



## **THE TIME HAS COME!**

In olden times, the trumpet was blown as a warning of an attack or to summon the people to battle. In the history of Israel, it was used repeatedly as a signal for war. Prophetically, however, the trumpet talks of the Word of the Lord, going forth as a warning to God's people. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (*Amos 3:7*).

In the days of the wilderness wanderings of Israel, the priests were the ones who blew the literal trumpets (*Numbers 10:8*); but later, in the times of the prophets, the trumpets were blown symbolically through the prophetic word. When the Word of God came to Ezekiel the prophet, the Lord said, "Son of man, speak to the children of the people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head" (*Ezekiel 33:2-4*).

*So the trumpet, in today's context, signifies the sending forth of a prophetic message by God to His people in 'these last days'. The apostle Paul knew well the importance of blowing the trumpet in a manner that would give clear directions to the people of God. For he writes, "For, if the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (1 Corinthians 14:8). Our battle-readiness*

## **Scripture**

*"Shall a trumpet be blown in the city and the people not be alarmed and afraid? Shall misfortune or evil occur (as punishment) and the Lord has not caused it?"*

*(Amos 3:6 Amplified)*

## **Ponder over this!**

Every sincere believer, sons of God-in-preparation hears this call of God, to be ready, the discerning ear also hears many other uncertain, false sounds that are coming forth from a church world that continues to repeat 'peace, peace', when it is not a time of peace.

*depends on hearing a clear, distinct call. A clear message, giving distinct instructions without any ambiguity, needs to be heard by God's people, all over the land.*

We do believe that God's anointed ministries in the body of Christ, are sounding a clear, strong, distinct note from Mount Zion. The call is going forth in this hour, that a people may be warned and prepared, that a people may be raised up, and that they may stand together, to come against the enemies of God's purposes. When the true people of God hear a clear, unambiguous note they shall surely be warned to be prepared. They shall know the time has come for them to get ready, for the battle is at hand. In our midst, God is undeniably and certainly blowing an authoritative note, which leaves no shadow or shade of doubt. The time has come, beloved! We need to know the hour and the times in which we are living. This is a crucial hour in the history of man, and in God's plan for the redemption of mankind. There is a sound of the trumpet of God that can be heard by sensitive ears, that calls His people to get ready for the battle. Hearken, ye who hear.

As every sincere believer, sons of God-in-preparation hears this call of God, to be ready, the discerning ear also hears many other uncertain, false sounds that are coming forth from a church world that continues to repeat 'peace, peace', when it is not a time of peace. There is a voice of unbelief, infidelity, skepticism, suspicion and even jealousy that is also rending the air. We need to be cautious, therefore, that we do not hear the wrong trumpet sounds. Let us be careful and watchful to distinguish the trumpet of God, from the false trumpet notes blown by prophets and churches that are unable to hear to sounds that emanate from the throne at Mount Zion.

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great, voice, as of a TRUMPET" (*Revelation 1:10*). When the apostle John came under the Spirit's power he was able to hear and see many things pertaining to the last days. The great voice behind him was none other than that of our Lord Jesus Christ (*Revelation 1: 8,11*), who stood in the midst of the lampstands (*Revelation 1: 13*).

God's people, in this ominous hour, need to be sensitive to His Spirit. They need to be tuned to God's voice;

they need to undergo a preparation so that they are ready  
for that which is yet to come.

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