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***THE BOOK OF REVELATION***

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## ***Session 6. The Trumpet Judgments ( Revelation 8-9)***

### **INTRODUCTION**

Tonight we are covering our sixth session on the book of Revelation. We are going through the entire book in twelve weeks, which means that we have to cover two chapters, and sometimes three, in a session.

This might be a surprising statement to some of you, but these two chapters—Revelation 8-9—will be two of the most important chapters for the body of Christ worldwide one day before the Lord returns. Right now they are kind of way down the list of priorities, which is OK for now.

I believe some of you in this room will actually see the Lord with your own eyes, His appearing and His second coming. I believe we are in the generation of the Lord's coming. I have said for years, "Whether it is five years or fifty years, I am not sure." I think it is probably closer to fifty than to five. I believe that there are people in this room for whom these two chapters will be such a relevant reality in your lifetime. I just wanted to preface those two chapters with that statement.

### **THESE TWO CHAPTERS WILL BECOME RELEVANT**

When Revelation 8-9 is going to move from the conceptual to the actual, then these two chapters will become more than just curiosities, more than end-time prophecy that seems kind of surreal. When they will become actual—meaning, when they will start to connect just a little bit—then these two chapters will move from being just interesting to being relevant. This is really going to happen and we are really going to be a part of it.

In my own life, I have experienced just a little bit of that. As a battle plan, an action plan, these two chapters are as real to me as what is going to happen tomorrow; as real as anything the newspapers will ever say tomorrow. It is right here written in advance. I do not believe that it is too early to begin focusing on it. We may be a few decades out, but God wants to raise up forerunners who will raise up young forerunners. We have to go deep in these things now.

### **JESUS OPENS THE SEVENTH SEAL**

The trumpet judgments: Revelation 8:1-2. "When He—Jesus—opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets."

Verse 3 (paraphrased), "Then the eighth angel"—John saw another one in addition to the seven, who did not have a trumpet, he had a golden censor—"the angel came and stood at the golden altar of incense"—that is the altar of intercession. He came with this big bowl—a golden bowl—and he stood there at the altar of incense, which is the place of intercession by the throne of God.

Then, in the Lord's timing, he was given much incense. He was given heavenly incense into that big bowl, that censor. The reason he was given that much incense—I think the word "much" is significant—is that he would mix it with the prayers of the saints. He would offer the prayer and

the incense together. As the prayers of the saints ascended, so this heavenly incense—this Holy Spirit dimension which He brings to our prayers—was added to the prayers.

We do not know the mystery of how it all works. All we know is there is a heavenly, supernatural, Holy Spirit dimension which will be added to the prayers of the saints at a key time in the future. The angel will offer this heavenly incense—this extra dimension—with the prayers of the saints.

### **THE ALTAR OF INCENSE**

He is there at the golden altar, which is the altar of incense around the throne of God. It is where prayer is offered in the Old Testament temple, and it is the central place for prayer in the heavenly temple. Verse 4. What happened is that the smoke from the incense started rising. There is fire on the altar and when that big bowl of incense connects with the fire, it is combustive. There is the heavenly incense, there are the prayers of the saints, and there is the fire of God on the altar. The fire starts and the smoke starts rising. Of course the smoke is perfumed.

The smoke of the incense with the prayers of the saints ascends, which means it is effectual in the presence of God. When prayer in the Word of God is described as ascending, it means that it is effectual. It means that what is being offered in prayer is going to have an immediate effect on the earth. In the natural realm it is going to be openly manifest.

Verse 5 describes the manifestation of it. The angel takes that same prayer censor—that golden bowl, that golden censor—and instead of filling it with incense like he did a few moments ago, he now fills it with fire from the heavenly altar. He fills it with heavenly coals. We do not know how big the censor is, but it is big enough to have much incense in it, although I do not think the size matters. It is a prophetic action that has dynamic consequences for what happens on the earth below.

### **THE ANGEL TAKES THE CENSER**

He took this big bowl that was filled with incense—smoke was coming out of it—and he filled it with fire from the altar and he threw it to the earth. That is the judgment of God. There were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

These noises, thunderings, and lightnings are happening in the earthly dimension. I have read commentaries which say, “This is what is happening at the throne of God.” Beloved, you cannot have an earthquake in heaven. This is not happening at the throne. The lightning and thunder might be happening in heaven, because we know from Revelation 4 that lightning and thunder break out from the throne of God, but this is what is happening in the earthly arena which is discernable by people.

Here is the most terrifying thing of it all, verse 6. This was the signal on the divine calendar for the seven angels, who have the seven trumpets to get ready to sound them.

When that fire is thrown and the earthquake, the thunder, and the lightning occur, in just that exact way, those angels know—we do not know the details of how they know—the angels know when those things happen. When the prayer ministry hits this kind of crescendo in the Spirit—verse 6—it releases the angels who have the seven trumpets, the eschatological trumpets.

### **THE ESCHATOLOGICAL TRUMPETS**

The angels have these seven trumpets. These are eschatological trumpets. These are trumpets which are related to the shifting of natural history to the age to come. These trumpets are used to shift history. That is why I am calling them eschatological trumpets.

Beloved, it is so dramatic. When those seven angels are given those trumpets, and they are prepared—they are holding them to their lips—it is dramatic what is about to happen, not only on the earth in the glory of God and the outpouring of the Spirit, but in the glory of God even in the judgments—because the glory of God is in both. It is going to shift history on the earth to the second coming of Christ and the Millennial Kingdom. That is the key: when those angels put those trumpets to their lips, then in a short amount of time Jesus will be in the air at the last trumpet, at the seventh trumpet.

### **THE SEVENTH SEAL**

Paragraph A. The seventh seal. This is the release of the seventh seal. It is a judgment on the Antichrist. The judgment is a dynamic increase of the prayer movement with a supernatural dimension at a whole different level—a new measure of the supernatural dimension. There is a supernatural dimension right now, but we need a whole different level. We need the prayer movement to have a new level of interaction with the activity around the throne. That is what this is about.

The seventh seal releases fire in the earth, cosmic signs of lightning, thunder, and noises. It releases a important earthquake. There are quite a few earthquakes which are in God's end-time action plan. You see it in the book of Revelation.

It is equally significant that the opening of the seventh seal sets the stage for the seven trumpets to be sounded during which Jesus returns in the sky—at the seventh one.

### **SILENCE IN HEAVEN**

In verse 1 there is silence in heaven. It is a dreadful, terrifying, but glorious silence. In awful anticipation of what is going to happen, all of heaven sees the seven angels with the eschatological trumpets—trumpets that shift history is what I mean. They see them with their eyes. They know that the end-time judgments are going to be released which culminate with Jesus in the sky coming to the earth and driving wickedness from the earth forever.

When they see those angels, it is glorious and terrifying. It is terrifying for those who resist the Lord. It is glorious, but it is going to be so dramatic. There is silence in heaven because they understand the implications of these angels taking their place.

## **HEAVENLY HELP FOR THE PRAYER MOVEMENT**

Roman numeral II. Revelation 8:3: The heavenly help for the prayer movement. I love Revelation 8:1-6. I read it over and over. I need to read it more. The reason I am saying this is to stir you up to do it. I hope you will say, “If he is doing it, maybe there is something there. I will give it a shot.” Revelation 8:1-6 is dynamic to the end-time prayer movement. It is one of our favorite passages. I am speaking for the whole prayer movement world wide—it is one of the most important passages for us.

Chapter 8:3. The angel was given that which he did not have of his own. The angel was given something which was above and beyond his own equipment, abilities or resource. He was given incense, heavenly incense, to provide a new measure for the prayer movement: the incense is joined together with the prayers of the saints.

Now, I do not know the exact terminology, but when it all comes down to it, it has to be heavenly, supernatural prayer which is added to the prayers of the saints. There has to be a greater dynamic connectedness with the prayers of Jesus and the prayers of the Holy Spirit. It is not the prayers of the angel, it is being given to the angel.

Again, we do not have to understand all the details of how it works, but we know there is going to be a new measure that ignites the end time prayer movement. There is going to be a dynamic boost: a Holy Spirit adrenalin shot which is above and beyond anything we can expect in the prayer movement.

## **THE END-TIME PRAYER MOVEMENT**

Paragraph C. The end-time prayer movement is the movement which releases God’s judgments. The trumpet judgments are judgments against the Antichrist. They are judgments against the end-time Pharaoh. As Moses released the ten plagues of Egypt on Pharaoh, the end-time Church will release the same plagues. The plagues of Egypt and the seven trumpets and bowls are very similar. They are parallel. They are meant to be understood as being parallel to each other, as being connected.

The end-time global Pharaoh is called the Antichrist. The end-time praying church in a Moses position will stretch forth the rod of intercession and the judgments will strike the resources of The Antichrist kingdom, just like it did Pharaoh.

I have an important sentence here: Christianity is not about escaping hell. That is not the point of it, although I love that part, I love it. Christianity is about reigning with a man who loves us and whom we love. It is about reigning with Him, bringing forth something on the earth, and driving something off the earth. It is not about escaping hell, going on a white cloud, and playing a harp on a cloud forever.

We are involved with a man, who has a physical, resurrected body and who is coming back to the earth. We are participating with Him. He wants to bring honor to His kingdom and drive evil off the planet and He will use the end-time prayer movement as the very tip of the arrow. This is so much more than getting out of hell and having some of our practical needs met by the blessings of God—though I appreciate those dynamics.

### **THE TRUMPET JUDGEMENTS HAVE THREE PURPOSES**

Roman numeral III. The seven angels prepared themselves. Paragraph A. There are three main things which these trumpet judgments will do: they will hinder the Antichrist, they will warn unbelievers, and they will rally the saints—those three purposes.

They will hinder the Antichrist: They will destroy his resources. These trumpets will destroy all the resources with which he is empowering his empire—I am talking about his natural resources—just like Moses did with Pharaoh. Moses destroyed the resources of Pharaoh's army and Pharaoh's nation. These trumpets will destroy the Antichrist resources, they will hinder the Antichrist by destroying his resources.

The trumpets will warn unbelievers, because everybody has not taken the mark of the beast. There are many unbelievers at this time whose destiny will be in the balance. The trumpets are meant to be warnings. The trumpets are also going to be a dynamic rallying call. The prayer movement will grow as the sequence of the trumpets unfolds.

### **THE TRUMPETS WILL RALLY THE SAINTS**

When the first trumpet happens—I mean, it really happens—the saints in Asia, the saints in Africa, Latin America, and all of us together will say, “Oh my goodness, Revelation 8, is happening right there.”

We know that the second one is next. We are praying in our prayer rooms for the second trumpet—Revelation 8:8—right there, “O Lord, release it.” Then it happens, oh my goodness!

I tell you, the trumpets will rally the prayer movement in the earth, because the purpose of the trumpets in the Old Testament was to warn of trouble and to rally the saints to the sanctuary of the Lord.

As those trumpets unfold sequentially and as the sequence of the end-time plan in the book of Revelation unfolds, the prayer movement will grow. Can you imagine the focus and the zeal we are going to have when the sixth trumpet is released by the praying church and the next one is the seventh trumpet.

“Oh Jesus, ahhhhhh.” I mean, the prayer movement will pray. Nobody will do anything else. Nobody will be talking about time off. I mean, the sixth trumpet will be discernable and loosed by the praying church. Everyone knows what comes after six: seven. The reason the judgements are numbered is so that we will know what is coming next.

### **THE JUDGEMENTS ARE LITERAL**

Paragraph B. These trumpets judgements are literal. The judgments are literal. A lot of commentaries reduce these very significant pieces of information of God's end-time action plan to symbolism and they just nullify them. I call that approach to the book of Revelation: eschatological cessationism.

We know what cessationists are. They do not believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are real. They believe that the gifts passed away. There are people who do not think that the end-time plan of the book of Revelation is real. They are eschatological cessationists. Maybe they believe in the gift of prophecy, but they do not believe in the plan of Jesus even though they may believe in His power.

The judgements are real and they are future, meaning, don't let anybody say, "These happened back in 70 AD. It already happened in history. Do not worry about it. You can keep the dust in those chapters in your Bible."

The judgements are numbered. The reason they are numbered is so that we know what comes next: after the second one is the third one. It will unify the prayer movement worldwide. The judgements are progressive: as the numbers progress, the intensity of the judgment on the Antichrist increases.

### **THE JUDGEMENTS WILL BE RELEASED BY THE PRAYING CHURCH**

Paragraph D. Moses released the plagues and this was a tribulation. It was the most dramatic tribulation of his day and of early human history, for sure, surpassed only by Noah's flood. As Moses released the plagues against Pharaoh through prayer, and as the apostles released the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the power of God through prayer in the book of Acts, so the book of Revelation is going to be released through the praying church.

I call the book of Revelation the end-time book of Acts. Beloved, when that connects with you, the book of Revelation will no longer be just a book which does not really matter, because you are not really into the end times anyway. It is the book of Acts for the end-time prophets, apostles and the praying church, written in advance and canonized, so that the entire body of Christ in the earth will believe it as it unfolds, and so that we will all be in unity.

It is a remarkable document. The miracles of the book of Acts and the miracles of the book of Exodus will be combined and multiplied on a global level.

### **THE MIRACLES OF EXODUS**

The miracles of the book of Exodus—when Moses stretched forth his rod—were miracles which hindered the government of Pharaoh. They were miracles which provided food, water, protection, and direction for large numbers of people corporately.

The miracles Moses released against Pharaoh were against his government. They were national judgments against the most powerful army in the world, the most powerful military force in the earth. Those were the miracles of Exodus.

Once they got out of Egypt, the miracles brought food, water, and provision for three million people corporately, at a level far beyond what Jesus did when He fed the 5,000. That was a prophetic token of what is coming. Those were the miracles of Exodus.

### **GREATER WORKS THAN THESE**

The miracles of Acts were people being saved and born again, and also miracles of deliverance and healing. There are other miracles beyond that in the book of Acts, but most of them were miracles of personal salvation—massive numbers getting saved—and healings.

There are going to be the governmental miracles of Moses, and the signs and wonders, healing and deliverance miracles of the apostles combined and multiplied on a global level.

The book of Revelation is the prayer manual for the end-time church. In John 14 Jesus said, “Greater works than these, greater works than the ones I am doing” (v. 12, paraphrased). He was talking about the miracles in the book of Revelation. Beloved, those will be released by the church against the kingdom of darkness. They will be far greater in scope than what even Moses did.

Micah 7, when you read it in context, is about the end times. Here is what the prophet Micah said, “As in the days of old when you came out of the land of Egypt”—this is the Lord speaking through Micah—“I will show you the same miracles I did in Egypt” (v. 15 paraphrased). When reading the book of Revelation we find out that they are the same ones, just on a bigger scale.

### **WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO THE COMING OF THE LORD**

Paragraph F. People need to get hold of this understanding. It is really critical. Right now most of the body of Christ looks at this kind of stuff and says, “Kind of interesting, but kind of weird, to be honest.”

We are getting closer to the coming of the Lord. It may be some decades away—this is my conviction—but it could be still within the lifetime of people alive on the earth right now. It is close enough not to be ignored, but far enough to where we can go deep and really prepare the next generation. It cannot be ignored, it is too close.

Beloved, there is an army of young people—thousands, millions of moms and dads in the Spirit—whom we have to teach about what is happening, so that we can train tens of millions for the end-time drama.

### **THE NEED TO HAVE ANSWERS**

There is no document that has more clarity as to the details of the end-time drama—the action plan itself—than the book of Revelation, the end-time book of Acts. And there is no book more ignored by the body of Christ, even by the prayer movement. That is going to change as we get closer and the decades unfold. I am not at all worried about this. It may be sooner than I think, it may be sooner. I may be off on that, but I know this, the sooner we get to it, the more this thing will grab the multitudes and millions worldwide.

This book will become so relevant and so important. You need to be able to have answers and clarity. You need to be familiar with it, when the great need of the hour will be to answer the question, “What does all this mean?”

“I have been a Christian for forty years. I never really got into it.”

“You never got into it? We are in the transition of the ages and this is our battle plan. You don’t know what it is?”

“Well, our church taught us that it really was not important for today.”

### **THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK FOR THIS GENERATION**

There is no book more important for the generation in which the Lord will return than this action plan. That is why we are teaching on it. It is ever so simple. Twelve sessions, twenty-two chapters. You almost cannot qualify that as teaching on it. This book is so much deeper than that. I sometimes hesitate saying I am teaching the book of Revelation. I look up and say, “Lord, You know that I know, that I am hardly teaching on it.” As long as you guys know that.

This little outline is just to get you a little bit familiar with it so that you can spend hours and hours studying it. It is really straightforward: it means what it says and says what it means.

One of the great things we need to shift is our perception, our paradigm of the Great Tribulation. The Great Tribulation is not something done to us, it is something released through us against the Antichrist. The primary theme of the Tribulation, the primary theme of the book of Revelation is the judgments of God against the Antichrist empire released by the praying church under Jesus’ leadership.

### **THE SECONDARY THEME**

Yes, it is true, there is a secondary theme, but it is not the main theme. It is an important theme, it is very important, but it is not important in terms of the amount of time and of text. It is nothing equal to the theme I just mentioned of releasing the judgment of God against the Antichrist. There is a secondary theme which is very dear to God’s heart and very important. It is the theme of the martyrdom and the suffering of the church.

It is like the book of Acts. The main theme of the book of Acts is the acts of the Holy Spirit through the apostles. There was martyrdom in the book of Acts, but no one thinks of the book of Acts as a book about martyrdom. It did happen, but it is a secondary theme. It is an important theme, but it is not the theme of the book of Acts. The theme of the book of Acts is the acts of the Holy Spirit, and the theme of the book of Revelation is the acts of the Holy Spirit.

### **WE WON'T BE RAPTURED BEFORE THE TRIBULATION**

Paragraph G. Some people are waiting to be raptured, to escape the Tribulation, but Jesus is waiting for the church to grow up to loose the Tribulation. It is exactly opposite. They are waiting for the rapture to happen any day, any minute. Beloved, you are not going up any day, any minute. You need to grow up not go up, any day and any minute, because God is waiting for us to grow up to loose His zeal against darkness and drive evil off the planet, related to the second coming of Jesus.

I realize some of you—I do not want to be sarcastic or demeaning in saying this—you need to find out with your own eyes, your own Bible, and the Holy Spirit, what the Bible says about these things I am saying, not what your background taught you. Get out your Bible and see if what I am saying is true. If we are going to be here to loose the battle plan, we need to know it.

If we are going to be out of here in a moment, keep the book of Revelation closed. Then it is just an interesting book to have debates about. If it is the actual, canonized action plan, then there is no book more important, in terms of the strategy for the church, than this book—in terms of the strategy of bringing the gospel forth and confronting darkness. It is canonized so that the body of Christ in the world can be unified and we can all go in the same direction.

### **JESUS WILL NOT DO IT APART FROM US**

We don't need to fear that we are powerless victims trying to escape it. We are under His leadership releasing it. That is what it means in 2 Peter 3:12 (paraphrased) where it says, "Looking for and hastening the coming of the Day of the Lord."

The hastening means the speeding up of the coming of the Day of the Lord. If we can speed it up, the intended implication is that we can slow it down. Peter understood that. When he said that we can speed up the coming of the Day of the Lord, he also meant we could slow it down because the condition for the body of Christ related to Jesus—to His heart, and His plan—is that He will not do it apart from us.

### **THE EXAMPLE OF MOSES**

The Lord is not going to wave His hand and unfold the book of Revelation any more than He would have said to Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3, "You know what, why don't you just stay here Moses. I will wave My hand and Pharaoh will fall over and everybody will walk out of Egypt. You can meet them right here at the mountains. Save the trip. You are going to come right back here anyway." That is ludicrous.

“Here I am on Mount Sinai, at the burning bush. Just wave Your hand and let everybody walk to this mountain with the gold. Just tell them where to come and give them directions. I know they have been slaves for 400 years, but they can figure it out. Just do that pillar of fire thing. Bring them right here.”

That is not how it happened. The Lord said in effect, “I am going to free them, but you are going to say the words and Pharaoh is going to get enraged. He is going to increase oppression and you are going to say the words again and I am going to do what you say under My leadership.”

Here is the most dramatic statement in the Old Testament in regard to miracles: Moses is at the Red Sea and he says, “Lord, the Red Sea”—Exodus 14, I cannot even get over it. The Lord said in effect, “You divide the Red Sea. Do your part because I am not doing it apart from you, Moses. You command it to split and then I will split it” (Ex. 14: 15-16, paraphrased)

The rapture theology of lot of folks is that they are going to stay on the mountain at the burning bush, hoping that Jesus will wave His hand, that the captives will get liberated, and that everything will somehow just take care of itself.

These folks think, “No, we will go up and the Jews will do it. They will get converted”—Bible school really fast track, confront the Antichrist a month later and they will know everything. No, no, no!

Yes, Israel will be involved. We are in it together—the one new man—until the end under the glory of God.

### **THE FIRST ANGEL SOUNDED HIS TRUMPET**

Revelation 8. The first four trumpets. The first four trumpets, like several of the plagues of Egypt, were aimed at Pharaoh’s natural resources. Verse 7 (paraphrased), “The first angel sounded: fire and hail came down from heaven and a third of the trees were burned up.” This is going to be released by the praying church.

You think, “What? What? We are going to pray for fire and hail to burn trees?”

“Yes.”

“How will we know?”

“Well we have six, yes, seven seals behind us to build our faith.”

As the six, yes, seven seals unfold, by the time we get to the first trumpet we will be in this thing together, globally in unity. We will say, “Hey, the seven seals were prophesied and they have all happened. Lord, release fire and hail.”

I have told our interns that we do not want to start praying these things until the first seal is opened. I love zeal, but I do not want to get ahead of the divine calendar. I mean, for real, it is like the woman who is four months pregnant and the enthusiastic guy says, “Push! Push!”

“Well not yet, not yet. I will push, but not yet.” No, there is going to be a tremendous push, but we want to do this in God’s timing.

We are going to pray for fire and hail, and the trees are going to burn. It is going to affect all the ecology and the agriculture, everything. Economics also. So much will be affected. Can you imagine the implications of this prayer being answered? Far more than anything Moses did, because this is global.

### **THE SECOND ANGEL SOUNDED HIS PRUMPET**

The second angel. Verse 8 (paraphrased), “It was like a great mountain.” It wasn’t a great mountain, it was *like* a great mountain. John saw it. He said, “I do not know what it was, but it was big, it hit the sea, and the sea became blood.”

Someone might say, “That cannot happen.” Well, Moses spoke to the Nile and it became blood. It can happen and it will happen. The question, which I think is a valid is, “What sea is it? Is it talking of the Mediterranean Sea in the midst of the conflict of the Antichrist kingdom or all the seas?” I don’t know. Usually in the Bible “the sea” relates to the Mediterranean Sea, but it might mean all of the seas. I don’t know. We will know it when we get there. We will be far more discerning before the second trumpet. We will have the information on that day.

These events are supernatural, something from heaven. These are not natural. Some guys will interpret these events as natural. They say, “Well the atomic bomb did this.” No, these are supernatural signs, like the signs of Moses, which were released by prayer and came from the sky. These are not science gone astray.

### **THE EARTH WILL NOT BE DESTROYED BY NUCLEAR BOMBS**

You hear different talk shows, where people say, “We are heading towards Armageddon.” And then they always show a nuclear bomb. Beloved, I want to promise you that the earth is not going to be destroyed by nuclear bombs. The governments of the earth are going to be destroyed by the prayer movement loosing judgment on every place which is in agreement with the Antichrist.

People do not need to fear the atomic bomb. They need to fear the end-time prayer movement, for real. This is not rhetoric. This is not a cheerleading time. Moses was the most powerful man in the world, because God moved at his words. There is no bomb that is going to blow the world up.

Jesus is coming back. He is not coming back to take us away. He is coming back to stay on the earth with a resurrected, physical, material, supernatural body. We will get one too and we will

be raptured. I believe in the rapture. We will be raptured at the seventh trumpet. We will get new bodies. We will be mobilized and organized. We will be mobilized for world government.

### **WE WILL HAVE REAL PHYSICAL BODIES**

Beloved, your physical resurrected body will be as real as your physical body is right now—physical, material, but fully supernatural with the qualities of the resurrection. You will have a real body. We will get caught up in the air, transformed, mobilized and set in order, and we are coming back. We are not going up in the air to kind of hang. We are going up in the air for a purpose. It is the great convocation. It is the great gathering center where the Lord lays out all He wants to do with His people.

There are going to be several billions of us. There is only one place up in the air. Yes, He is God, He did Genesis 1. He can have His first big meeting in the air. He wants us all together from all nations in one place. We will not go up in the air to disappear. We will go up in the air to be transformed, to be mobilized, and to get our instructions. And with a physical, material body we will take over the governments of the earth.

Some people just do not believe the Bible. They say, “Wow, really?” “Yes, that is what the Bible says.” We are not going up into the air to disappear. We are going up into the air to be mobilized and transformed and with a physical body we will take over the earth. We will have a resurrected body, but it will be physical.

Verse 8, we are going to pray. This is before the Lord comes, “Lord, that mountain, that second trumpet, that great mountain of fire—whatever it is, it is not a mountain, but it is like a mountain—cast it into the sea and it will become blood.” My assumption is that this is the Mediterranean Sea, but it could be more. I don’t know, but we will know on that day.

### **THE THIRD TRUMPET**

Verse 10 (paraphrased), the third trumpet. “A great star fell from heaven...and a third of the waters”—the fresh water of the earth—“became bitter.” This star falls and obviously it spreads out. There is some kind of vapor gas dimension which affects the waters of the earth in some way.

We do not need to know how this happens. All I know is that it will happen. This is not figurative, it is not a poem about history, something happened with the Roman Empire back in 70 AD. This is really going to happen and when it happens, we will be surprised at how remarkably accurate John was in describing it. We will say, “Well that is really what you said. Amazing!”

This book means what it says and it says what it means. It is meant to be taken at face value, except when it says that it is symbolic. About ten times in the book—I do not have the exact number—the text tells you that it is symbolic. When it says it is symbolic the text indicates it, and we should take it as symbolic for the next verse or two. Because there are ten or twelve

places in the book of Revelation where the text indicates that it is symbolic. Do not write the whole Book off as symbolic and dismiss the entire battle plan, but take the parts that are indicated as being symbolic. Do not take all of it as symbolic.

### **THE FOURTH TRUMPET**

Verse 12, the fourth trumpet. The sun, the moon, the light and the stars—the light and the heat—are struck. Go to paragraph F. This is going to affect many parts of the Antichrist kingdom. In Exodus 10 that same thing happened, but not on such a big scale as we are going to see, because there was only one man in prayer.

Can you imagine the whole body of Christ praying the prayer of faith and the prayer of unity at the critical time, the prophetic kairos time of history. It is the kairos time and we are all in faith. This is going to be far beyond anything Moses saw, far beyond. Exodus 10:22 (paraphrased), “Thick darkness fell on the land.” Verse 23—I do not know how this worked—“The children of Israel had light.”

They had light in their dwellings. You could feel the darkness. It could be felt because it was so thick. There was light. I do not know how that worked. I do not have to know how it worked, but I guarantee you one thing: there will be light for the saints in that day. When it happens we will say, “Oh, of course!” Between now and then, we do not need to debate about it or spend a lot of time on that kind of stuff. I am interested in what I am supposed to know so that I can get ready to release it in faith.

### **TO KNOW THESE EVENTS IS TO KNOW GOD’S HEART**

It is not just about releasing these three judgment series: seven seals, seven trumpets, seven bowls, twenty-one different events—there are twenty-one big trends in the book of Revelation—it is more than that. If we study those twenty-one trends, we know God’s heart. We know what is on His mind and it will equip us. We receive a certain paradigm and we will be able to discern a local trend or a local reality of judgment or glory that God wants to release.

If we do not believe these twenty-one judgements, when the Lord whispers it locally—a smaller local version of it with a different application—you say, “I do not even believe in it. I had this dream last night. The Lord showed me this verse. There is no way.”

The Lord might say, “If you knew the trends from the written record in the book, you would not struggle with this assignment.”

When you learn these twenty-one major judgments—these trends of global judgment—they will equip your mind and give you the right paradigm and right set of glasses to be able to discern the local manifestations of the glory of God, which are like these twenty-one but of a different caliber. They may come in a smaller measure and with a different manifestation, but with the same general theme.

### **THE NEED TO BE EQUIPPED AND READY**

I want to say, “Lord, in that day I want to be ready. In faith—faith like a child—I want to believe Your Word. I want to get it. When You begin to speak prophetically in that day I will say, ‘That is like one of those seals. I am clear.’” I want to know it thoroughly so that when the Lord gives our prayer ministries and different regions around the world the local application, it makes sense that it is in the Bible.

I am saying, “Lord, how do I do this?” My assumption is that He is saying, “You study these twenty-one and get equipped through these, and you will be equipped for the local and regional manifestations of what I am doing.”

I am going for it. I am working overtime on it. When the first four trumpets are released and are destroying the resources, they are hindering the Antichrist. They are frustrating him, they are seriously hindering him. His money is in a mess, the food lines for his army are breaking, the sun is not working, the water supply is poisoned. He is saying, “How am I supposed to run an empire and mobilize an army in these conditions.” The answer is, “You cannot.”

He will be using supernatural demonic power, but there will be a tremendous struggle and resistance to him because of the prayer movement. He will have no greater trouble than the prayer movement. Like Pharaoh’s greatest trouble was that man Moses who would declare the word of the Lord in faith.

### **TWO HOUSES OF PRAYER IN CONFLICT**

Roman numeral V. Understanding the fifth and sixth trumpets. These are of a different order. There is demonic torment.

Paragraph A. There are two demonic armies. They are real demonic armies. They are not symbolic. They are actual demonic armies. They are released on the earth. What has been happening is that the Antichrist has been raising up a worship movement.

The conflict in the generation in which the Lord returns, is the conflict of two houses of prayer. There will be two prayer movements. It is not about this religion versus that religion, or this economy versus that economy, it is not communism versus democracy or capitalism. It is not Islam versus Hinduism versus this and that. There will be two houses of prayer in conflict, when it all comes down to the final years.

The Antichrist will have a global worship movement and Jesus will too; that will be the conflict on the planet: two houses of prayer. Both of them will be global. Both of them will have power. Both of them will be led by music and they will be financed by multitudes, with much, much, much money—both sides will be. There will be wealth transferred in both kingdoms to support these worship movements.

### **SATAN HATES THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE HIM**

Well, the Antichrist kingdom has been worshiping the Antichrist. In one sense, they have been saying to the devil, “We want you. We want you. We worship you. Come! Come!” He is now going to come.

It is really God sending this judgment, but they are getting what they want. They want more of Satan and his power and they are going to get it, but they are going to have the shock of their life—paragraph B—because demons hate even the people who will worship them loyally. They hate them. Satan hates the people who serve him. He hates them. Satan hates the demons who serve him. Satan only has the capacity for anger and hatred and things like this.

### **SATAN’S HATRED WILL BE OPENLY MANIFESTED**

Satan’s hatred has never been openly manifested on a global international level, never—where people could know it without question. At the fifth and sixth trumpet, his hatred will be openly displayed. This is the mercy of God for people who have not taken the mark of the beast and have not said “yes” to Jesus. There will be millions of people who are on neither side yet.

They will see what Satan does to his people and many will be impacted through this. Many of Satan’s worshipers are deluded. They think they will gain favor from Satan if they are loyal to him. If they are loyal to him, he will murder them.

The guy says, “That is so hard. It is too hard. I am just going to quit.”

I say, “What are your options?” I am not being funny.

He says, “I am just going to quit.”

I say, “There are only two kingdoms. There is not a third one. There is no time out, that doesn’t exist. So you are going to quit seeking the Lord?”

“It is just too hard. It is not worth it. It is just too hard. I’m burned out. It is just not worth it any more.”

“Do you realize what it is like to go to war with no weapons? Satan is a murderer. If you do not resist him he will destroy you. Are you just going to live without resistance to the enemy?”

“Yes, just for a little bit. I am going to get refreshed.”

“I promise you there is no refreshment in that mindset.”

“I am burned out.”

“Well, you are going to go from burn out to slaughter because Satan is a murderer. If you do not resist him, he will devour you.”

## **SATAN WILL HAVE FREE REIN**

There is only one way to resist Satan and that is a relationship with Jesus. What is going to happen is that many people will be turned over to Satan on a global level. They are going to experience his rage before it is settled and they will be on their way to be with him in the lake of fire forever.

Millions of people will be impacted by this, positively and negatively. Both of these fifth and sixth trumpets are the release of the demonic on a global level where Satan—the fifth seal—torments people. Demons come out of a pit and sting them with a the tail like a scorpion. They suffer for five months. We are going to say, “This is what the one you worship thinks about you.”

They will be in so much anguish. God will allow the restraints to be lifted and Satan will have free rein. Satan is such a murderer and so are demons. They cannot restrain themselves when they have free rein.

We will point to the people and say, “This is what the Antichrist kingdom is about.” You see that man writhing in pain for five months under that scorpion sting and say, “This is what Satan is like. You do not have to go there forever with him.”

They will say, “This is intense. We thought Jesus was fanatical, with you prayer people loosing these Moses-like judgements from heaven and we did not want anything to do with you, but maybe the other guys are really bad too. Maybe you are not bad. Maybe they are bad and you are not bad. We don’t know which, but we know when we see that guy in torment, that we don’t want anything to do with whoever he is following.”

## **THE FIFTH TRUMPET: TORMENT**

God is going to allow Satan to be unmasked on a global level for the truth of who he is. We are releasing it through the prayer movement. God is releasing this, not the devil.

The devil’s rage cannot be contained. When he has liberty, he takes it every time and God knows it. The prayer movement will take the reins off the devil because it is in the divine script. God will give Satan more liberty and these demons will come out and torment people.

The fifth trumpet is torment. Here is the difficulty: they cannot die, they cannot die. You say, “How does that work?” I don’t know. There are a lot of details which are not told here, but I tell you, if we stay in the script, we will learn a whole lot. The Lord will unfold it, if we stay within the script which He has told us.

I am not so worried about knowing the things which are not clear until I know the things which are clear. Once I am comfortable and grasp the things which are clear, then I will start asking the

Holy Spirit to give me the stuff in between the lines. There is so much I don't know about the things which are clear.

“Lord, this book has so many levels.”

“Stay with it! Stay with it, Mike!”

“There is so much that is clear which I do not understand. You can give me the in-between-the-lines stuff when we get closer to the time.” I feel as if the Lord's answer is, “I will give you the in-between-the-lines details if you get understanding about the things which I have made clear and prioritized.”

### **DEMONS WILL TORMENT PEOPLE**

These demons are real demons. They come out and torment people. What they end up doing is convincing people—many people—that this is not the kingdom of which they want to be a part.

This is actually the mercy of God demonstrated when God allows a person to be turned over to a demon to teach them. Several times Paul turned people over to demons in the New Testament so that they would wake up to the truth. That was the point both times he said it—in 1 Timothy 1:20 (paraphrased) and 1 Corinthians 5:5 (paraphrased). He said, “I turned them over to demons to be tormented so that they would repent and say, ‘I do not want anything to do with demons anymore.’”

That is the point of it. These guys are crying out to die. It says in Revelation 9:6 (paraphrased), “Men will seek to die and they will not be able to.”

### **THE SIXTH TRUMPET: AN ARMY OF DEMONS**

Now the sixth trumpet. The sixth trumpet is so terrifying. These are demons again. These are not demons who torment. These are demons who will kill one third of the population of the earth.

The people have been crying out in the fifth trumpet, “I want to die. I want to die.” Once they die, whatever destiny they are in, they will be in it forever. Jesus was letting them have insight into the one they were serving.

In the fifth trumpet they are tormented. In the sixth trumpet they are killed. This is the most devastating judgment which is loosed right before the seventh trumpet, the coming of the Lord.

### **THE GOLDEN ALTAR**

“The sixth trumpet sounded and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar” (Rev. 9:13, paraphrased). We are back at the golden altar again. The golden altar is where we started back in Revelation 8:3—the golden altar, the incense altar where the prayer ministry of the

whole kingdom of God is centered. That is the prayer center. The governmental center of the universe is that altar next to the throne.

There is a voice coming from the prayer altar. That voice, I guarantee you, is linked to the prayers of the saints all over the earth. There is a voice coming from the prayer room. Instead of the golden altar, write prayer room. That is what it is in essence. The prayer room in heaven—though it is more than a room—and the voice from the prayer room said to the sixth angel, “Go, go! Loose the four demonic angels” (Rev. 9:14, paraphrased)—because there are good angels and bad angels—“Go release them.” They are bound. Only bad angels are bound. “Go release them.”

### **A THIRD OF THE HUMAN RACE IS KILLED**

These angels, verse 15, had been prepared throughout history to kill a third of the human race. They are demons. A good angel releases the four bad angels, who each have significant leadership over two hundred million demons—two hundred million demonic horsemen.

Commentators will say that this is the army in China. No, no, this is not the army in China. When the book was first written years ago and they announced that they had 200 million men in their army, they said, “This has to be that.”

These are not humans. These are demons. Read the details. Now that army is a lot bigger. Now it doesn't work for the prophecy. That is OK. My point is not that the prophecy was wrong. That is not my point. My point is: do not follow the common mindset which reduces this to some figurative picture of something that is already happening. These are demons who will kill one third of the human race.

There is no army powerful enough on the earth to kill one third of the human race. Two hundred million men could not kill one third of the human race. They would not have the ability to kill like this. It has to be supernatural.

### **FOUR BILLION PEOPLE WILL DIE**

Look at this, paragraph C. I just want to leave you with this fact. By the year 2025—which is not a date that is important to me, I am just making it up because it is kind of a round number—they say that there will be eight billion people on the earth approximately, give or take a few years. Out of eight billion people, in the fourth seal—the other session—a fourth of them die. What is a fourth of eight? Two. There you go. So two billion die in the fourth seal. Now there are six billion left. A third of them die, so that is another two billion, which is a total of four billion people.

Four billion people die. I have no way to comprehend those numbers. Somebody might say, “How can that be?” Well, of all the billions of people in history, all of them have died. All the billions in history have died. The point here is that they won't die a natural death. Everyone is going to die in a minute anyway, except if the Lord comes first. The tragedy is not the fact that

they die. Billions have already died and nobody is troubled by that. The tragedy is that they die suddenly in an unnatural way. The point is to get the attention of the earth, and ten more reasons. There are a bunch of reasons and all the reasons are rooted in love and wisdom.

Do the math of four billion people dying in three and a half years, in the final three and a half years of history, during the Great Tribulation. That number is three million a day. Fifty million every two weeks. That is the total of WWII every two weeks. Of course none of us could relate to this. Over three and a half year, it is over 100 times the death total of WWII—WWII a hundred times in three and a half years. WWII had the largest death toll of any conflict in history.

### **GET PREPARED NOW**

You may say, “Lord, I cannot relate to this.”

I think the answer may be, “You do not have to right now. You need to get prepared by knowing the plan and you need to know My heart.

Do not wait until the day before and do an all-nighter. Don’t say, “I am going to cram all night. When things really get going at the first and second trumpets, I am just going to read the book of Revelation all day every day.” No, that is not right thing to do.

I want to be a part of the solution to the confusion which will mount up more intensely as the years get closer to this—the confusion, the fear, and even the anger at Jesus. I want to be a voice.

You do not need to have a public preaching ministry to be a voice. You can do it one on one or one on five. Do it by e-mail. Do it with grandchildren.

### **WE WANT TO BE A VOICE OF CLARITY AND CONFIDENCE**

We want to be a voice of clarity in the confusion. We want to be a voice of confidence when people are offended and full of fear. Jesus said, “Men will faint for fear” (Lk 21:26, paraphrased).

We will say, “No, we have peace. We know the one who is running the whole thing. The plan is good. He is coming and driving evil off the planet. We know what is going on. It has been in the book for 2000 years.”

You are not going to have that clarity and that confidence the month before. “Well, I am just going to wait until things really pick up and the Antichrist starts to put the mark on the hand. Then I am going to get really serious.”

No beloved, by then you will have so much fear and confusion. There will be so many complaints even in the body of Christ, even against Jesus. People will say, “How does the prayer movement dare to say that they are doing this?”

For a time there will tremendous conflict in the church against those who believe this. Some of you are troubled right now. Billions are going to be troubled—believers and unbelievers—before this thing is over. This is politically incorrect but totally necessary, in order for love to triumph on the planet and I trust His leadership. I want to understand it now, not the month before things really pick up. I want to be a voice of clarity and certainty. I do not want fear to touch my heart as these things unfold. Amen. Let's stand.