

# *The Fall Holy Days: The Feast of Trumpets*



## Scriptures

- **Leviticus 23:23-24**

Again the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘In the seventh month on the first of the month you shall have a rest, a reminder by blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall not do any laborious work, but you shall present an offering by fire to the Lord.

- **Revelation 1:10**

I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet.

- **Revelation 4:1**

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.”

- **Revelation 8:6**

And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.

- **Revelation 11:15**

Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”

- **I Cor. 15:51-52**

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet, for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised...

- **I Thess. 4:16-17**

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

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## **Other Scriptures**

- Exodus 19
- Rev. 1:10
- Rev. 4:1
- Matthew 25:1-13
- I Cor. 10:11

## **Main Points**

- Spring Holy Days:
  - Represents the ministry of Jesus' first coming.
- Fall Holy Days:
  - Shadows of Jesus' return and the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Yom Teruah—Hebrew for the Feast of Trumpets
- The Feast of Trumpets is also known as Rosh Hashanah.
  - The birthday of humanity—
  - Shanah Tovah—Hebrew for “Good Year!”
- In Exodus 19, the shofar blew to announce the presence of God.
- The blowing of the shofar is a reminder that God's glory is about to be revealed.
- God wants us to live our lives with a conscious expectation of Jesus' return.
- Jesus wants our lifestyle to reflect our expectation of His return.
- Blowing the shofar wakes us up to the fact that we are going to face God and that we need to repent.
- The next holy day is Yom Kippur—the Day of Atonement, holy day of repentance.
- There are 10 days between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement.
- These 10 days are called the “Days of Awe”.
- The 10 “Days of Awe” are designed to be a season of conscious repentance in our lives.
- Day of Atonement 2015: Sundown September 22-Sundown September 23.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Just like the Israelites heard the trumpet and then the voice of God speaking as He revealed His glory to them, so are we waiting to hear the trumpet of God as He calls us to Himself in the final days of human history. Are you ready and anticipating that trumpet? What would need to change in order for you to be ready?

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2. Do you have an expectation of Jesus' return in your lifetime? What did Jesus' parable of the ten virgins tell us? Does your lifestyle reflect that expectation? What are some areas that still need some changing?
  
3. The Feast of Trumpets is a spiritual tune up—a reminder that we are to be looking for His return and expecting it. This feast is for the church as well as for the Jewish believer. How will you celebrate it this year?
  
4. The Feast of Trumpets to Yom Kippur is called the “Days of Awe”. How does knowledge that He is soon to return and we are soon to meet Him cause us to spend those days reflecting, repenting, and making changes in order to be ready for His return? Your pure heart before God can move God's heart.  
Jot down 1 or 2 things now that God is moving you to change.