'll see this long line of churches, congregations, that the person was at. Because they cannot be part of something. They can't submit themselves to another person. "I'll never follow a man." But they'll follow themselves. They'll follow their own heart. And their pride, and their stubbornness, and their unrepentant spirit is only leading to more chaos and eventually their loss of eternal life.

You have to submit yourself to somebody else in order to have unity. The Father and the Son, the reason why people can't understand the concept of the Yahweh family is they've never been unified with anybody. When they were children, they rebelled against their parents. When they went to school, they rebelled against their teachers. When they became workers, they rebelled against their workers. When they got married, they rebelled against their spouses. Divorce rate 60%. And now they join their churches, and they rebel against everybody there. It's an ongoing pattern. So, I say, look at somebody's spiritual resume when they have this. And whose ear are they trying to tickle? Trying to get other people to do the same thing. Misery loves company.

And when people come in a congregation ... And I have had hundreds of people over the years tell me when they come to the Feast, "Wow, I've never met a congregation that is so united, so close, so loving." And yet the same people that will say that, after a while they'll hate it. They'll absolutely hate it. Because they know judicial order is making the congregation that way. They know that we're all doing it because we want to do it. They know we're willingly submitting to each other because we love each other. And they can't stand it. So, they want to try to somehow make me into some kind of dictator. They want to try to make it sound like the people are being brainwashed. They'll go through any length to distort the truth. Because they don't have the Spirit of Yahweh.

And the spirit of Satan cannot stand unity. It can't stand it. It goes crazy. Because Satan is not unified. It's that simple. So, we want to make sure that we're not in this category. And like I said, anybody who's listening to this around the world, if you are in this category, man, I tell you with all my heart, soul, and strength, please repent. Repent to Yahweh. There's still time, but the time is getting short. Turn back ... turn back. Humble yourself, like it says in James. That's what it's about.

It's not about me. It's about collectively all of us submitting to each other in unity to the gifts that Yahweh has given each of us to, through synergy, putting those gifts together and elevating up for the Kingdom of Yahweh. But just like electricity, you can have electricity through this whole room. If there's one cut, none of it will work. And the same way, you could have a house filled with Spirit-filled brethren. You bring one person in there with a dissident attitude who's against judicial order, who's a murmuring spirit, and he will destroy everybody in that room. It's that simple. Laodiceans. And look what Yahshua says:

Revelation 3:18-19 *I advise you to buy from Me gold having been fired by fire, that you may really be rich; and wear white garments, that you may be clothed, and your shame and nakedness may not be revealed. And anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chastise." Be zealous, then, and repent.*

Comment: Be zealous and repent. Repenting is not a bad word. It draws us closer to Yahweh. And again, **there is no salvation without repentance. There is no giving of the Holy Spirit without repentance.** I've come to the conclusion the last couple of years, easily, at least 50% of people that get baptized do not receive the Holy Spirit. And it doesn't matter who's laying hands on them. **You must repent to receive the Holy Spirit.** And many people that are getting baptized are not repenting. They're getting baptized for whatever reason, but they're not repenting. And if you don't repent of your sins, you know what you're doing? You're getting wet. That's about it. **You must repent of your sins and accept the blood of Yahshua for those forgiveness of your sins.** But if you don't repent, Yahweh will not give His Spirit to you. He says:

Revelation 3:20-22 *Behold, I stand at the door "and knock:" If anyone hears My voice and opens the doors, I will enter to him, and dine with him, and he with Me. The one overcoming, I will give to sit with Me in My throne, as I overcame and sat in My Father's throne. The one who has an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the congregations.*

I pray! **I pray to Yahweh through His Spirit right now, give that ear to Your people.** Give that ear to hear—not a spirit of offense that's coming from the devil, but **a spirit of repentance that's cutting to the heart like a two-edged sword.** That's what we need in the congregation and world today. **We need a spirit of repentance that's drawing people back to Yahweh.**

Let's go to Psalm 50 ... Psalm 50. Because like I said, the Laodicean is offended. They're not convicted. If you're offended at this message, it's clear-cut proof you are a Laodicean. The Laodicean is offended. They're not convicted. Psalm 50. And many of these people that are offended, that are not repenting, they're clothing themselves in a pseudo-Torah-like lifestyle. So, they think, wow, by starting to keep Saturday instead of Sunday, by starting to read the Torah, maybe wearing tassels, whatever it is, that that's enough; that's building their righteousness.

"Why do we need pastors?" "Why do we need congregations?" "Why do we need anything else? Because I have the Torah." And many from these false teachers are believing that they can earn their salvation simply by keeping the Torah. **The Torah is a mirror to show me my sin. That's what the Torah is there for. So, once it shows me my sin, how could I receive salvation from something I already did that brings the death penalty?** There's no shortcuts. **Without the blood of Yahshua, there is no salvation.** But look what Yahweh says in Psalm 50, really interesting. Verse 16. He says:

Psalm 50:16-17 *But to the wicked, Elohim says, What is it to you to proclaim My statutes, and to take up My covenant in your mouth? And you hate discipline and toss My Words behind you.*

Comment: You meet these people all the time. They play the part. They try to dress like an Israelite, a lot of them wear beards. They go to the meetings, right? They want to claim their Torah keepers. But look what He says: *Who are you to take up My statutes in your mouth, when you hate discipline?* And that's the difference. **They will not be disciplined.**

Psalm 50:18 *When you saw a thief, you were pleased with him; and with adulterers is your part.*

Comment: These same people, you don't see them teaching the sanctity of the marriage covenant. You don't see them condemning the Torah teachers that are selling the Word of Yahweh and stealing from Him. You don't see any of this. And look what Yahweh says:

Psalm 50:18-22 *You saw a thief, you were pleased with him; and adulterers is your part. You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit; you speak against your brother; you give fault to the son of your mother. You have done these things, and I have kept silence; you thought that surely I would be like you; but I rebuke you and set in order before your eyes. Now think of this, you who forget Eloah, lest I tear, and there be no one to deliver:*

That's what Yahweh says. They think Yahweh is with them, they think Yahweh is for them. He says, no. I may have kept silent, but I abhor what you're doing. I'm not like you. I'm not that way. I'm not double-minded ... I'm not double-minded.

And like I say, if you come to me gossiping about somebody else, I'm not going to play that game. I'll come right out and tell you, "You need to go to this person and tell them what you just told me. And if you don't tell them, then I'll tell them. Because I'm not going to play the gossip game." And you know what? People will get offended at you for doing that, for having integrity, for not getting involved in gossip, for telling them, "This is gossip. You really shouldn't be doing this." And now you'll become the bad person. You'll become the evil one.

It's the spirit of Satan ... it's the spirit of Satan. **Satan hates unity, and he'll do anything to destroy unity, and gossip is the biggest way. Backbiting, accusing each other, it's the biggest way to destroy the work of Yahweh in His congregation; and Satan knows it.** He absolutely knows it. So, it's important that we're not involved in these things.

Matthew 19 ... Matthew 19. I'm telling you the time is short. The time is short. It's time for us to mature, to get ready. It's time to really come together as a people and become one. Matthew 19 and verse 16. He says:

Matthew 19:16-18 *And, behold, coming near, one said to Him, Good Teacher, what good things shall I do that I may have eternal life? And He said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One, YAHWEH! But if you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments. He said to Him, Which? And Yahshua said, "You shall not commit murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, or give false witness.*

Comment: And I'll drop down here again to verse 25. This is after He says it's harder for a rich man to get into heaven than for the rope to pass through the eye of the needle.

Matthew 19:25-30 *And His disciples were exceedingly astonished when they heard this, saying, Who then is able to gain eternal life? But having looked at them, Yahshua said, With men this is impossible, but with YAHWEH all things are possible. Then answering, Peter said to Him, Behold, we left all things and followed You. What indeed will we have? And Yahshua said to them, Truly I say to you, You who have followed Me in this world, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you also will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for the sake of My name, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.*

See, true repentance ... How do you know if you really repented? Number one, you're not doing the things you did before ... but **true repentance brings a change in life. It brings fruit. It brings something behind it. And if someone is not bearing any fruit, then they haven't had true repentance.** It's that simple.

And my question is, rhetorical one that every one of us needs to ask ourselves, what are you sacrificing for the Kingdom? Yahshua just told you how to get eternal life. And He said, all these things, anything you sacrifice now, what did He say? He'll give you back a hundredfold in this life, and I think we can all attest to that, and everlasting life to come.

And this is the problem. **The problem is in Western society, in the Babylonian mindset, it is not a mindset of giving up. It's a mindset of holding.** And this is why there's a hundred different insurances they sell you. **It's a mindset of possessing, holding onto. And in Yahweh's Kingdom, it's a mindset of giving up.** Every day, giving up, giving up, giving up till the day comes that, you know what? You have nothing else to give up except your life, and then you're ready to put it in Yahweh's hands if He needs to take it at that point.

But every day of our life ... and not just mammon, although that's a big part of it. When you're used to a lifestyle of mammon, you don't want to live in a thatched hut. You don't want to live without electricity. You don't want to lower your standard of living, but we have to. We have to. Unfortunately, there's not going to be air conditioners in the wilderness. There's not going to be refrigerators in the wilderness. And there probably will not even be flushing toilet bowls in the wilderness. So, we have to get ready to aim at those little holes, like we used to do in Africa.

But it's a mindset. It's a mindset of, like Paul says, having but not possessing. **That anything that's in your hand, you know it belongs to Yahweh. So, there's nothing wrong with keeping it because maybe you need it today. But if someone needs it more tomorrow, then you give it up.** So, my question is, **what are you sacrificing for the Kingdom of Yahweh? True repentance brings a radical change of life.** And if there is no change, if there is no fruit, what are you sacrificing? Romans 8 ... Romans 8, starting in verse 1, says:

Romans 8:1-4 *There is therefore now no condemnation to those in Yahshua Messiah, who do not walk according to flesh, but according to Spirit. For the Law of the Spirit of life which is in Yahshua Messiah set me free from the law of sin and death. For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, YAHWEH sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous demand of the Torah might be fulfilled in us, those not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit.*

Romans 8:5-8 *For the ones who are according to flesh mind the things of the flesh. And the ones according to Spirit the things of the Spirit. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace; because the mind of the flesh is enmity ... hatred ... toward YAHWEH; it is not subject to the Torah of YAHWEH, for it is not possible to be so. And those being in the flesh are not able to please YAHWEH.*

So that's the problem. **The problem is the Israelites living in their diaspora in the first world countries, they are living too good. They have it too easy. Their mind is toward the flesh. They don't want to sacrifice. And that's the bottom line.** People will give you every excuse in the world, but the bottom line is most of them are not willing to sacrifice. Most of these people, like I said, they're not willing if they had to live in a thatched roof house with no electricity and go to the toilet in a hole in the back of the house. They're not willing to do this. Some have been honest enough to at least admit it. Most of them won't. But I'm telling you, when the judgment comes, that whole lifestyle, that whole house of cards in Babylon is going to crumble in one day.

And the Bible is very clear. Like I said, read Ezekiel 1 through 9. They are going into captivity, the Israelites. It is going to be a long journey back to Zion when this time starts, a very long journey. We have to start today. We have to start today, and it starts with repentance. It starts with repentance because **when we truly repent to Yahweh and we truly yield our heart to Him, it will humble us in a way that we've never seen before.** It will lower our standard of ourself and our opinion of ourself like nothing else but repentance can do. And like we said, pride is just giving ourself a false worth that's not there. **Repentance brings humility.** Romans 3:10 through 12. The carnal mind cannot please Yahweh. It is that simple. Romans 3 ... Going back a couple of chapters ... 10 through 12.

Romans 3:10-12 *According as it has been written, "There is none righteous, not even one!" "There is no one understanding; there is no one seeking YAHWEH." They all turned away, they became worthless together, not one is doing goodness, not so much as one!"*

So again, in that society, it's "You pat my back; I'll pat your back." "You're okay; I'm okay." *Open rebuke is better than secret love.* That "I'm okay; you're okay" philosophy is not making us closer to Yahweh. It's not helping us with tears to make those hard decisions to come to Yahweh and really look into our heart on where we can be closer to Him and a better servant. **Repentance is an ongoing process.** It's an ongoing process. It's not a one-time deal. **As we start to understand the deeper things of Yahweh, we must repent at deeper levels.**

And like I always tell the story, when I was a Believer and I'm working 40, 50, 60 hours a week in my landscaping business, and I loved watching Sunday football. Just enjoyed it, relaxed. And I'd always say to myself, "Well, it's not sin. Show me in the Bible, where does it say 'Thou shall not watch the New York Giants'? I don't see it there." And then one day it hit me, Holy Spirit. I'm praying, and it convicted me: Don't ask whether it's sin; ask whether it's holy. And boy, did I start getting different answers.

And I'm looking at that game and these big guys hitting each other and crushing each other's necks. And I'm thinking, there is nothing holy about that. There isn't anything holy about it. Then, all of a sudden, the game ends and then they do it the next time. Doesn't matter who wins. You're happy for that minute. Then it starts over, and it's 0-0 again. There was no purpose to it. Absolutely no purpose and a big waste of time.

And that's what I'm saying. When we're first starting out, we may have to ask different questions. We're not going to be at a spiritual level that we're going to be in five years or 10 years. So, we can't think, "Oh, repentance? I've done that. I did that when I was baptized." We have to continuously be repenting to get to deeper and deeper levels with Yahweh. And like I said, we don't ask what is sin, but we ask what is holy. Do you honestly believe you have a death penalty hanging over your head except for the blood of Yahshua in your life?

And I think this is a big problem. I think that because in the West we're taught, well, I'm not really that bad. If you remember talking with people that aren't believers, maybe Christians that you're trying to convince they need to keep the Torah, and what do they say? "Well, I'm not really doing anything bad," "I'm not hurting anybody," "Hey, I've worked for all this. This

house is mine. I worked for it. I deserve it.” And they don't understand, no, we deserve nothing but death. That's all we deserve.

Every human being that ever lived has committed things worthy of death. The Bible says if you get angry with your brother, it's like murder. Who can honestly say they've never had ever gotten angry once in their life? And murder brings eternal death not eternal life. So, **we need to understand this. We need to internalize it. That we're literally dead man walking. We're on death row. We're in those bars. And Yahweh has redeemed us from that. He hasn't only forgiven us; He's paid the penalty for the death penalty that we have hanging over us.**

And I say, be honest with yourself. If somebody saved your life, if you're building this building and, all of a sudden, a board comes down and hits you in the head and knocks you out, and this thing goes up in flames, and somebody from nowhere comes and pulls you out of this building ... If literally, I don't know if anybody has ever had somebody literally save their physical life ... but if that happens, **you are going to be so appreciative. Because you know, man, if that guy didn't save my life, I'd be dead.** Matter of fact, in Israel, that's one way for a non-Jewish person to get citizenship is to save a Jewish life. Because they know the sanctity of life here. And can you imagine how thankful you'd be to that person forever?

The Holocaust, right? You hear the stories. Righteous Gentiles that saved the life. And today, that older person that might be 90 and has children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. You know, in the Jewish world, they say, he who saves one life saves the entire universe. How thankful you would be if that happened! And what would happen if all of a sudden one day there's a knock on your door, and it's the child of the person who saved your life? Are you going to tell them, “Oh, I'm busy. I have to ...”? No, you're going to be “Oh, how's your dad and mom doing? Oh, come in! What do you need? Let me cook for you!” Because you're so appreciative of it.

And yet, that life, **Yahshua is the One who saved our life. And those children are His people.** They're His seed. They're His remnant. And **how on earth, like the Bible says, how can we say we love Yahweh who we haven't seen, and we hate our brother who we have seen? How could we accuse and malign and gossip about people that have the Spirit of Yahweh, that are our brothers and sisters?** It's disgusting in Yahweh's eyes. And yet, it's a way of life. It's a way of life in Western society.

And it's to the point that it's so much ingrained in people most people don't even repent anymore. And like I said, when you even privately, like the Bible says you go to your brother in private, you bring it up, they're so offended at it they'll never even speak to you again. Because you're simply trying to use the biblical mandate and help them not to be doing this heinous sin anymore. There has to be a repentance like never before. There's has to be a repentance. Luke 7 ... Luke 7, starting in verse 36. It says:

Luke 7:36-39 *A certain one of the Pharisees asked Him that He eat with him. And going into the Pharisee's house, He reclined. And, behold, a woman who was a sinner in the city, knowing that He reclined in the Pharisee's house, taking an alabaster vial of ointment, and stood behind Him and was crying at His feet. And she began washing His feet with her tears and then wiping [with] the hairs of the head. And she was kissing His feet and anointing them with ointment. And when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw that, he reasoned within himself and said that if this man was a prophet, He would realize who she is and what her reputation is. That woman, she is a sinner that who touched Him.*

Luke 7:40-43 *And answering, Yahshua said to the man, Simon, I have a thing to say to you. And he said, speak, Rabbi. There were two debtors to a certain creditor: the one owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty. Because he did not have a thing to pay, he freely forgave them both. Then which of them do you say will love him the most? And answering, Simon said, I suppose the one he freely forgave the most. And He said to him, You have judged rightly.*

Luke 7:44-47 *And turning to the woman, he said to Simon, Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give water for My feet, but she washed My feet with tears and wiped them off with the hairs of her head. You gave me no kiss, but she from the time I entered did not stop fervently kissing My feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with oil of incense. I say to you. Because her sins that are forgiven her are many, she has loved much. But he that is forgiven little loves Him little.*

Do we really realize it? This tells so much this parable. **Do we realize how much we need Yahweh's forgiveness?** Because if we were internalizing that night and day, and really internalizing that with tears, there is no way we would be judging other people the way that sometimes is happening. He who has much love forgives much. The Bible says in the end time *because iniquity abounds the love of many will wax cold*. And I'm telling you, I see it. Man, do I see in the last 10 to 20 years, I see the love that was in my parents' generation changing. I see people being so heartless and so cold—and brethren, or supposed brethren—that I have never seen in my life. It's unbelievable.

But like He says here, without love how much forgiveness are you going to feel? **You need to have that love and feel it to be able to give it to others. He who feels Yahweh's forgiveness is going to have more love.** He who doesn't feel Yahweh's forgiveness isn't. **And like I said, I think that's a big problem. That not only aren't people repenting, they're not seeing the need for repenting.** They can see the need in everyone else to repent. But people are not judging themselves and seeing the need to repent. **Do you really grasp the need for forgiveness daily, or are you taking it for granted and abusing it?** Do you see the need for Yahweh's forgiveness daily, or are you taking it for granted and abusing it? Matthew 7 ... Matthew 7, verse 13 says:

Matthew 7:13 *Go in through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are the ones entering through it.*

Comment: And again, I say this all the time. It's pretty simple. They are asking Yahshua, will many get eternal life? Pretty simple question, and pretty simple answer. And He says wide is the way to destruction; many will enter.

Matthew 7:14-21 *For narrow is the gate, and constricted is the way that leads into life, and few are the ones finding it. But beware of the false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside are plundering wolves. From their fruits you shall know them. Do they gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? So every good tree produces good fruit, but the corrupt tree produces evil fruits. A good tree cannot produce evil fruit, nor a corrupt tree produce good fruit. Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Then surely from their fruits you shall know them. It will not be that everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father in Heaven.*

And we've just been going over them here—The fruits of the Spirit. Love, joy, peace, patience, long suffering, goodness, faith. Very simple. **It's a pretty simple litmus test. Take those nine fruits of the Spirit and sit there, pray to Yahweh, and honestly ask yourself, do you have those fruits? If you are not exhibiting those nine fruits in your life, then you really have to question if you have Yahweh's Spirit.** It is impossible. I'll go further. **It's impossible to have His Spirit and not be exhibiting those fruits.** Now, again, all of us, we may have more than this and less than that. But **if you're claiming to have the Spirit of Yahweh and none of those fruits are evident in your life, you don't have the Spirit of Yahweh. Because the Spirit of Yahweh is not barren. It will never bear no fruit.** It's that simple.

So, **He's saying you'll know them by their fruits. And that's why we must produce fruit.** That's why it's so important, that our reward in the Kingdom ... Getting in the kingdom, it's free. It's Yahweh's grace. It's unmerited pardon ... but where we will be in that Kingdom has everything to do with the fruit we're bearing today. John the 15th chapter.

John 15:1-4 *I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser ... verse 1 ... Every branch in Me not bearing fruit, He takes away; and each one bearing fruit, He prunes, so it will bear more fruit. You are already pruned because of the Word which I have spoken to you. Remain in Me, and I in you. As the branch is not able to bear fruit of itself, unless it remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me.*

Comment: Proverbs 18:1, *he who separates himself seeks his own desire.* How on earth do these people think they're going to bear fruit when they're separating themselves from the people of Yahweh? They don't care. That's the problem. They don't care about bearing fruit. They care about their own self-righteous selfish desires; that's it. And anyone who they can hoodwink into thinking their way.

John 15:5-8 *I am the Vine and you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, this man will produce plentiful fruit because without Me you are not able to do anything. Unless one remains in Me, he is cast out as the branch and is dried up; and they gather and throw them into a fire, and they are burned. If you remain in Me, and My Word remain in you, whatever you desire you will ask, and it shall happen to you. In this My Father is glorified, that you should bear much fruit, and you will be disciples of Me.*

Pretty simple ... pretty simple. We have to bear fruit. **How converted you are is a direct correlation to how involved you are in the work of Yahweh.** It's that simple. How converted you are is a direct correlation of how involved you are in the work of Yahweh. What are your prayers? Is 90% of your prayers just for you, what you want, what you have, what you don't have? Or is it the opposite? Is 90% of your prayers about Yahweh, His Kingdom, the work that He's doing on the earth, praying for other people, praying for suffering brethren? Our prayers tell a lot.

But again, how converted you are is a direct correlation to how involved you are in the work of Yahweh. You know, the Matthew 24 Project. Great thing. Anyone can do it. All we're doing is giving encouragement to how to bring the good news to the world. It's all there. They don't need any kind of, you know, whatever. You just go on the website, get the stuff, and start doing it. How involved? How involved are people with bringing that good news? Like I said, our prayers, our problems. Are people faithfully tithing, or stealing from Yahweh?

And I'm telling you, what it comes down to is there is an end time, rebellion, self-righteous, selfish spirit that is out there that people have allowed to overtake them. And that's what it comes down to. Because I have seen the Western, Babylonia mindset compared to the suffering third world brethren. And it is night and day. It is night and day from that submissive spirit that wants to do anything to serve Yahweh and His people and that spirit that is offended at the drop of a dime.

And again, for people hearing this, this is life and death. This is to me, I'm thinking, the most important Yom Teruah I've ever had in my life. And I hope people are looking at it that way. Because like I said, we don't know what's coming tomorrow. Joel 2. What's the answer? Joel 2 ... Joel 2 and verse 12. He says:

Joel 2:12-15 *Yet now turn to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with wailing, declares YAHWEH. Yea, tear your heart, and not your robes; and turn to YAHWEH your Elohim. For He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and He pities concerning the evil. Who knows if He will turn and have pity and leave a blessing behind Him, a food offering and a drink offering for YAHWEH your Elohim? Blow a shofar ... Feast of Trumpets. Ram's horn ... in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly.*

Joel 2:16-17 *Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, gather the elders, gather the children, and those who suck the breasts. Let the bridegroom go out of his room, and the bride out of her bridal chamber. Let the priests, ministers of YAHWEH, weep between the porch and the altar; ... Are you understanding what true repentance is about? ... and let them say, Have pity on Your people, O YAHWEH, and do not give Your inheritance to shame, for a proverb among those of the nations. Why should they say among the people, Where is their Elohim?*

Comment: And only—**only when this kind of true repentance has come**, do Yahweh's people ... **will verse 18 happen.**

Joel 2:18-19 *Then YAHWEH will be jealous for His land and have pity on His people. Yea, YAHWEH will answer and say to His people, Behold, I will send you grain, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with it. And I will no more make you a disgrace among the nations.*

Time for total surrender. When it comes to Yahweh, that's what it is, total surrender. Holding nothing back. It's 100% total surrender. Unless we're doing it, we'll never get to the point that we want to get. You know, they call the time between now and Yom Kippur ... This is Yom Teruah, the first day of the seventh month. Yom Kippur is the tenth day of the seventh month ... They call these ten days the ten days of awe or the ten days of repentance. And in the Jewish culture, the Jewish mindset, these ten days are ten days that they seriously think about how they can be better servants to Yahweh and how they can repent.

And I highly encourage all of us during this year 2011 to really use these ten days of awe to the greatest part of our ability. To, really, every day spend more time in prayer. And then all of us to be asking Yahweh, what do I need to change? How can I be closer to you? How can I draw closer to you? What is it in my life I need to repent of? What it is in my life do I need to be a closer servant of Yours?

Third point. Spent a lot of time on point number two, most of the time, because it was the most important. **The third point of why trumpets are blown: For proclaiming the inauguration of a king.** 1st Kings 1 ... 1st Kings 1 and verse 32.

1 Kings 1:32 *And King David said, Call Zadok the priest for me and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came in before him.*

Comment: This is when they found out that they were not going to name Solomon as king. And then what happened? Adonijah was naming himself as king, and then Bathsheba comes in to David with Nathan the prophet. And that's where we are here in this story. And verse 33.

1 Kings 1:33-35 *And the king said to them, Take with you the servants of your master, and you shall cause my son Solomon to ride on the mule, and cause him to go down to Gihon ... They actually have this place where the coronation happened. They've unearthed it down there, right near the Pool of Siloam, which is interesting ... And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet shall anoint him there as king over Israel. And you shall blow with the **ram's horn** and shout, Let King Solomon live. And you shall come up after him, and let him come and sit on my throne, for he shall reign in my place. For I have appointed him ruler over Israel, and over Judah.*

1 Kings 1:36-40 *And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, Amen! So says YAHWEH the Elohim of my master the king. And YAHWEH has been with my master the king, so shall He be with Solomon, and shall make his throne greater than the throne of my master David. And Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went out and caused Solomon to ride on King David's mule, and caused him to go to Gihon. And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the Tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew with the ram's horn, and all the people shouted, Let King Solomon live! And all the people came up after him. And the people were piping with pipes, and rejoicing with great joy. And the earth was torn with their sound.*

So, again, we see trumpets being blown for the coronation of a king. If we go to 1st Corinthians 15 and verse 50 ... 1st Corinthians 15 and verse 50.

1 Corinthians 15:50-52 *And I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood is not able to inherit the kingdom of YAHWEH, nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I speak a mystery to you: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the blinking of an eye, **at the last trumpet**; ... the seventh trumpet ... for a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised, and we shall be changed.*

We see that Messiah is returning at the seventh trumpet. We see that the trumpet is being blown for the coronation of the King. And, again, for people who are falsely believing in the rapture which is not a biblical doctrine, we have a lesson, *Lesson 13 Enduring till the End*, all why the rapture is not in the Bible. But right here shows you. If Yahshua returns at the seventh trumpet, well, you had bowls. You had seven bowls. You had six trumpets before this. Certainly, people are not being raptured out to heaven before that. 1st Thessalonians 4 ... 1st Thessalonians 4 and verse 15. It says:

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 *For we say this to you in the Word of YAHWEH, that we the living who remain to the coming of our Master will not at all go before those who have fallen asleep ... They are still sleeping. No one will go before them ... Because the Master Himself will come down from Heaven with a commanding shout of an archangel's voice, **and with YAHWEH's trumpet**. And the dead in Messiah will rise first. Then we who remain alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet our Master in the air. And so we will always be with our Master. So, then, comfort each other with these words.*

Give meat in due season. Very comforting to know the very day we are rehearsing right now, that one day soon ... I can't tell you how many Trumpets we will have to go through ... But one day very soon in our lifetime, if we don't have some premature accident, that Yahshua's feet will be standing on the Mount of Olives on this very day in the near future. Revelation 11:15 ... Revelation 11:15 says:

Revelation 11:15 *And the seventh cherub trumpeted. And there was great rumblings of thunder saying, The kingdoms of this world have become our Elohim's, even of His Messiah; and He shall reign forever and ever.*

The seventh trump going off, Yahshua's feet coming on that Mount of Olives. Awesome time! And last scripture on this, Matthew 24 and verse 29 ... Matthew 24 and verse 29.

Matthew 24:29-31 *And immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heaven will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the heavens. And all the tribes of the land will wail ... showing you, remember, the twelve tribes are in the Land, twelve thousand from each one ... And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and much glory. And He will send His cherubs with a great sound of a large trumpet, and they will gather His chosen ones from the four winds, from the ends of the sky to the other.*

So, wow! Very, very clearly, when does this happen? **After** the tribulation of those days. No pre-tribulation rapture. Unfortunately for those who are looking for it, can't tell you about that.

And the last one very quickly, although we could spend a whole sermon on this. We've done it in the past. **The fourth reason for blowing the trumpet is giving praise, giving praise to Yahweh.** I'll just read one psalm here, Psalm 98. We did read **Psalm 81**, you know, to *blow the trumpet on the new moon, on the covered moon, on the feast day.* So, giving praise to Yahweh, Psalm 98.

Psalm 98:1-4 *A Psalm. O sing to YAHWEH a new song, for He has done wondrous things; His right hand and His holy arm has saved for Him. YAHWEH has revealed His Y'shua to the eyes of the nations; He unveiled His righteousness. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen (Aleph/Tav) Y'shua our Elohim. Shout joyfully to YAHWEH, all the earth; break out and rejoice and sing.*

Psalm 98:5-9 *Sing praise to YAHWEH with the lyre; with the lyre and with the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of a horn, shout joyfully before YAHWEH the King. Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands; let the heights shout for joy together, before YAHWEH; for He comes to judge the earth; with righteousness He will judge the world, and the people in uprightness.*

So, wow! You can see number four goes along with number three. Yahshua returning to the earth, coronating the king, and then great joy. The angels in the sky will be hearing the joy of them singing to show the coronation of the king. So, again, Trumpets is a time of warning—serious time. It's not just the Feast of **Trumpet**, although that last trumpet is very important, Yahshua returning. It's the Feast of Trumpets.

Meaningly, there's seven trumpets in the book of Revelation. You can read in **Revelation 8** and **Revelation 9**, and it goes through these seven trumpets—a time of judgment that's coming and a time of warning. The world has changed dramatically just since last Trumpets. Can you remember? It was last November when we were sitting in the moadon, at the school program, when that Arab Spring just started. And so many things ... Do you remember right before that, there were birds falling out of the sky and fish dying, and all these very odd things that were happening? And in one year the world has dramatically changed. And I believe the Kingdom of Yahweh is so much closer than it was this time last year.

And again, we must truly repent for pride, for selfish ambitions, and it's a time for total surrender to Yahweh—total surrender. This is it. We're getting close. Nothing to hold back. Total surrender to Him, which can only come by totally letting our will go and having full submission to Yahweh. Must submit to the full Word of Yahweh, even the hard things that don't fit into our personal lifestyle.

And just in the last year, even some very close, dear people that I've known, have allowed personal things in their life that didn't fit Yahweh's Word, allowed them to change and to leave because of that, which is very sad. We must submit to the full Word of Yahweh even the hard things that don't fit our personal lifestyle. We must internalize the great sacrifice that Yahshua made in shedding His blood to pay the penalty of our sins.

And we should not change just because of fear. Sometimes people will hear a message like this, and fear will get them to change. But I'm telling you, if you change only because of fear, you'll wind up going back to your old ways. We should be changing because of our love and our dedication to Yahweh as sustainer and Creator of the universe. You have to build that personal relationship.

It's like anything else. You meet somebody and you fall in love with them, you say, right? But there's no such thing as love at first sight. Love takes time, building relationships. And then you get married and you love the person, of course, because you wouldn't marry somebody you don't love. But then as time goes on, that love becomes stronger and stronger and deeper and deeper, at least it should.

And that's the way it should be with Yahweh. That maybe in the beginning, maybe when we're first coming to truth, we repent because we fear His wrath and we don't want to go to the Lake of Fire. **But as time is going on, I would hope that in every true believer, the reason why we're repenting and the reason why we're not sinning and the reason why we're trying to be humble is because we love Him. Because we want to be closer to Him. We want to be like Him. We want that relationship with Him. And that's what's lasting.** That's what will be something that will last to all eternity.

Like I said, though, when you look at those words in Ezekiel 1 through 9, boy I'll tell you, there is some really, really serious days of judgment that are coming on Western society, and the whole world, and here in Israel. But for the people of Yahweh, like it says, we don't have to be under that judgment as long as we're following Him, and we're staying close in that relationship, and we're enduring till the end. So, Chag sameach (happy Feast), Shabbat shalom, and I pray Yahweh's blessing on you. And until next time.