

"The Sound of Trumpets—Part 2"

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with part 2 of our series. The presentation was titled "The Sound of Trumpets—Part 2."

An event in Utah on Wednesday afternoon (the assassination of beloved broadcaster Charlie Kirk, age 31) influenced me to change my introduction to my prepared material. With the assassination fresh on my mind, I chose to mention that the event produced two reactions within me—anger and sadness.

Son of God's example

I read and discussed two sections of Scripture. The first section was about Christ's example of appropriate anger. The second section was about Christ's perspective of our mourning.

■ Mark 3:5—The Son of God "looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts."

■ Mark 3:1—When Christ entered the synagogue, He saw a man with a withered hand.

■ Mark 3:2—The Pharisees watched Him closely to see if He would heal the man on the Sabbath—"so that they might accuse Him."

■ Mark 3:4—When the Son of God asked the Pharisees questions (Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil? Is it lawful on the Sabbath to save life or to kill?), they kept quiet.

■ Mark 3:5—Christ healed the man.

■ Mark 3:6—And the Pharisees immediately plotted with the Herodians how they might destroy Him.

■ Luke 23:27-31—When the Son of God saw the people mourning and lamenting for what was occurring to Him, He suggested that they weep for themselves and for their children—because He understands the grieving process.

After reading those sections of Scripture in Mark and Luke, I turned to my prepared scriptures—dealing with hearing the sound of trumpets.

Book of Joel

■ Joel 2:1—"Blow the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; for it is at hand."

■ Joel 2:15—"Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly."

Let's notice some of the verses surrounding those scriptures.

■ Joel 1:1-20—These verses mention some of the negative conditions facing the people of God at that time.

■ Joel 1:4—This verse talked about the chewing locust, the swarming locust, the crawling locust and the consuming locust.

■ Joel 1:5—This verse warned people to avoid drunkenness.

■ Joel 1:13—This verse warned the priests to repent.

■ Joel 2:2-11—These verses warned about aspects of the day of the Lord.

■ Joel 2:12-14—These verses talked about turning to the Lord with repentance—fasting, weeping and mourning.

Book of Zephaniah

In Zephaniah 1:14-16, notice how the "great day of the LORD" is described.

■ A day of wrath.

■ A day of trouble and distress.

■ A day of devastation and desolation.

■ A day of darkness and gloominess.

■ A day of clouds and thick darkness.

■ A day of trumpet and alarm—against the fortified cities and against the high towers.

In Zephaniah 2:3, notice the reminder to seek the Lord, to seek righteousness and to seek humility—that "it may be that you will be hidden in the day of the LORD's anger."

In Zephaniah 3:2, notice four characteristics that displeased the Lord—realizing the opposite of these characteristics produces a meaningful relationship with Him.

■ She has not obeyed His voice.

■ She has not received correction.

■ She has not trusted in the Lord.

■ She has not drawn near to her God.