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Blow the Trumpet: The Watchman and the Coming Sword

This is a transcript of a sermon delivered by **Pastor Daniel Joseph** of **Corner Fringe Ministries** regarding the **Feast of Trumpets** and its prophetic significance. Daniel utilizes the **parable of the watchman** from Ezekiel to argue that spiritual leaders have a life-or-death responsibility to warn their followers about the impending **judgment of God**. He emphasizes that while the return of Jesus will be a time of terror for the lawless, it will be a day of victory for those who maintain **faithful obedience** to biblical commandments. By examining the lives of Elijah and John the Baptist, Daniel calls for a modern "spirit of Elijah" to confront societal and religious corruption despite the threat of **persecution**. Ultimately, the message serves as a modern trumpet blast, urging listeners to **repent of sin** and acknowledge the divinity of Christ before His return as a conquering judge.

[Daniel Joseph]

Shabbat Shalom, everyone. A very joyous *Chag Sameach* (חג שמח) to you.

Today marks the Feast of Trumpets. And for those of you who are not familiar with what this day is all about, it is all about the second coming of Jesus and His return. And I'm going to tell you right now, this day is unparalleled. There is no comparison to the intensity, to the very terror, to the dread that comes with this day. There's nothing comparable in the history of humanity. We're actually told in Scripture that this day is a day of darkness, that this day is called in the Prophet Joel (Joel 2:11), **great and very terrible**. And when it comes to humanity, the minds of humanity, the hearts are going to melt, and their arms will lie lifeless at their sides. Why? Because they are paralyzed with fear.



Blood-curdling screams are going to go out on this day. And they're going to cry out (Revelation 6:16) **to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"** There is no parallel to the absolute horror that this day is going to bring.

And yet I can tell you this: for the righteous, for those disciples of Yeshua, Jesus, who were faithful to Him, devoted, not just in confessing Him, but following Him, this day is going to be radically different. This day is going to be a day of rejoicing, a day of victory, a day of shouting. In fact, the name for this feast in Hebrew is Yom Teruah. Literally means "Day of Shouting." There will be shouts of joy and victory in the camps of Yeshua. Amen?

That said, I've titled today's message "Blow the Trumpet," based on a parabolic illustration in the book of Ezekiel. This will be the foundation text for today's message. So we're going to open up by going to Ezekiel 33:2-5, and this is what we read: **"Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, ³ when he sees the sword coming upon the land, get this, 'if,' if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, ⁴ then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. ⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life.'"** (emphasis added).

And so here we have this parable. You know, when you think of the term "parable," you just simply think of Jesus's teachings in the New Testament. God has embedded parables in the Old Testament, and this is one of them. In this parable, you realize that, man, we're not talking about situations where you can agree to disagree, or it's not that significant. Life and death are being presented in this parable. It's a matter of life and death. The watchman's going to blow. He's going to sound the trumpet. The warning will go out, and the inhabitants can do one of two things. You can heed it, and you'll be saved, or ignore the blowing of the trumpet, and you will be destroyed.

Now there's another layer here that the LORD adds to this parable. We continue; we read this: Ezekiel 33:6—**"But if the watchman, now the focus is going to the watchman, sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, oh, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand."** (Emphasis added). The first part of this parable deals with the responsibility of those who hear the sound, whether or not they're going to heed it or ignore it. The second part immediately goes to the watchman. This is terrifying because in this parable, if the watchman does not do his job, their blood will be on his head. I want you to understand that what that really means is he's going to be guilty of murder. Their death is going to be on the watchman.

What does this mean? We have this imagery; we're talking about a watchman, we're talking about inhabitants of the land, and we're talking about the imagery of blowing the trumpet. We see imagery of a sword coming. Fortunately for us, we don't have to hypothesize what this parable actually means. I don't have to be creative in my interpretation because the LORD Himself brings out the plain meaning of the text, and we don't even have to wait very long. The very next verse says this: Ezekiel 33:7—**"So you, son of man: ben adam (בן אדם), I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel..."** (Emphasis added). The son of man, *Ben Adam*, in this circumstance is Ezekiel the prophet. He is a shepherd over the people of Israel. And the LORD is saying, "I've raised you up as the shepherd, this watchman, for My people."

Listen to this: Ezekiel 33:7—“... **therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.**” (emphasis added). The job of the watchman is not to come out to the LORD's people and bring his own philosophies and bring his own ideas to the people. That's not his job. His job is explicit. You take the word of the LORD, and you bring it to the people. But it begs the question: what is that word?



When it says you are to take My word and warn them, what is that? Well, we're actually told in the very next verse. We read this: Ezekiel 33:8—“**When I say to the wicked,**” and we want to stop because we have to define our terms. We have to understand who the LORD is talking about. When the LORD uses this language, what does it mean?

In Hebrew, the term for “**the wicked**” is *larasha* (לְרָשָׁע). *Rasha* (רָשָׁע) means rejecting God's holy standard, violating God's

covenant, being rebellious against His law, and ignoring the truth. Basically, what a *rasha* is is someone who is a sinner by definition. And whoever sins commits lawlessness. When you understand *rasha*, it refers to the lawless ones rejecting God's holy commands. This is what it means to be *rasha*, what it means to be wicked.

The LORD says, This is not Ezekiel; this is not man. The LORD says in Ezekiel 33:8—“**When I say to the wicked,** to the lawless, ‘**O wicked man, you shall surely die!**’...” (Emphasis added). There's a play on words, and I didn't put the Hebrew up on here, but there's a direct play on words. These words go back to Genesis 3:1. To that moment when the serpent came to Eve and called into question literally the word of God, the commandments of God, coming to Eve and asking, “**Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’**” God gave the command. He gave His word. That was His law, and Satan comes and calls it into question.

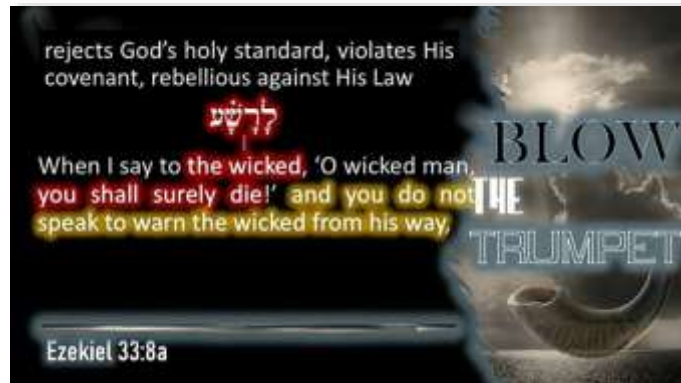
So Eve responds. She has the word of God, and she says, Yeah, you know what? Genesis 3:2-3—... “**We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’**” And what did the serpent respond? He said, ⁴... “**You will not surely die.**” That is the tongue of a serpent.

The LORD is coming back to the table, and He's saying, "Listen." Even back in Ezekiel 18:20, He says, “**The soul who sins shall die.**” Period. This is not an Old Testament thing. This is a biblical thing: Old Testament, New Testament. In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul is very clear. Sin leads to death. Obedience leads to righteousness. Sin leads to death, and obedience leads to righteousness. —Romans 6:23— **For the wages of sin is death....** But the enemy keeps coming into our camp and giving us a false sense of security and comfort, saying, “Well, you will surely not die.” You're under grace. You can live like hell and inherit heaven. You don't have to worry about it. Whose voice are you going to listen to? Because two voices are going to war.

We have the watchman blowing the trumpet, declaring the word of the LORD, “You will die.” And we have the stranger, the voice of a stranger saying, “You will surely not die,” the same voice that Eve heard in the Garden of Eden. It's absolutely demonic.

He goes on in Ezekiel 33:8—“When I say to **the wicked**, ‘O wicked man, **you shall surely die!**’ and **you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way...** This is the LORD warning Ezekiel, this watchman, “Dude, if you do not bring My word and say the hard things, you’re done.” You are done. Moving ahead—**that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.**” (emphasis added).

There are just times in Scripture, and I'm being transparent. There are times in Scripture that I'll come against something, and I do not want to believe it. Your flesh will read certain passages, and certain things hit too close to home, and you just don't want to believe. This is one of those moments.



And what do I mean by that? The watchman has been commissioned to bring the word of the LORD to his people, but in this circumstance, he doesn't do it. Now, what I want to tell myself is that whether or not I step up to the plate and bring the word of the LORD, I don't need to worry about that because God will bring somebody into their life to preach the Word. This passage is one of the most terrifying passages that I've ever read in the context of a shepherd. Because what it's telling you is if you've been given the word of the LORD, you've been commissioned to bring His word to His people and to expose sin. Don't you dare relent and back the bus up because all their blood is going to be on your head.

This is just one of those moments. You just don't want to believe it, and Satan's going to try to convince you it doesn't matter. You don't need to speak to Jesus. You don't need to talk about Jesus to people. Someone else will do it. Because you're scared and you're intimidated, they might be offended.

I want to put this further into context because what you're going to see is, with all due respect, we're not dealing with a point in history with just a prophet in a generation. This is talking about all of it, the end of all things. We read the following in Revelation 19:13—**He, Yeshua, was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.**

Now I'm going to tell you right now, this is significant. Yeshua bears so many titles. We could talk about the Son of Man; He's the Son of God. We could talk about how He's Emmanuel, God with us. He has all these amazing titles we could talk about, but in this context, one title stands out. It is: He is the "Word of God," and that's significant, corresponding to His robe dipped in blood. This is not the blood he shed at Calvary; this is the blood of vengeance. This is not the blood of Calvary; this is the blood of vengeance.

And we read this in Revelation 19:14—**And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.** Because on the day of the Feast of Trumpets, the gates of heaven are open, and the armies of heaven are coming out, being led by the (Revelation 19:16) **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.** Most terrifying event in human history. Again, unparalleled, there is nothing like this day.

Listen to this; we continue. We read this in Revelation 19:15—**Now out of His mouth goes what? A sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations...** (Emphasis added). The very imagery we read in the

parable of Ezekiel, of the watchman, when he sees the sword coming, his obligation: you better blow that trumpet. You better warn His people, not with your own philosophy, but with the word of truth. And the message is what? It's repent—Matthew 3:2—...**“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”** And so here we see His sharp sword is coming, and He's coming, and He's bringing hell with Him. He's going to destroy the wicked from the earth. This is coming.

To further build upon this and to help you understand how details matter regarding this sword that's being talked about. I want to take you back to Revelation 1:16—**He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword...** (Emphasis added). Now I get a critical detail about this sword. And the reason I say that is because when we read in Hebrews 4:12, **For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...** What is coming out of his mouth? The Word of the living God, the holiness of His truth. He is going to condemn the nations because they rejected His truth, His law, His commandments. It's going to decimate them. It is with a word, and this is amazing. God created the heavens and the earth with a word, and He's going to bring them to not with a word.

Let me build on this, and I'll take you to the next chapter, Revelation 2. This is to the church at Pergamos. Listen to what Yeshua says in Revelation 2:16—**“Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.”** (emphasis added). Repent. Repent of what? Lawlessness. You repent of sin. You have to turn back to what? The word of the LORD. I must turn back to His commandments. And if I don't, the sword is coming.

I want you to understand what John just did. John is a watchman. This John, who got this vision of the apocalypse, is even serving today as a watchman over every single one of you. He has spoken to every single person here, and he has warned you that the sword is coming. You have been warned. The sword is coming. What you do with that is going to be up to you.

One of the greatest examples we have in Scripture of the watchman blowing the trumpet is the ministry of John the Baptist. I want to spend some time in his ministry, picking out different parts of it, because his ministry is so radically prophetic for us today. It isn't something that happened 2,000 years ago. It is alive and well today, and you'll appreciate this as we dig into it.

In the Gospel of Mark, we read this in his prologue. —Mark 1:3—**“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.’”** (Emphasis added). This actually draws from the prophet Yeshayahu (יְשַׁעְיָהוּ), Isaiah, in Isaiah 40:3, specifically regarding John. And his job is to **“Prepare the way of the LORD; his job is to make His path straight in the desert a highway for our God.”** Meaning that he has to come out and preach (Matthew 3:2), ...**“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”**

I want to show you the impact of his ministry: the power of this ministry. Going to Luke's prologue, we read this in Luke 1:16—**And he, John the Baptist, will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.** True repentance, listen to me; true repentance is the evidence of an authentic revival. True authentic revivals are not built on emotion. They're not built on a really powerful worship set with the fog machines going and everyone jumping up and down. That is not revival. It's not even having a flood of kids come into a place at one time and coming in to worship.

True revival is when people's hearts are broken, and it changes them on the inside. When they take on the fear of God and say, "I'm no longer going to walk in sin." And the only way that they can say, "I'm no



longer going to walk in sin," is if they go to God's Word and say, "I believe." I believe in His Word. I believe Jesus is the Christ. I believe in Him that there is mercy. I can no longer live in lawlessness because I've been warned by the watchman that the sword is coming.

Charles Finney (1702–1875), a great revivalist, said, **"A revival is nothing else but a new beginning of obedience to God."**

That's *teshuvah* (תשובה). That is returning;

now I'm not going to walk away from God and do my own way. I'm going to turn back and keep the commandments of the living God.

And we go on in Luke 1:16-17—**And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.** ¹⁷ **He will also go before Him...** Take this in. It's talking about John the Baptist; Yohanan the Immerser is to precede Him; he's to go before the coming of the Messiah, Yeshua. That's his job. But he comes in a specific way. It is **in the spirit and power of Elijah,**... (Emphasis added).

Now here's what I can tell you about Elijah, because it matters. Because John the Baptist is supposed to come like Elijah. He's supposed to come in that spirit and power of Elijah. Elijah lived in a time of horrifying tribulation. I want you to think about this, because this is prophetically significant. He lived in a horrible time of tribulation. The prophets are being wiped out. Jezebel is moving in the spirit of the antichrist and taking out the messengers, the watchmen of the LORD, because what they have to say is offensive. She hates it. She hates the pure and holy word of God. And Elijah refuses to bend the knee. Refuses to bend the knee to the gods that Ahab and Jezebel are worshiping. He refuses to compromise the commandments of the LORD. This is Elijah.

I want to share something with you about the story, and I'll put this up here. In 1 Kings 18:17, we read: **Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O troubler of Israel?"** (Emphasis added). Interesting. In the days of Elijah, do you see what's happening? Elijah lived in a time when good was called evil and evil was called good. Elijah is the best thing that happened to Israel. The message as a watchman, the message that he brought, it was pure and holy; it was faithful to the LORD's word. And yet Ahab is demonizing Elijah and saying, "You're our problem."

Now, put this together, people, because we're living in a generation right now, and it's happening even in our own country. Supposedly we're supposed to be a Christian nation. We don't have many Christians in it anymore. Christians, true Christians who are faithful to the word of the LORD, you speak out against abortion, you speak out against an alternative lifestyle—understand, you are the problem. That is the spirit of Antichrist. That is the spirit of Jezebel, where, we are now the problem. And I can remember years ago, having an article come across my desk about this garbage creeping into the military, getting into the aspect that, well, you know, we have right-wing extremists, these evangelical Christians. The same thing happened in Elijah's day. What we're delving into here is no joke.

And we continue. And so it says here in Luke 1:17—**"He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah..."**—1 Kings 18:18—**And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have,"** this is Elijah's response, and then he goes on and says—listen to this: **"in that you have forsaken**

the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals." (Emphasis added). In other words, the degradation of Israel came because they rejected the commandments of God. In a sense, guess what? Take prayer out of schools. Rip the commandments of God out of schools. Demonize Christianity as being right-wing extremism. This is the problem. And if you want to know all the problems with our society right now? They're exactly what Elijah said. And his words still speak today. The spirit of Elijah, I'm telling you, is alive. But it is hated. It is hated.

So we continue in Luke 1:17—**"... 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just..."** Because of his message, John the Baptist, a watchman blowing the trumpet, is bringing the word (Matthew 3:2): **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"** And as evidence, as we continue, look at this: Luke 1:17—**"... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."** (Emphasis added). Why would John do this? Why does he need to do this? Why prepare for the Lord? Because the Lord is coming.

I want you to understand something: this is prophetically very important. The spirit of Elijah, the spirit of Elijah that even John the Baptist moved in, and all of that context of what we see happening in his ministry will replay itself because the spirit of Elijah will be here introducing the coming of the Holy One. It's going to happen. There are going to be watchmen who are going to move in the spirit of Elijah, and they're going to say the hard things. And as I said, they will be hated. All will hate you.

If we are part of it, if we're so close to the return of the Lord, I want you to think—if we are so close to the return of the Lord, the Spirit of Elijah has to be here. We have to have men and women walking in that spirit, and Yeshua said in Matthew 10:22, **"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved."**

Moving to John 1:6-7—**There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe** (emphasis added). We have to understand the ministry of the spirit and the power of Elijah. That ministry will bear witness to the light of the world. The one called Jesus, the one called Yeshua, the Messiah. If it truly is operating in that spirit, if they truly are watchmen, they will declare this, and it's not just this that John declared; we continue. We go to John 1:29—**The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"** (Emphasis added). The spirit and power of Elijah declare the unbelievable and unmerited grace and hope that we have in Yeshua because (Romans 6:23) **the wages of sin is death.**

Every single one of us has been given a death penalty. And without the Lamb of God, we'll never see life. It is only through Him; it is (Ephesians 2:8) **by grace you have been saved through faith** that we are saved in Yeshua. It's faith in Him, the Lamb of God. This is the spirit and power of Elijah. This is what true watchmen will be declaring. Yeshua is the light of the world. He is the Lamb of God, and that's not even it because John goes on and says this in John 1:34—**"And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."** (Emphasis added). That's a whole other level. This isn't just a Mashiach. Jesus is not just an anointed one. There have been many anointed ones that have come, many powerful, influential, amazing men of God. Right here, He's set apart. The Spirit's testimony and the power of Elijah put Him on a whole other level.

And to put this into context for you, how controversial is this? Listen to what's recorded further ahead in John 5:18. **Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, Yeshua, because He not only broke the Sabbath,** which was a false accusation; the accusation of breaking the Shabbat wasn't built upon the

Torah; it was built upon rabbinical law. But then we read this—they want to kill him because of this—**but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.** (emphasis added). Mind-blowing moment. Mind-blowing moment: John, moving in the spirit and power of Elijah, declared Yeshua to be “the,” not “a,” the Son of God. And do you understand what that means?

Well, we jump just a couple of verses. This is what it means. Look at John 5:23—**“that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. ...”** In other words, all the glory, all the majesty, the power, the honor, and the adoration that is given to the Father, of which He is worthy, the Son is worthy of the same. Mind-blowing moment. This is why Yeshua was crucified for this powerful testimony. He is the Son of God to be worshiped. Think of Revelation, Chapter 5, and what does Revelation 5:13 say? **“Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!”**

In the generation where the spirit of Elijah is having to go forth to herald the coming of the Messiah Yeshua, the divinity of Christ is going to be destroyed. The enemy will come to diminish Yeshua's glory and power and to interrupt how we respond to Him in relationship. Because I can go into prayer calling upon His great name, and He, as the Son of God and my high priest, has the power and the authority to both receive the glory and honor that is only to be given to the Father and also to speak whatever He will, and it's going to happen. Your sins are forgiven. It's going to happen. Be healed. It's going to happen. You've got lepers. You need to be cleansed. He is willing. He speaks a word, and it doesn't return to Him void. This is next-level stuff.

And this is stuff, and I'm telling you, and I mentioned this a couple of months ago, the absurd billboards that somebody rented, and the whole thing; the only thing it said was, “Jesus is not God.” That's what it said. We are living among the spirit of Antichrist going forth, trying to destroy the truth of who Yeshua is. It's absolutely demonic. But you know who's going to push back on this? The watchmen. The watchmen are going to blow the trumpet, and they're going to speak the truth in love, and they will not shrink back. They're going to say it as it is. They know Yeshua. They know Him.

Do you want to see how critical this is and the aspect of worship and adoration that the Son is to receive? We read this next—John 5:23—**“... He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”** You're a dead man. You're dead.

And we even see, going outside, you know, this stuff—this insanity is creeping into Christianity—but now you have Chrislam. Isn't that wonderful? Where you have Christians and Islam all coming together and we can all sing kumbaya, and everything's good. No, it's not good. That is the spirit of an antichrist.

You need to know two things about Islam. Number one, they deny the crucifixion. If there is no crucifixion for me, I'm dead. If Yeshua is not crucified and resurrected the third day, none of us are going to live. Our faith is built on the pillar of Him giving (John 1:29) **“the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”**

But the other thing is, they don't believe that God has a Son. Isn't that interesting? The two tenets, the two pillars of our faith, Islam destroys. It's demonic. We read this in Surah 19:92—**For it is not consonant with the majesty of (Allah) Most Gracious that he should beget a son.** These words that God has no Son are inscribed in the shrine sitting on the Temple Mount right now. That is the spirit of an antichrist. It's blasphemy. This is blasphemy, and it's going to be the watchmen moving in the spirit and power of Elijah who will push back, and they're going to say the hard things.



Matthew 3:1-2—**In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”** A watchman blowing the trumpet. —Matthew 3:7—**But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them...** Now I want to stop here; the Pharisees and Sadducees are the religious establishment in his day. In other words, in modern-day terms, they're the leaders of the church in his day. What does John say to them as he sees them coming, the religious establishment? He said, **“Brood of vipers!”** You are offspring of snakes. **Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?** (Emphasis added).

Vipers are poisonous. "Now, isn't this interesting? It's not a coincidence that Satan presented himself in the Garden of Eden as a serpent. And we're told that he was the most cunning of all the beasts. In other words, there is no greater deception on earth than the serpent himself.

John sees the religious establishment, the leaders of his day, of the people of Israel, of the people of God, and he says, "You're offspring of serpents." Do you understand that when you move in the spirit and power of Elijah, you will contend with the religious devils in your generation? You will contend with the sin that is creeping into the church that is absolutely abominable. We have abominations coming into the church, and people are too scared to cause a ruckus. They're too worried that we're going to offend other people. That is not the spirit and power of Elijah. We need men and women blowing the trumpet and sounding the alarm because Yeshua is coming. The sword is coming. And He's going to destroy all those who are sinful.

And you know what's amazing? Paul talks about it. Paul, the apostle, says that in the last days, the Spirit of God is revealing that the church is going to be compromised. —Acts 20:29—**“... savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.”** This will happen in the last days. The church will be compromised. —2 Thessalonians 2:3—there will be a great **falling away**, and it is only going to be those moving in the spirit and power of Elijah who step up and push back and say, "This garbage does not belong in the house of prayer." The house of prayer is not a house of entertainment; it's to be holy.

And we move forward—Matthew 3:8-10—**Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’** And guess what? Flesh and blood do not inherit the kingdom of God, only those who put their faith and trust in the Son of God. Declaring Yeshua, both the Lamb of God and the Son of God. **For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. ¹⁰ And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire** (emphasis added).

This is a trumpet blast. John is coming on the scene, and do you know what he's saying? You will surely die. You want to continue in your sin? The sword will come. In the imagery here, the ax is going to be laid against you. You're not going to survive. He's bringing the heat.

To further put this into context, I want to take you back to the Gospel of Mark. We read this about John—Mark 6:17-19—**For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her.** We have a problem here. We know Herod married his brother's wife, Philip's wife, Herodias, while Philip was alive. What's the problem with that? That's against the law. That is a breach of God's holy law. We continue, ¹⁸ **Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."** Okay, that's the measurement. What is God's standard? It's His law. ¹⁹ **Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not** (emphasis added). Unfortunately, an opportunity will arise later, and that's exactly what happened.

Now, you can't make this stuff up because you're in a situation right now. John comes in the spirit and power of Elijah, and he says things that are offensive. Jezebel sought his life and wanted to take him out. And now we see the same thing with John the Baptist, and Herodias would get her way. She would behead him in prison. Now I'm going to tell you, there will be an end-time remnant that walks in the spirit of Elijah. They will be hated as John was because they're blowing the trumpet as John did, but they are going to face the same fate that John faced. And that's not my opinion.

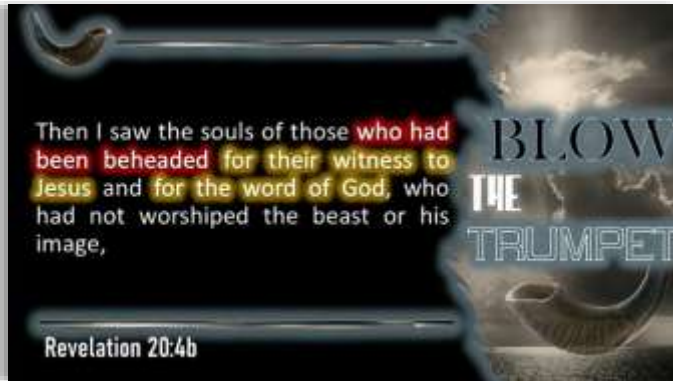
We go to the book of Revelation; this is what we read: Revelation 12:17—**And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring,** who do what? They keep the law. **Who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.** (emphasis added). (Matthew 18:16) On the testimony of two, all things are established.

These are not spineless Christians who offer lip service and honor Him with their lips, but their heart is far from Him. These are radical born-again believers who, when they read the Word of God, accept the conviction, saying, "I'm going to do what God says. I don't care if everyone in my church is going the other way (Joshua 24:15); **"as for me and my house, we're going to serve the LORD."**

And we move ahead; we read this because the enemy is making war—Revelation 13:7—**It was granted to him, the enemy, the dragon, to make war with the saints and to overcome them.** ... (Emphasis added). This is what will happen in the end.

When we jumped ahead to Revelation 20:4—**... Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded...** (Emphasis added). The very fate that John the Baptist met, because he walked in the power and spirit of Elijah, and he declared, "It's not lawful for you." Because he preached the Word without reservation, he lost his head.

And the same thing is going to happen before the coming of Yeshua, as that spirit of Elijah is going forth; those believers who blow the trumpet and declare the word of the LORD, the truth that Yeshua is the



Lamb of God, and that we have to keep His word, His truth, and His commandments, they're going to lose their heads because they will not worship the beast. They will not bend the knee to Antichrist. They will remain faithful to the end. I think of John's words in Revelation 20:4—... **Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image...** (Emphasis added).

And built on this is the Apostle Paul, who says in Colossians 1:28—**Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.** (emphasis added). Blowing the trumpet, warning every man. The sword is coming. Jesus is going to come back, and He will destroy the sinners from the earth. It's called the wrath of the Lamb. He's bringing vengeance. This is coming, and we have to decide as a people whether or not we are going to blow the trumpet in this generation. Amen?

The Watchman's Alarm: A Call to Repentance

The Mandate of the Watchman



Observing the Approaching Sword

Watchmen must recognize signs of spiritual judgment and the return of Christ.

Sounding the Trumpet

The warning must be God's Word, not personal philosophy or ideas.

The Burden of Blood Guilt

A watchman who fails to warn others is held responsible for their deaths.



Watchman Silent



No Warning Given



Blood on Watchman's Hand



Watchman Warns



People Heed Warning



Life is Saved

Heeding the Alarm

The Outcome of the Warning



The Choice of Two Paths

Heeding the alarm saves a life; ignoring it leads to personal destruction.



True Repentance (Teshuvah)

Authentic revival is a new beginning of obedience to God's commandments.

Ignoring the Warning



The Spirit of Elijah

Modern watchmen must declare the truth even when facing hatred or persecution.



Watchman Warns



People Ignore



Blood on Own Head