



# **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

## **AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Title:** The Trumpet Must Sound

**Passage:** Hosea 8:1-4

**Speaker:** Bro. Keith Roberts

**Introduction:** In the stillness of the night, a warning siren demands a response because danger is real and near. In the same way, God called Hosea to sound the trumpet, not to frighten without reason, but to mercifully warn a people who had turned from Him. Israel's sin was not hidden, and judgment was not random; it was standing at the door. Yet even in that moment, the sounding of the trumpet was grace, a final call to recognize the danger, turn back, and run to the only place of safety, the Lord Himself.

### **I. The Trumpet Must Be Sound Because Judgement is Coming**

- God commands Hosea to lift the trumpet to his mouth because danger is no longer distant.
- God was going to use the very nation that Israel sought security in, Assyria, to come like an eagle and bring judgement upon them.
- Israel's greatest problem was not Assyria. It was not political weaknesses or weak walls. Their greatest problem was sin against a holy and righteous God.

### **II. The Trumpet Must Sound Because There is Only One Way**



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- The trumpet must sound because sincere-sounding words are not enough. Israel knew of God, knew all about God, but they had no relationship with God.
- There is only one refuge from judgement, and there is only one Savior for sinners.
- This world offers many substitutes for eternal security, but there is only one. We must sound the trumpet to be louder than the world.

**Conclusion:** Hosea gives us a message that is just as urgent now as it was then. The trumpet must sound because judgment is coming, and it must sound because there is only one way. So we must lift the trumpet and sound it with boldness, with tears, with urgency, and with compassion. We are called to share the warning that judgment is coming, to tell the world there is only one way, and to lift high the name of Jesus Christ.



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**Prayer Focus for Tonight:**

**1. Eyes to See**

Ask God to help you see people as eternal souls

Not as interruptions, strangers, or statistics

But as men and women who will spend eternity somewhere.

**2. Courage to Speak**

Ask God for boldness to open your mouth

To stop living in silence

To overcome fear, embarrassment, and hesitation.

**3. Compassion for Souls**

Ask God to give you a tender heart

Not cold, harsh, prideful, or detached

But broken for those who are lost.

**4. Fire for the Gospel**

Ask God to give you a burning urgency to share Christ

A fire that will not let you stay silent

A fire that declares that judgment is coming, but there is a Savior.