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***“Before the Trumpet Sounds”***

**Part II**

The prophecies of the “seven trumpets,” outlined in Revelation chapters 8:2-11:18 is prophecy which has already come to its fruition with the exception of one thing—the sounding of the final note of the seventh trumpet, which happens after God’s people have been ‘sealed in their foreheads.’<sup>1</sup>

It’s believed among theologians that the number seven in the Bible means perfection and/or completeness.

Another thing that many Bible theologians agree with is; that the seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven churches all cover the same approximate prophetic time period.

The blowing/sounding of a Trumpet, in the Old, and New Testament delineates a type of warning

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<sup>1</sup> Revelation 7:1-3

system or announcement of some momentous event that was about to take place, i.e. call to Worship, Holy Convocation, Judgment, War, or “Watch where you are going!”–Look out!”<sup>2</sup>

And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given the *seven trumpets*.

And the seven angels which had the *seven trumpets* prepared themselves to sound.”

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Rev. 8:2, 6; 10:7

Everyone is familiar with certain types of alarm systems, and we’ve learned to depend on them for our livelihoods, safety, and security.

Let’s say, for illustration purposes, every Monday morning your alarm system, {whether it be a phone, watch, radio, or other electronic device}

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<sup>2</sup> C. Mervyn Maxwell. The Message of Revelation For You and Your Family, “God Cares,” Vol. 2, P. 224.

malfunctioned causing you to be late for a very important appointment! Needless to say, you would immediately solve the malfunctioning problem by upgrading to a more reliable alarm system.

The Holy Bible has given God's people many reliable signs, {the fulfilment of prophecies in our day} that state that the final trumpet is about to sound.

But our salvation must be secured in Christ Jesus today—before the sound of the final trumpet!

“The book of Revelation clearly outlines the message and mission of the remnant people of God. The message is so important that it is represented as angel messengers flying in mid-heaven and crying with loud voices...

This first message, {Rev. 14:6, 7} given by the remnant contains the ‘Everlasting Gospel.’ In view of the judgment they reaffirm the ‘Everlasting Gospel,’ that sinners can be justified by faith, and receive Christ’s righteousness. The message – virtually the same as given by Elijah, and John the Baptist – it calls the world to repentance.

It calls for everyone to ‘fear,’ and reverence God, and give glory and honor to Him. This call to the world announces that the ‘**hour of His judgment has come.**’ This adds urgency , {immediate action} to the message.

Next comes the call to **worship the Creator**. By commanding us to ‘worship Him who made heaven and earth, the seas and springs of water,’ this message calls attention back to the fourth commandment.”<sup>3</sup>

We have all probably read about the fate of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and Lot’s wife. Prior instruction was given by God, via two heavenly angels to Lot’s family warning them to get out of Sodom and Gomorrah before their destruction by brimstone and fire, lest they be consumed—do not look back.<sup>4</sup>

Apparently, Mrs. Lot did not take the angels, or God’s warning message seriously. **Do we?**

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<sup>3</sup> G. Edward Reid. Almost Home, Review & Herald Pub., Assn., 2000, p. 122, 123.

<sup>4</sup> Genesis 19:1-29

**“And I told you before it come to pass, that when it comes to pass you might believe.”**

John 14:29

**“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth the distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”** Luke 21:25, 26

