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## Maranatha Chapel Sermon Based Study Guide SB 09.20.2020

### FEAST OF TRUMPETS PART 2 – Dan. 9:27, Gen 17:7-8, 17-18

#### Receiving the Message and Relating to the Study

What insights, principles, or observations stood out to you from this week's message? Discuss with your group.

We just celebrated the Feast of Trumpets this last Saturday evening with a powerful message from Pastor Ray Bentley. Numbers 29:1 states “And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. For you it is a day of blowing the trumpets.” Rosh Hashanah known as the Feast of Trumpets” literally means “head of the year.” The timing of the ancient Feast of Trumpets coincides with the beginning of Israel’s civil New Year, so happy New Year, “Shana Tova!” This Feast is celebrated with the appearance of the New moon and is not always easily determined because of the clouds and weather. So to decrease the chance of error, Rosh Hashanah was observed over two days, and became known as the Feast that you don’t know the day nor the hour. This sounds a lot like the description of what we call the Rapture from 1 Thess. 4:16-18 in which we don’t know the day nor the hour. Today in the Feast of Trumpets part 2 Pastor Ray shares his heart as we consider the impact of the “Abrahamic Accord” and Daniel 9:27 which speaks of the signing of a peace deal with Israel. Pastor Ray feels the signing of this latest “peace treaty” known as the Abrahamic Accord is the most significant prophetic event to date. It seems that prophecy is escalating as all the key nations begin to align both for Israel and against Israel. Let’s get into our study...

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

1. What struck you most or spoke to you from Pastor Ray’s message this last weekend?
2. In your opinion, what times is it on God’s prophetic Clock?
3. Why do you believe that?

#### Digging Deeper in God’s Word: Life Lessons

##### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ DANIEL 9:24-27

According to this prophecy, the Messiah would show up, present Himself as Messiah to the nation and then be “cut off” some time near AD 32. This was fulfilled as Jesus Christ presented Himself to the nation of Israel on Palm Sunday, was crucified on Preparation Day (the annual day on which the Passover Lamb was slain), and rose from the dead on Sunday. The prophecy then goes on to say that, subsequent to the Messiah’s being killed, “the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.” Within one generation of Christ’s crucifixion, Titus burnt Jerusalem and destroyed the temple.

1. Daniel had been intently praying for his people since he determined from the prophecies of Jeremiah that Israel would be in captivity for 70 years (Dan. 9:2). In your opinion why was Daniel praying so fervently for his people?
2. According to Daniel 9:26 what significant events would occur and who would appear on the scene?

##### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ DANIEL 9:27

Dan 9:27 “Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

1. In your opinion, who is the “he” mentioned in Daniel 9:27?
2. What significant thing does this person do in relation to Israel and how long is this covenant?
3. In your opinion, who are “the many” in this covenant?

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Pastor Ray stated "Bible prophecy tells us what is going to happen, where its going to happen and how its going to happen. We are living in the most exciting time prophetic hour of human history. I want to say this very clearly – we are living in the last of the last days. We are seeing the acceleration of prophecy in a way that no one has seen since the time Christ was walking here on the earth. The acceleration that is happening now will culminate in the personal visible return of Jesus Christ to bring His kingdom to the earth. The hour has come to say "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

As you may know President Trump, the UAE and Bahrain signed an historic peace treaty September 15, 2020 called the Abraham Accord. Where is the Abrahamic Accord in the Bible? Who is Abraham?

### **HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GEN. 17:7-8**

1. What was Abrahams response to the news he would be a father?
2. What two promises are given in this passage?
3. "Who are the promises given to? How long does this promise/covenant last?
4. What does this mean for the Jewish people and the land today?
5. What was Abraham's plan for his heritage? (Gen : "17:18)

Abraham is described in the Bible as the friend of God. Abraham was born in the modern-day county of Iraq, Ur of the Chaldees. On day God revealed Himself to Abraham, and said Abraham I want to pack up and go to the country I will show you, I will take you to a land I will promise you. Abraham left everything and followed the Lord God Almighty. We are living in similar times. God led Abraham to the land where God would incarnate Himself in the person of His Son Jesus Christ. Because Abraham obeyed God the supernatural was opened to him. God in the same way is calling us to let go of everything and obey daily the voice of the LORD. God has chosen us to live in this time. We are seeing what the prophets said would come to pass. If we will listen to the voice of the Lord and follow Him, it will open the door of the supernatural provision and protection of the Lord God Almighty.

### **HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ GEN. 17:20-21, 25:**

1. Does God love Ishmael and his descendants the Arab people? How do you know?
2. What promise is made for Ishmael?
3. How has God blessed the Arab people today?
4. Was it God or was it Abraham that gave the land to Isaac? If it was Abraham that give the land, would that be fair? What difference does it make that God gave the land to Isaac?

If Abraham just favored one son over another that is not right. But if God did it, then great! God wants the Best for All His children.

### **HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ REVELATION 11:1-2**

Pastor Ray mentioned that Al Jazeera the Muslim news agency reported that the Abrahamic Accord leaves the door open for the Jews to be able to worship and pray on the Temple Mount! Not only that but it mentions the creation of a "partition" that would separate the Dome of the Rock from a Jewish side. The prophetic implications of this are huge!

1. According top Revelation 11:1-2, what is the Lord giving to John and what is He telling him to do?
2. What happens to the outer court, who is it given to?
3. What are the implications for a new Temple for the Jews based on this passage?

**Applying God's Word**

What did you learn from this study and how does this personally speak to you? Discuss with your group.

Pastor Ray believes that Signing of the Abrahamic Accord is the beginning of the signing of the Peace Treaty by "the many" with Israel. They mentioned last week that there are 9 other countries that want to be part of this peace treaty! It has been confirmed and it has commenced. How do we know this Daniel 9:27 Peace Treaty Confirmed is the same as this Abraham Accord? How do we know its confirmed as the Abraham accord?

- **When our president signed the Abraham Accord, it is the beginning of "The Many" Sunni nations coming into the Abraham Accord.**
  - **Meaning all of God's children given to Abraham as his seed.**
  - **Meaning the descendants of Abraham's children, from Isaac's descendants, Ishmaels descendants, the sons of concubine's descendants are all coming together for the FISRT TIME IN 4000 YEARS!**
  - **This is an historic event, the most important event since the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!**
1. How should we then live in the light of the coming of the Lord?
  2. What should you do when tempted by the world, the flesh and the devil?
  3. What should be our attitude toward sharing the Gospel?

**PRAYER** - Dear Father, please open our eyes as to the times that we are living in. Please awaken Your church and cause them to be filled and empowered by Your Spirit. Help us to put on the full armor of God so that we can fight to good fight of faith. God please send your Spirit and cause a great revival across our nation and the world. Help us to be fruitful for You every day. In Jesus mighty name!

*"And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months." (Revelation 11:1-2)*

**AN EXPLANATION OF THE DYNAMICS OF THE SUNNI (ARAB) MUSLIMS VS THE SHIA (IRANIAN) MUSLIMS**

Why are these Arab nations making this deal? What is happening with the UAE and Bahrain?

In Islam you have Suni's, 90% of Muslims and then there are Shia's that make up about 10-15 %.

The Arabs are the majority Suni people while Iran makes up the rest. Iran has a different eschatology and they believe they should be in charge of the whole Muslim world. Iran believes the whole world should become Islamic. Iran is on the verge of getting a nuclear weapon. Saudi Arabia feels threatened by the Iranians. In fact if Iran gets a nuclear weapon the first place they would target is not Israel or America, it would be Saudi Arabia. Iran want to first unite Islam and then attack Israel and America. Global powers have shifted. In the 70'S and on America was dependent on Saudi oil but no longer. Today America is completely oil independent and we even export oil. In the past America protected the Saudi from enemies but now in 2020 America is pulling out of the middle east. We now have a president who is America first and is not going to pay for the defense of other nations. So Saudi knows they cant count on the big brother USA anymore. Who else in the mid-east has nuclear power and is also threatened by Iran? Israel is the one who has the power to help us. God is orchestrating the Arab countries to recognize Israel as their brother. Ishmael and Isaac are coming under the same umbrella for practical reasons. This is the first time this has happened in 4000 years! Only God could do this!

Israel can help these Arab nations transition to high tech and benefit through their excellent medical technology as well. So, for military, economic and medical reasons it makes sense for the Arabs to come to the table with Israel and make peace. All of these movements are pushing prophecy into order. The Ezekiel 38 war could also fall into place. Consider Ezek 38:13 "13 "Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?'"

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This is all heading toward a war called the battle of God and Magog otherwise known as the battle of Armageddon. The bible tells us there will be two sides. Those that want to compromise with Israel and the other said that will not share or compromise with Israel. Those that want peace according to Ezek. are Sheba and Dedan the ancient name for Saudi Arabia. Tarshish which is the area of Great Britain and the young lions from Britain which are America, Australia etc.

So you have one side, Great Britain, America and Saudi willing to make peace but on the other side, Russia, Persia, Turkey and Libya will be the rejectionists and will fight with everything they have against this peace deal. Then finally it devolves into nuclear war.