

"THE LAST TRUMP", A WORLD OF PEACE

Say – Welcome to Sabbath School Class, let's bow our head as we ask God for understanding as we study today. Our lesson today is about the difference one trumpet blast can make in our world. It is an exciting story.

Say - If we remember the story in Daniel, we are told of a dream King Nebuchadnezzar had which God, through Daniel, would interpret for him. In the dream Daniel spoke of the "legs of iron and feet, part iron and clay". He said, "There was a "stone"...which smote the feet...and broke them in pieces" Daniel 2:33, 34.

Say - This "Stone" or "Rock" is symbolic of Jesus Christ returning to this earth to gather His people unto Him and the setting up of His eternal Kingdom. It is known as "The Day of the Lord".

Say - The "Memorial of the Blowing of Trumpets" or the "Feast of Trumpets" is the celebration of the "Last trump" spoken of in I Cor. 15:52 and I Thes. 4:16 which is the return of the "Savior", the "Rock", Jesus Christ and the reward time for God's people.

Say - With the final battle ended, Is. 11:4, I Cor. 15:24, Rev. 19:4, this lesson will focus, through Bible verses, on visualizing the significance of the Feast of Trumpets, "The Last Trumpet" blast as it ushers in the wonderful World Tomorrow, a world of peace.

Say - We will begin our visualization of the establishment of God's Kingdom or government in Zechariah 14. Let's begin in verse 4. "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives ... and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee (This is what God's people celebrate on the Feast of Trumpets, the hope of their Savior's return.). And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; ...in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD and his name one (now there are many Gods in many nations.)" Zech. 14:4-9.

Say - Today many people and children do not feel safe to play unsupervised without the fear of crime and terror... (but under God's watch) men shall dwell in (Jerusalem and all the earth) and

there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited" Zech. 14:11.

Say - Yes, Christ's government will begin ruling from Jerusalem. He tells us, "I am returned unto Jerusalem, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; ... (today Jerusalem is not a Holy city, it is not the "city of truth" it is not like the Kingdom of God, Zech. 8:3).

Say - When Christ makes Jerusalem "The city of truth", it will be an example for all nations on earth and, with Christ, God's people will show other nations "The Way" of God. It will be a massive worldwide reform of justice and God's righteousness for all mankind! This is the day God's people wait and long for. It will be a day like no other.

Say - Let's continue, "In that day (the day of the Lord), saith the LORD of hosts; it shall come to pass, ...(that the nations) shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, we will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you" Zech. 8:23

Say - "And many nations shall come, and say, come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths Micah 4:2, (The nations of this world are not asking this now are they?)

Say - Jerusalem will be a place of joy and praise to God and honor before all nations (it isn't now, there are some who want Jerusalem to fall into the sea). "Behold, I will bring it health ... and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth" Jeremiah 33:6-9.

Say - In another verse God says, "I will save my people...And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness" Zech. 8:7, 8.

Say - Another promise for God's people can be found in Zech. 9:8. "And I will encamp (defend) about mine house.... and no oppressor shall pass through them (or over run them) any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes (is keeping watch over His people)". This is the God who watches over His people; it is Good News!

Say - In Isaiah 11:9 tells us more about the "Day of the Lord". "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain (My Kingdom):

for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea (today the world is filled with the knowledge of religious confusion)".

Say - God continues, "In that day (the "Day of the Lord") shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; (Christ will once again dwell among His people)... And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace ... and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, (finally the entire world will realize who God is and all eyes will be opened spiritually); and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn (finally the beginning of repentance of a sinful, wicked, evil world)" Zech. 12:9-10.

Say - How do we like the visualization we are beginning to see of the hope for God's people, the wonderful World Tomorrow? Let's continue reading other verses to help us complete the picture.

Say - The Bible tells us, finally, Satan, the author of all religious confusion, deception and sin will be confined. "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years" Revelation 20:1-2.

Say - The world will return as it was in the Garden of Eden!

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it".

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands".

"Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off" Isaiah 55:11-13.

Say - In Ezekiel God tells us, "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and

ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you".

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh".

"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them".

"And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God" Ezekiel 36:24-28.

Say - There will be a world ruling government under God just like it was told in Deuteronomy 16-28.

"And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city (after repentance)" Isaiah 1:26.

"And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children". "In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee" Isaiah 54:13, 14.

Say - God's Holy Sabbath Day will be established for the entire world.

"Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it (the 7th day), and taketh hold of my covenant";

"Even them will I bring to my holy mountain (My Kingdom), and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people (all nations)" Isaiah 56:6, 7.

Say -God continues in Amos, "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt (abundant harvests). In righteousness shalt thou be established ("all God's laws are righteousness" Ps. 119:179): thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near

thee. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God" Amos 9:13-15.

Say - Below are a list of additional verses which will help in your visualization of the Kingdom of God.

Isaiah 65:21-25

"And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them".

"They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

"They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them".

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear".

"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD".

Isaiah 60:18-19 - Peace at last!

"Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise".

"The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory (Christ, the "Candlestick" in His Holy Temple)".

Isaiah 61:9

"And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed".

Isaiah 25:6

"And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things (from the fruit of the land), a feast of wines on the lees (the most purified wine), of fat things full of marrow (the most delicate, delicious wine), of wines on the lees well refined (the best there is)".

Say - All of these verses are a vision of the wonderful World Tomorrow! If God's people believe God and His word, all can be assured it will come to pass. Finally the entire world will have God's spirit and a lasting world peace. WHAT A DIFFERENCE ONE TRUMPET BLAST CAN MAKE!! Make the Feast of Trumpets a wonderful celebration of hope.

MEMORY VERSE

Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

JEREMIAH 33:6-9

MEMORY VERSE FOR TOTS

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THE ABUNDANCE OF PEACE AND TRUTH.

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PLEASE FIND AN APPROPRIATE PICTURE TO
COMPLEMENT THE LESSON. BELOW ARE
THE MEMORY VERSES TO BE CUT OUT AND
PLACED WITH AN APPROPRIATE PICTURE FOR
THE SABBATH SCHOOL NOTEBOOKS

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BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

THE WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW

SOON TO RETURN UPON THE EARTH IS
OUR SAVIOUR, THE "ROCK" OF OUR
SALVATION;
GONE WILL BE ALL WICKEDNESS FROM
THE EVIL OF SIN FOR SATAN WILL BE
FINALLY OVERCOME!

FROM JERUSALEM GOD SHALL RULE
WITH TRUTH THROUGHOUT HIS
GREAT LAND;
FREE OF CRIME AND TERROR ALL WILL
BE, AS CHILDREN PLAY SAFELY
UNDER HIS GENTLE HAND.

REJOICING WITH THE MOUNTAINS AND
HILLS, ALL WILL BREAK FORTH IN
THANKSGIVING AND SONG;
HAPPINESS LIKE NEVER BEFORE AS THE
WAIT FOR THE SAVIOR, GOD'S
PEOPLE HAVE LONGED.

FOR OUR SAVIOR'S RETURN WILL BRING
PEACE TO ALL THE EARTH;
AS HIS LOVE FILLS THE LAND WHEN THE
WORLD TOMORROW IS BIRTHED!