***FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS***

***(The Division/Fall of Western Roman Empire/Dividing it into 10)***

***(Trumpet 1: The Goths)***

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**SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW!!!**

* These Trumpets are not Future as many of our people are teaching today
* We are in the sounding of the 7th Trumpet(not the last trump blown at Christ’s 2nd Coming, but the last Trumpet

 of the 7 mentioned in Revelation 8)

 “**THE LORD WISHES ALL TO UNDERSTAND HIS PROVIDENTIAL DEALINGS NOW**, **JUST NOW, IN THE TIME IN WHICH WE LIVE**. **THERE MUST BE NO**…**PRESENTING OF NEW THEORIES IN REGARD TO PROPHECIES THAT GOD HAS ALREADY MADE PLAIN…” {RH, NOVEMBER 27, 1900 PAR. 13}**

 “…**SOME WILL TAKE THE TRUTH APPLICABLE TO THEIR TIME, AND PLACE IT IN THE FUTURE**. **EVENTS IN THE TRAIN OF PROPHECY THAT HAD THEIR FULFILLMENT AWAY IN THE PAST ARE MADE FUTURE**, **AND THUS BY THESE THEORIES THE FAITH OF SOME IS UNDERMINED**.” {2SM 102.2}

 **FROM THE LIGHT THAT THE LORD HAS BEEN PLEASED TO GIVE ME, YOU ARE IN DANGER OF DOING THE SAME WORK, PRESENTING BEFORE OTHERS TRUTHS WHICH HAVE HAD THEIR PLACE AND DONE THEIR SPECIFIC WORK FOR THE TIME, IN THE HISTORY OF THE FAITH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**. **YOU RECOGNIZE THESE FACTS IN BIBLE HISTORY AS TRUE, BUT APPLY THEM TO THE FUTURE**. **They have their force still in their proper place, in the chain of events that have made us as a people what we are today, and as such**, **they are to be presented to those who are in the darkness of error**. **The true workers of Jesus Christ are to cooperate with their brethren who have had an experience in the work from the very rise of the third angel's message**…**YOU AND OTHER OF OUR BRETHREN MUST ACCEPT THE TRUTH AS GOD HAS GIVEN IT TO HIS STUDENTS OF PROPHECY, AS THEY HAVE BEEN LED BY GENUINE, LIVING EXPERIENCE, ADVANCING POINT BY POINT, TESTED, PROVED, AND TRIED, UNTIL THE TRUTH IS TO THEM A REALITY**. **FROM THEIR VOICES AND PENS THE TRUTH IN BRIGHT, WARM RAYS HAS GONE TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD**, **AND THAT WHICH WAS TO THEM TESTING TRUTH, AS BROUGHT BY THE LORD'S DELEGATED MESSENGERS, IS TESTING TRUTH TO ALL TO WHOM THIS MESSAGE IS PROCLAIMED**.” {2SM 102.3}

***SOP:***

 “**MANY WILL STAND IN OUR PULPITS WITH THE TORCH OF FALSE PROPHECY IN THEIR HANDS, KINDLED FROM THE HELLISH TORCH OF SATAN..." {TM 409.3}**

***THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS:***

**Revelation 8:**

* **Trumpets =** War; God saving His people from the enemy(Rome/Pagan and Papal)

Jeremiah 4:19

 Numbers 10:9

* **First Four Trumpets**(Revelation 8) = Barbaric tribes against Western Roman Empire, dividing it into 10
* **Last 3 Trumpets, contain woes**(Revelation 9) = Islam used as a Scourge against Papal Rome

 **“IN PROPHETICAL SCRIPTURE, THE SOUNDING OF TRUMPETS IS ALWAYS USED TO DENOTE THE DOWNFALL OF SOME EMPIRE, NATION, OR PLACE, OR SOME DREADFUL BATTLE, WHICH MAY DECIDE THE FATE OF EMPIRES,NATIONS, OR PLACES…” {1842 WiM, MWV2 115.3}**

 “**THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS DEAL WITH THE BREAKING UP OF WESTERN ROME; THE LAST THREE, WITH THE OVERTHROW OF EASTERN ROME.” {1919 SNH, BHB 120.1}**

 “**UNDER THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS THE TWO WESTERN DIVISIONS FELL, AND UNDER THE FIFTH AND SIXTH THE EASTERN EMPIRE WAS CRUSHED…”{1842 JoL, PREX2 133.1} (Read Also 🡪 pg. 132.3) *\*\*\*continue on next page\*\*\****

“…**THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS RELATES TO FOUR REMARKABLE EVENTS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE DOWNFALL OF THE** (Pagan) **ROMAN EMPIRE…” (DAR 481.1)**

 “…**UNDER THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS**, **THE TWO WESTERN DIVISIONS FELL…” (PREX2 133.1)**

 “**THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS MET THEIR FULFILLMENT IN THE WARS OF THE GOTHS, VANDALS, HUNS, ETC., WHICH DIVIDED WESTERN ROME INTO TEN PARTS OR KINGDOMS.” {1905 JNL, GSAM 128.1}**

**NOTE: GSAM =** Great Second Advent Movement  **(See Also 🡪 CW 145.2)**

 “**WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS MARK THE DOWNFALL OF THE WESTERN EMPIRE OF ROME, IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THEY MARK THE SETTING UP OF TEN KINGDOMS THAT REMAINED, and OUT OF THESE TEN KINGDOMS HAVE COME THE NATIONS WHICH DOMINATE THE HISTORY OF TO-DAY…”**

**{March 30, 1903 WWP, GCB 4.5}**

 ***A KEY THING TO KNOW:***

**"THE SOUNDING OF THE TRUMPETS MANIFESTLY DENOTES THE ORDER OF THE COMMENCEMENT, NOT THE PERIOD OF THE DURATION, OF THE WARS, OR EVENTS WHICH THEY REPRESENT…” {1901 ATJ, GNT 44.1}**

***THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPETS:***

**Revelation 8:6-7:**

**TRUMPET #1: GOTHS (Alaric) 🡪Alaric = 210 hits in the pioneer section … He was known as -> “the scourge of God”**

* **Native Seat =** Sweden (see 🡪 GEP 623.4)
* **2 Divisions of the Goths** (see 🡪 GEP 623.4)
1. (Visi) 🡪West

 Visi = 7 hits in pioneer section of the EG White CD Rom (See #’s 2,5,7)

1. (Ostro) 🡪 East

 Ostro = 8 hits in pioneer section of the EG White CD Rom

* The Goths (Ostro) invade Mysia(known as modern Turkey today), making it one of the 10 toes .

 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gothic\_War\_(376%E2%80%93382)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gothic_War_%28376%E2%80%93382%29)

 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mysia>

 **See 🡪** (1841 JoL, APEC 63.1}; {1838 JoL, PSC 79.2}; {1842 JoL, PREX1 81.5}; {ND JW, BIAD 79.3};

 {1855 JW, FUMP 7.3}; . {1865? JW, TTKGG 7.1}

* **The Goths**(Visi) **get a leader named Alaric**
* “Goths Alaric”@10 = 33 hits; See 🡪 hits #’s 2,10,11,13,14

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alaric_I>

* **Alaric was the leader of the Goths**(Visigoths) **from 395-410**
* “**In the year 395**, the Goths, with their renowned leader, Alaric...“came like the hail from the North**” (SSP 150.1)**
* “came from the frozen regions of the North**” (TBI 260.3)**
* “…It is further described as fire mingled with blood because the course of the invaders was marked by

 slaughter and conflagration**.” {1878 UrS, TBI 260.3}**

* **The Goths**, **under their king, Alaric**, **ravaged Greece**…” {1919, SBBS 444.3}
* “…Alaric in 402 **invaded Italy**, but was twice defeated (at Pollentia and Verona), and forced to retire by Stilicho. In 408, Stilicho being dead, **Alaric again invaded Italy**(with the Visigoths), **and swept all before him**…” {1919, SBBS 444.3}
* “**Rome was three times besieged**, **and the third time it was sacked and plundered** (410). Alaric died while engaged in the siege of Ravenna…” {1919, SBBS 444.3}
* **Alaric died during the siege in 410 A.D**. (PREX2 140.1)

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* “The Ostrogoths, who held possession of Rome(in the East(Constantinople and Eastern Turkey), were under an Arian monarch, who was an enemy to the supremacy of the bishop of Rome. Hence, before the decree of Justinian (the Greek emperor at Constantinople) could be carried into effect, by which he had constituted the bishop of Rome head of all the churches, the Ostrogoths must be plucked up. This conquest was effected by Justinian's army in the month of March, 538; at which time the **Ostrogoths**, **who had retired without the city**, **and besieged it in their turn**, raised the siege, and **retired, leaving the Greeks in possession of the city**. **Thus the third horn was plucked up before the papacy**, and **for the express purpose, too, of establishing that power**. See Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. {ND JW, BIAD 111.3}
* Theodoric, the son of Alaric, became king of the Visigoths and Ostrogoths (410-451)
* The facts answer well to the prophecy. Here is the letter of Justinian to the bishop of Rome, A.D. 533: {ND JW, BIAD 112.1}
* **The Ostrogoths were under a leader of the Arian faith**

 ***69. In A. D. 419, Wallia was succeeded by Theodoric, the son of Alaric, who had reigned thirty-two years when he was killed in the battle of Chalons, A. D. 451. He was succeeded by his eldest son Torismond, who was murdered in A. D 453 by his brother Theodorie II, who reigned till A. D. 466. "The design of extinguishing the Roman Empire in Spain and Gaul was conceived, and almost completed, in the reign of Euric, who assassinated his brother Theodoric [A. D. 466], and displayed, with a more savage temper, superior abilities, both in peace and war. He passed the Pyrenees at the head of a numerous army, subdued the cities of Saragossa and Pampeluna, vanquished in battle the martial nobles of the Tarragonese province, carried his victorious arms into the heart of Lusitania, and permitted the Suevi to hold the kingdom of Galicia under the Gothic monarchy of Spain. The efforts of Euric were not less vigorous or less successful in Gaul..." {1898 ATJ, GEP 643.1}***

 ***70. Later the Visigoths yielded to the Franks "the greatest part of their Gallic Possessions; but their loss was amply compensated by the easy conquest and secure enjoyment of the provinces of Spain. From the monarchy of the Goths, which soon involved the Suevic kingdom of Galicia, the modern Spaniards still derive some national vanity." 11 {1898 ATJ, GEP 643.2}***

 ***71. "In Spain the Goth supplies an important element in the modern nation. And that element has been neither forgotten nor despised. Part of the unconquered region of northern Spain, the land of Asturia, kept for a while the name of Gothia, as did the Gothic possessions in Gaul and Crim. THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE who played so great a part in all southern Europe, and who actually ruled over so large a part of it, HAS NOW WHOLLY PASSED AWAY; but it is in Spain that its historical impress is to be looked for." 12 {1898 ATJ, GEP 643.3}***

 ***THE FIRST CONQUEROR OF ROME, ALARIC, AND THE FIRST CONQUEROR OF AFRICA, GENSERIC, WERE ARIANS. THEODORIC, THE GREAT KING OF ITALY, AND HERO OF THE 'NIBELUNGEN LIED,' WAS AN ARIAN..." {1897 UrS, DAR 147.1}***

 ***“THE BARBARIANS IN 476 LEFT ROME IN A DIVIDED STATE. THE TEN TRIBES, NAMELY, THE OSTROGOTHS, THE LOMBARDS, THE HERULI, THE VANDALS, THE VISIGOTHS, THE SUEVI, THE SAXONS, THE HUNS, THE BURGUNDIANS, AND THE FRANKS, WERE BY THAT TIME, OR A FEW YEARS LATER, SETTLED WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THE WESTERN EMPIRE. TRUE, THE VANDALS, HERULI, AND OSTROGOTHS WERE OF SHORT DURATION, HAVING BEEN, BEFORE THE YEAR 538, "PLUCKED UP" TO MAKE WAY FOR THE ENTHRONING OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL POWER, according to the prophetic history of Dan. 7:8...” (SSP 192.1)***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE GOTHS AND THE 1st TRUMPET, READ THE FOLLOWING:**

* SSP 150-151
* PREX2 132.3-142.2
* BHB 120.5
* SSTR 1.1-11.1
* GEP 643.1
* DAR 477.5