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This sermon transcript is "as is" from Jeff Niccum, an elder and friend. I think you will find his presentation very interesting. I always add the caution that when it comes to prophecy I am personally less assertive but we should consider all possibilities within what scripture says. Jeff has been one who is willing to "think outside the box" - and yes, I like that. Yahweh has a way of surprising all of us, though, with what He actually ends up doing, and yet as we look back, we see His prophecies are 100% sure.

One more thing: I'd call it "The Day of Yahweh" personally, not "the Day of the Lord" because the Hebrew actually has it as "YHVH", not "the Lord". But this is Jeff's sermon so understand this is his message. He will give you lots of food for thought. I also feel personally that this Day of Yahweh is the year leading up to when Yeshua (or Jesus) lands on the Mount of Olives, but also technically (in my view at least) includes the Millennium. That's Yeshua's day. After the Millennium He hands everything to His and our Father, Yahweh most High. But as used in Scripture, "the day of the Lord" (or Yahweh) is about the one year period leading up to the landing on the Mount of Olives.

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**The Feast of Trumpets - The Day of the Lord**

By Jeff Niccum, Given Sept 2011

**Introduction:** 687 years after God created Adam, Methuselah was born. In that very year that Methuselah was born, something took place in the life of his father that resulted in God calling him to the knowledge of His plan.

Although scripture does not directly reveal this, I believe it is safe to assume that God revealed His plan to mankind from the very beginning, starting with Adam.

Beginning in the year in which his son Methuselah was born, he began his walk with God, and did so for 300 years. We have direct reference to this man having knowledge of God's Holy Days and plan for mankind.

Who was this man that walked with God for 300 years? It was Enoch. What was it that Enoch prophesied sometime between 687 and 987 years from the creation of Adam?

(Jude 1:14 NKJV) Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,

(Jude 1:15 NKJV) "To execute judgment on all, to convict all who are

ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Just under 3,500 years ago, Moses was instructed by God about His Feasts.

(Lev 23:24 NKJV) "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation [NIV-"a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts"].

What is the blowing of trumpets commemorating?

(Joel 2:1 NKJV) 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:

Clearly, this Holy Day is connected with the meaning behind the blowing of trumpets or the commemorating of trumpet blasts. God wants us to bring to remembrance - to talk about - the blowing of the trumpets and what it pictures in the not so distant future - the Day of the Lord! What is the Day of the Lord?

(Jer 46:10 NKJV) For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, A day of vengeance, That He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; For the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice In the north country by the River Euphrates.

It is a day of vengeance according to Jeremiah. It is a day to execute judgment and to convict according to Enoch.

The purpose of my message today is to review the vivid and consistent descriptions of the Day of the Lord by the prophets, and review the timeline of events leading up to and including the Day of the Lord!

## **PROPHETS**

### **Isaiah**

In Isaiah 34:8, 61:2, and 63:4, he calls the day of the Lord the "day of vengeance."

(Isa 42:8 NKJV) I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

(Isa 42:9 NKJV) Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

(Isa 13:4 NKJV) The noise of a multitude in the mountains, Like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together! The LORD of hosts musters The army for battle.

(Isa 13:5 NKJV) They come from a far country, From the end of heaven; The LORD and His weapons of indignation, To destroy the whole land.

(Isa 13:6 NKJV) Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

(Isa 13:7 NKJV) Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt,

(Isa 13:8 NKJV) And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames.

(Isa 13:9 NKJV) Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.

(Isa 13:10 NKJV) For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

(Isa 13:11 NKJV) "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

(Isa 13:12 NKJV) I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.

(Isa 13:13 NKJV) Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

## Amos

(Amos 5:18 NKJV) Woe to you who desire the **day of the LORD**! For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light.

(Amos 5:19 NKJV) It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him!

(Amos 5:20 NKJV) Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?

## Joel

(Joel 1:15 NKJV) Alas for the day! For the **day of the LORD** is at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.

(Joel 2:1 NKJV) **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 2:2 NKJV) A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains.

(Joel 2:11 NKJV) The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp [His armies] is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?

(Joel 3:2 NKJV) I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

(Joel 3:9 NKJV) Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up.

(Joel 3:10 NKJV) Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'"

(Joel 3:11 NKJV) Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD.

(Joel 3:12 NKJV) "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

(Joel 3:13 NKJV) Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow; For their wickedness is great."

(Joel 3:14 NKJV) Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

(Joel 3:15 NKJV) The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.

(Joel 3:16 NKJV) The LORD also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

## **Zephaniah**

(Zeph 1:7 NKJV) Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; For the day of the LORD is at hand, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.

(Zeph 1:14 NKJV) The great day of the LORD is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the [weak and cowardly men] mighty men shall cry out.

(Zeph 1:15 NKJV) That day is 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,

(Zeph 1:16 NKJV) A day of trumpet and alarm Against the fortified cities And against the high towers.

(Zeph 1:17 NKJV) "I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against the LORD; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse."

(Zeph 1:18 NKJV) Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of the Lord's wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured By the fire of His jealousy, For He will make speedy riddance Of all those who dwell in the land.

## **Zechariah**

(Zec 14:1 NKJV) Behold, **the day of the LORD is coming**, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

(Zec 14:2 NKJV) For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

(Zec 14:3 NKJV) Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

(Zec 14:4 NKJV) And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain

shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

(Zec 14:5 NKJV) Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, **And all the saints with You.**

(Zec 14:12 NKJV) And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

## John

(Rev 19:11 NKJV) Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

(Rev 19:12 NKJV) His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

(Rev 19:13 NKJV) He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

(Rev 19:14 NKJV) And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

(Rev 19:15 NKJV) Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

(Rev 19:16 NKJV) And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

(Rev 19:17 NKJV) Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

(Rev 19:18 NKJV) "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

(Rev 19:19 NKJV) And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

(Rev 19:20 NKJV) Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

(Rev 19:21 NKJV) And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

(Exo 15:3 NKJV) The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name.

Isn't it amazing the consistency in the accounts and the variety of descriptions by multiple prophets from Enoch to John - all in reference to the Day of the Lord!

Now, let's transition into the events leading up and including the Day of the Lord! In order to get the chronology right, we must identify three key points on the timeline.

1. The timing of the 6<sup>th</sup> seal. This is because the Day of the Lord does not begin until the 6<sup>th</sup> seal is complete. That's why the Day of the Lord must clearly be the 7<sup>th</sup> seal.
2. The Day of the Lord is the one year period from Trumpets to Trumpets, culminating on the battle of Armageddon which is what the Feast of Trumpets pictures!
3. The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounds on the Feast of Pentecost, not ON the Feast of Trumpets. However the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounds within the one-year Day of the Lord!

The two charts handed out PROVE that Christ must return twice - once to gather the saints at the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet and once WITH the saints to battle the armies of the earth at Armageddon. These two events MUST be several months apart and must fall within a narrow and specific window of time. Pentecost is the only Holy Day which falls within this window of time. Besides, what does Pentecost picture? The harvesting of the firstfruits!

Once these 3 milestones are plotted on the timeline, we get a pretty clear chronological picture.

The first milestone is the 6<sup>th</sup> seal, which is established as follows:

**Matthew 24:3-31 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup>Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will* be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

<sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

<sup>6</sup>And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for <sup>£</sup>all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

<sup>7</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, <sup>£</sup>pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

<sup>8</sup>All these are the beginning of sorrows.

This corresponds to Rev. 6:1-8, which describe the first 4 seals.

<sup>9</sup>"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

<sup>10</sup>And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

<sup>11</sup>Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

<sup>12</sup>And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

<sup>13</sup>But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

<sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

This gospel will be preached by the angel prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> seal (See Rev. 14 where the angel warns against taking the mark of the beast). The gospel will also be preached by the 2 witnesses DURING the 5<sup>th</sup> seal. Not accepting the mark of the beast will cause widespread martyrdom for Christians that reject it. This begins the tribulation.

### 5th Seal

<sup>21</sup>For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

<sup>22</sup>And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Picking the story flow up in Revelation 6:9:

(Rev 6:9 NKJV) When He opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

(Rev 6:10 NKJV) And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

(Rev 6:11 NKJV) Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Now, the 5th seal begins martyrdom and the great tribulation. How long is this martyrdom? We know this begins 3½ years (or 42 months) prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> trump. Now the 7<sup>th</sup> seal begins 8 months prior to the 7<sup>th</sup> trump (on Trumpets) - which means the 5<sup>th</sup> seal lasts for a maximum of 34 months.

This means the tribulation of 3½ years INCLUDES the events of the 6<sup>th</sup> seal, AND the first 8 months of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal or the one year Day of the Lord!

### 6th Seal

<sup>29</sup>"**Immediately after the tribulation** [5<sup>th</sup> SEAL!] of those days **the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light**; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

(Joel 2:31 NKJV) The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

(Acts 2:20 NKJV) The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, **Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.**

(Rev 6:12 NKJV) I looked when He opened the **sixth seal**, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and **the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.**

(Rev 6:13 NKJV) And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

(Rev 6:14 NKJV) Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

(Rev 6:15 NKJV) And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

(Rev 6:16 NKJV) and said 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!

(Rev 6:17 NKJV) "For **the great day of His wrath has come**, and who is able to stand?"

Note that the kings of the earth, rich men, great men, the commanders, and the mighty and the slaves and the free ALL KNOW ABOUT GOD!! They know about He that sits on the throne, the Lamb, and they know about the great day of His wrath!!

### **2/3 (8 months) through the 7th Seal**

<sup>30</sup>Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

<sup>31</sup>And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The second milestone is to plot the beginning of the Day of the Lord. The "Day of the Lord" begins with the opening of the 7th seal. The 7th seal is made up of the seven trumpet plagues. The 7<sup>th</sup> seal lasts many months because the 5 Trumpet plague alone lasts 5 months. The Day of the Lord IS the 7<sup>th</sup> seal. It cannot be one day! So, we can know that the seventh seal - or the Day of the Lord is one year in duration!

### **DAY FOR A YEAR PRINCIPLE**

(Isa 34:8 NKJV) For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, The year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

(Isa 61:2 NKJV) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

(Isa 63:4 NKJV) For the day of vengeance is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.

### **REFERENCE TWO EXAMPLES OF DAY FOR A YEAR PRINCIPLE**

(Ezek 4:6 NKJV, (Num 14:34 NKJV)

Now we know that the Feast of Trumpets also depicts the day of Christ's return to earth at Armageddon! Putting it all together, it is extremely compelling that the Day of the Lord is the final year before Armageddon, and is the Day of Armageddon.



The third milestone is when the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounds.

The first trumpet sounds on the Feast of Trumpets, and the 7th trumpet sounds on the Day of Pentecost, eight months later. Or this takes place four months prior to Christ's return with the Saints to Armageddon. This not only makes perfect sense symbolically, because Pentecost pictures the completion of the harvesting of the firstfruits, but it MUST be chronologically because the 7<sup>th</sup> trump and Armageddon MUST be several months apart from each other!

OK, so let's now get back to the story flow in Revelation:

(Rev 7:1-15 NKJV) describes those martyred during the great tribulation.

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(Rev 8:1 NKJV) When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. [After the 6<sup>th</sup> seal which precedes the day of the Lord.]

(Rev 8:2 NKJV) And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

These events are supernatural and are generated by God. Notice that Satan is still in authority over the earth. Satan's authority does not end until the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet - at which time the "kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of God" and when Christ takes his power and reigns. See Revelation 11.

(Rev 8:6 NKJV) So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

(Rev 8:7 NKJV) The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up. Clearly it's a supernatural event.

(Rev 8:8 NKJV) Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

(Rev 8:9 NKJV) And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Sounds like some sort of supernatural meteor. Perhaps the massive tsunami would swamp 1/3 of the oceans ships.

(Rev 8:10 NKJV) Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. Here's another supernatural event.

(Rev 8:11 NKJV) The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made

bitter.

(Rev 8:12 NKJV) Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

(Rev 8:13 NKJV) And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

Now, these first 4 trumpet plagues must take place in fairly close proximity to each other. The reason is for the events of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal to fit within one year, they must. Notice further:

(Rev 9:1 NKJV) Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.

(Rev 9:2 NKJV) And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

(Rev 9:3 NKJV) Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

(Rev 9:4 NKJV) They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

(Rev 9:5 NKJV) And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

(Rev 9:6 NKJV) In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

(Rev 9:7 NKJV) The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

(Rev 9:10 NKJV) They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men **five months**.

(Rev 9:11 NKJV) And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

At this stage it appears that Satan has generated the events of the 5<sup>th</sup> seal. It could be describing biological weapons. Or it could literally be demons that look as John describes, hurting men supernaturally!

(Rev 9:12 NKJV) One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

(Rev 9:13 NKJV) Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

(Rev 9:14 NKJV) saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

(Rev 9:15 NKJV) So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

(Rev 9:16 NKJV) Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

(Rev 9:17 NKJV) And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came **fire, smoke, and brimstone**.

(Rev 9:18 NKJV) By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed; by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

(Rev 9:19 NKJV) For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

Is this is a description of a one-hour nuclear war coupled with devastating ground troops of 200,000,000 which will kill 1/3 of the earth's population? Possibly. However once again, if we read scripture as John describes, it could also be supernatural. We know the 4 angels of God are behind this and supernatural plagues seem to be the norm at this time! There are 3 plagues described. Are the 200 million horsemen angels on horses? Notice that the 3 plagues come out of the mouths of the horses! This doesn't sound like a nuclear strike.  
(speculation)

(Rev 9:20 NKJV) But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

(Rev 9:21 NKJV) And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Then we have the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet and Christ appears in clouds to gather the Saints back to heaven for the coronation ceremony, the Saints' inheritance of all things, the marriage of the Lamb, the wedding supper, and to move into our new homes - in the New Jerusalem!

But the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet is the 3<sup>rd</sup> woe! The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet is WHEN Christ returns to gather the Saints! But the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet consists of the final 7 bowl plagues to devastate the earth! This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> woe! Note that there is a time frame after the 7<sup>th</sup> trump for the 3<sup>rd</sup> woe to be poured out!

This is why Armageddon cannot be at the time of the 7<sup>th</sup> trump because

Armageddon cannot take place for several months as we are about to see!

#### **Revelation 15:6-8 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup>And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

<sup>7</sup>Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.

<sup>8</sup>The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

#### **Revelation 16:1-21 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup>Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, **"Go and pour out the <sup>6</sup>bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."**

<sup>2</sup>So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a **foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.**

<sup>3</sup>Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became **blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.**

<sup>4</sup>Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the **rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.**

<sup>5</sup>And I heard the **angel of the waters** saying: **"You are righteous, <sup>6</sup>O Lord, The One who is and who <sup>6</sup>was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things.**

<sup>6</sup>**For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. <sup>6</sup>For it is their just due."**

<sup>7</sup>And I heard <sup>6</sup>another from the altar saying, **"Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."**

<sup>8</sup>Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and **power was given to him to scorch men with fire.**

<sup>9</sup>**And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.**

<sup>10</sup>Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl **on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.**

<sup>11</sup>**They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.**

Notice this 5<sup>th</sup> plague is poured on the throne of the Beast only.

<sup>12</sup>Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

<sup>13</sup>And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

<sup>14</sup>For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings <sup>6</sup>of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

The world is aware of the imminent return of Christ to the earth with His armies (the saints!). Like Independence Day, they will be gathering in anticipation of defending the planet earth against a hostile alien invasion. It only makes sense because it has been a supernatural destruction of the earth to this point. And it must be an alien power doing so! There also are those that know it is God, and curse Him because of it.

<sup>16</sup>And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew,  
<sup>f</sup>Armageddon.

It seems that there must be a pause between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> bowls. If the 7<sup>th</sup> plague occurred before the armies had gathered, they would not be able to do so because of the events of the 7<sup>th</sup> bowl.

So it appears that the necessary time for the armies to gather precedes the actual pouring out of the 7<sup>th</sup> bowl. We will see why when we read:

<sup>17</sup>Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **"It is done!"**

<sup>18</sup>And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, **such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.**

<sup>19</sup>Now the great city was divided into three parts, and **the cities of the nations fell.** And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

<sup>20</sup>Then **every island fled away,** and the **mountains were not found.**

<sup>21</sup>**And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent.** Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

God will literally and figuratively completely crush and destroy man's system - which we know is the result of the influence and deception of Satan.

All of those armies still alive when Christ descends on the heels of this 7<sup>th</sup> bowl will be killed supernaturally by the plague that causes their tongues and eyes to melt (Zech. 14).

When Christ stands on the Mt. of Olives, the armies will be dead with blood running up to the horses' bridles for miles. The earth will be devastated - a burned out hulk. Most if not all structures will be leveled as a result of the hailstorm and/or the earthquake.

Then what?

Does remaining mankind start picking up the pieces?

Impossible. Pollution, cities destroyed, the earthquake and hail storm will have devastated the planet. Death, misery and destruction will be everywhere.

SPECULATE ON NEXT 10 DAYS

(Isa 43:5 NKJV) Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from

the east, And gather you from the west;

(Isa 43:6 NKJV) I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth;

(Isa 43:12 NKJV) I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses," Says the LORD, "that I am God.

(Isa 43:13 NKJV) Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; **I work, and who will reverse it?**"

(Isa 43:18 NKJV) "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.

(Isa 43:19 NKJV) **Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.**

(Isa 43:20 NKJV) The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, **Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen.**

How much longer do we have? The age-old question.

46 months from the 5<sup>th</sup> seal to Armageddon.

3½ years of peace preceding the 5<sup>th</sup> seal. This will undoubtedly be some sort of unified Jerusalem with the Jews sacrificing in a rebuilt temple alongside the Muslims worshipping in the Dome of the Rock.

A one-world government will likely be formed as the result of a worldwide economic collapse. How long will this take?

After the worldwide economic collapse, there will have to be a weakening and collapse of America to the point where a one-world government will be able to be possible.

This could happen very fast - in the next one to five years.

(Philip Shields: I agree, it could happen fast. But this is speculation of course, and the next paragraph.)

Even so, this is 8-12 more years at a minimum before Christ's return to this earth. However we very well could be 5-10 years away from the great tribulation. Which means we could be 2-6 years away from the one world government and the peace in Jerusalem that will amaze the world. This is just around the corner and will mark the beginning of prophecy unfolding right before our very eyes.

(Philip: again, possibly. But this is speculation. We must always be ready for things to move even more quickly- or take much longer - and still not lose heart or lose faith, regardless how long it takes.)

Time is short and we know this generation will not pass before these prophecies are all fulfilled. We can "feel" it right now. Our planet is under tremendous stress in all areas. Environmentally,

economically, and spiritually like never before in history. We are truly very close.

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion, are here commemorating the time of the greatest trouble in the world's history that will end this age. We know this will be in the not-to-distant future. We need to be sure we are awake and alert.

And as Christ admonishes through Luke: "pray always that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things ..."