

Trumpets 2026

The Feast of Trumpets

Lev 23:23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Lev 23:24 "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.

Lev 23:25 You shall do no customary work *on it*; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.' "

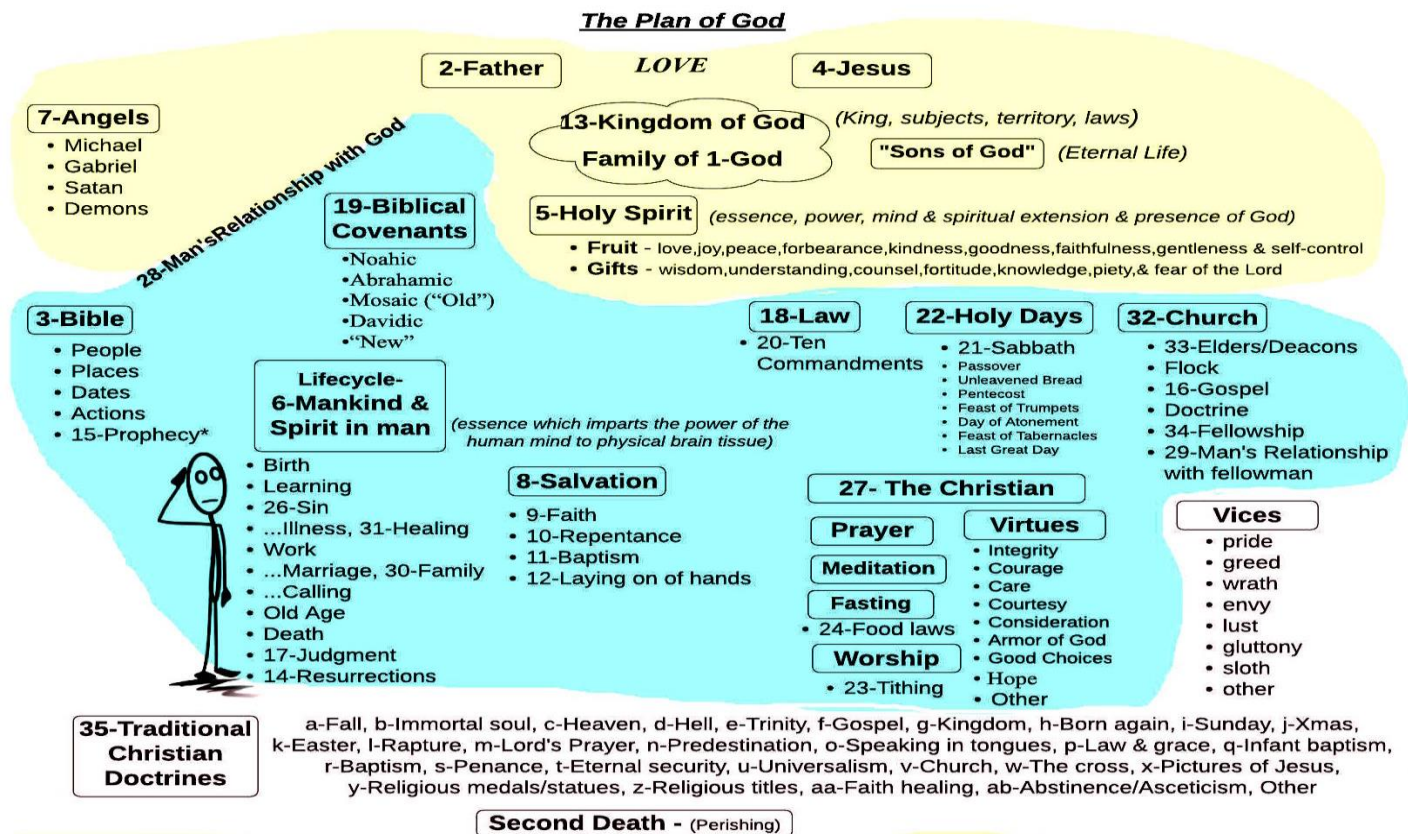
There is not much “content” there -- to explain the purpose for this Holy day ...

From our CGI Home Bible Course #12... we list the Church of God understanding ...

Doctrinal Statement: This festival represents the **preaching of the gospel** to the world by God’s faithful watchmen who have the responsibility of arousing the people from their spiritual slumber (Ezekiel 33:1–16).

The Day of Trumpets also symbolizes *both* the **resurrection** of all who died in Christ and the **change** of all who are alive in Christ. This stunning event—the achievement of eternal life for **a multitude** through birth into the Family of God— will occur simultaneously with the return of Jesus Christ at the last trump. “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed” (1 Corinthians 15:52).

The **vast majority** of those who hear God’s warning message in these end times, just prior to the return of Jesus Christ, **do not take it seriously enough** to act upon it.



Time: (Past - History - Creation, 25-Hebrew Calendar ... Present - (World events) ... (Future - 15-Prophecy*) ... Eternity ...)

In the OT... Trumpets were used:

- **to announce events of significance**

Lev 25:9 Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.

- **to assemble Israel**

Num 10:2 "Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps.

- **to obtain God's help against an enemy**

Num 10:9 "When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.

- **to call God's attention to an offering**

Num 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the LORD your God."

- **to announce the presence of God**

2Sam 6:15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.



Ancient Trumpets



- **to warn of war and danger**

Jer 4:19 O my soul, my soul! I am pained in my very heart! My heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, Because you have heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, The alarm of war.

- **to play music**

2Chr 5:13-14 indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His

mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

In the NT... we find trumpets mentioned:



- in connection with the return of Christ and the gathering of God's elect

Mat 24:30-31 and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 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.

- with the resurrection from the dead

1Cor 15:52 ... in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, & the dead will be raised incorruptible, & we shall be changed

1Thes 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, & with the trumpet of God. & the dead in Christ will rise first

- with signals

1Cor 14:8 For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?

- with significant announcements & events

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet

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



The Hebrew statement, “a memorial of blowing of trumpets,” can also be understood as “a memorial of **triumph**,” or “**shouting for joy**”



The use of the ram's horn on the Feast of Trumpets is the reason this feast day is so unique. While this day is to be a joyous feast day, the blast of the ram's horn, which is a warning of war, adds the **contrasting note of solemnity**.

GOD'S Holy Days

Steps in God's Plan of Salvation

"The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts" (Leviticus 23:2)



1 The Passover Why Jesus Christ Had to Die

The Passover teaches us that Jesus Christ was sinless and, as the true Lamb of God, gave His life so that the sins of humanity could be forgiven and the death penalty removed (1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18-20; Romans 3:25). Passover, although not observed as a Holy Day, is the first festival of the year.



2 The Feast of Unleavened Bread Replacing Sin With The Bread of Life

The Feast of Unleavened Bread teaches us that we have been called to reject lawlessness and repent of sin. We are to live by every word of God and according to the teachings of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 5:8; Matthew 4:4). During this festival, leaven symbolizes sin and, as such, is removed from our homes for the seven days of the festival (1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Exodus 12:19). By eating unleavened bread we picture living a life of sincerity and truth, free from sin.



3 The Feast of Pentecost The First Fruits of God's Harvest

The Feast of Pentecost, or firstfruits, teaches us that Jesus Christ came to build His Church. This festival pictures the coming of the Holy Spirit and the establishment of the Church. The firstfruits are those who will be given salvation at the return of Christ. They have been empowered with the Holy Spirit, which creates in each one a new heart and nature to live by the commandments of God (Exodus 23:16; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:37-39; Acts 5:32; James 1:18).



4 The Feast Of Trumpets A Turning Point in History

The Feast of Trumpets teaches us that Jesus Christ will visibly return to the earth at the end of this age. At that time He will resurrect the saints who are no longer living and instantly change those saints who are still alive to immortal spirit beings (Matthew 24:31; 1 Corinthians 15:52-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17). This festival commemorates the blowing of the trumpets that will precede His return. Seven angels with seven trumpets are described in Revelation 8-10. Christ will return with the blowing of the seventh trumpet (Revelation 11:15).



5 The Day of Atonement Removal of Sin's Cause

This Holy Day pictures our High Priest, Jesus Christ, making atonement for the sins of all mankind, which allows us to be reconciled to God and enter into the "holiest of all" (Leviticus 16:29-30; Leviticus 16:20-22; Hebrews 9:8-14; Hebrews 10:19-20). It also points to the time when Satan will be bound for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:1-3). By fasting on this day, we draw closer to God and picture the reconciliation of mankind to God. Christ is essential in this process as our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-15; Hebrews 5:4-5; Hebrews 5:10) and as our eternal sacrifice for sin (Hebrews 9:26-28).



6 The Feast of Tabernacles Jesus Christ Reigns Over Earth

The Feast of Tabernacles teaches us that when Jesus Christ returns, a new society will be established with Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Christ, assisted by the resurrected saints, will set up His government on the earth for 1,000 years (Revelation 19:11-16; Revelation 20:4; Leviticus 23:39-43; Matthew 17:1-4; Hebrews 11:8-9). Rule under His laws will spread from Jerusalem throughout the world to usher in an unprecedented period of peace and prosperity (Isaiah 2:2-4; Daniel 2:35; Daniel 2:44; Daniel 7:13-14).



7 The Eighth Day Salvation Extended to All of Humanity

The Eighth Day teaches us that Jesus Christ will complete His harvest of humans by raising from the dead and extending salvation to all human beings who have died in the past and have never been given a full opportunity for salvation (Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 11:25-27; Luke 11:31-32; Revelation 20:11-13).

Events At Seventh Trumpet

- ## Events After Seventh Trumpet

- The Great Tribulation = 3.5 years**



- ## 7 Trumpets (the "Day of the Lord")

- ## 7 Last Plaques (the 7th Trumpet)

1. Sores on beast worshippers (Revelation 16:2)
2. Oceans become blood (16:3)
3. Rivers and fresh water become blood (16:4)
4. The sun scorches the earth (16:8)
5. Thick darkness in the beast kingdom (16:10)
6. Euphrates River dried up (16:12)
7. Massive final destruction (16:17-21)

A “BIG-PICTURE” SUMMARY - World Conditions when Feast of Trumpets is Fulfilled

Category	Conditions associated with Christ's return
Faith	Faith becomes increasingly rare — Luke 18:8
Apostasy	Falling away — 2 Thessalonians 2:3
Morality	Severe moral corruption — 2 Timothy 3:1–5
Lawlessness	Increasing — Matthew 24:12
Love	Many people's love grows cold — Matthew 24:12
Deception	Extensive — Matthew 24:4–5, 24
False religion	False prophets/teachers — Matthew 24:11; 2 Peter 2:1
Wars	Nations and kingdoms fighting — Matthew 24:6–7
Famine	Food shortages — Matthew 24:7
Disease	Pestilences — Luke 21:11
Earthquakes	Major earthquakes — Matthew 24:7
Violence	“Days of Noah” conditions — Genesis 6:11; Matthew 24:37
Materialism	Eating, drinking, buying, selling, building - Matt 24:38–39; Luke 17:28
Persecution	Believers hated and killed — Matthew 24:9
Betrayal	People betray one another — Matthew 24:10
Gospel	Preached throughout the world — Matthew 24:14
Tribulation	Unprecedented distress — Matthew 24:21–22
Fear	Hearts failing from fear — Luke 21:26
International distress	Nations in perplexity — Luke 21:25
Cosmic signs	Sun, moon and stars affected — Matthew 24:29
Jerusalem	Central to final conflict — Zechariah 14:2; Luke 21:20
Political rebellion	Nations gather against Christ — Revelation 19:19
Economic control	Buying/selling restricted — Revelation 13:16–17
Counterfeit miracles	Signs and lying wonders — 2 Thessalonians 2:9
Truth	Many reject it — 2 Thessalonians 2:10–12
Repentance	Many refuse to repent — Revelation 9:20–21
Faithful saints	Some endure faithfully — Matthew 24:13; Revelation 14:12
Christ's return	Visible and glorious — Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7
Resurrection	Dead in Christ rise — 1 Thessalonians 4:16
Transformation	Mortal believers become immortal — 1 Corinthians 15:51–53
Judgment	Evil powers destroyed — 2 Thessalonians 2:8
Kingdom	Christ reigns as King — Revelation 19:16

Conditions surrounding Christ's return are a great collision of opposites

Darkness ↔ Light
Deception ↔ Truth
Apostasy ↔ Faithfulness
Lawlessness ↔ Righteousness
Human government ↔ God's Kingdom
Antichrist ↔ Christ
Tribulation ↔ Deliverance
Death ↔ Resurrection
Corruption ↔ Incorruption
Human rebellion ↔ Christ's victory



And perhaps the most important warning Jesus gives is that ...

the signs are intended to produce readiness, not speculation:

“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

— Matt 24:44

This makes the biblical end-time study ultimately less about “**Can I identify the exact date?**” and more about “**What kind of person should I be when He comes?**”

— compare Matthew 24:45–51; Luke 21:34–36; 2 Peter 3:11–14.

Dangers!

- Some servants will become **spiritually careless** - Jesus warns:

“But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming’ **Matt 24:48**

This produces a dangerous progression:

delay → complacency → compromise → abuse of others → judgment

- A false sense of peace and security

1 Thes 5:3- “For when they say, ‘Peace & safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them...”

This suggests that the final period may include attempts to establish or maintain peace, stability, and security, even though the underlying situation is approaching judgment.

- Even among professing Christians there will be **different levels of readiness**

Jesus' parable of the ten virgins is especially striking. Five are: “wise” and five are: “foolish.”

Matthew 25:2 - All 10 are waiting for the bridegroom - All 10 have lamps All 10 become sleepy ... But only five are prepared. This suggests that **professing to be waiting** for Christ is not the same thing as **actually being prepared** for Christ.

The Church needs endurance!

Jesus says: But he who endures to the end shall be saved (Matt 24:13)

The final period therefore requires:

• **endurance** • **patience** • **faith** • **obedience** • **perseverance**

Christians should not interpret end-time events *merely* through fear...

Jesus does not say: When these things happen, *panic*!

He says: **look up and lift up your heads** - Luke 21:28

Our Christian posture toward Christ's return is **hopeful**

When Jesus returns ... the world will be characterized by increasing **deception, lawlessness, moral corruption, conflict, distress, materialism, religious confusion, persecution & rebellion**—while God's people are called to increasing **faith, holiness, discernment, endurance, love, witness & hope**.

The Central “Nearness” Principle

One passage summarizes the attitude believers should have:

Rom 13:11–12 “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.”

“The night is far spent, the day is at hand.”

And James says:

James 5:8–9 Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

Peter likewise says:

1 Peter 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious & watchful in your prayers

The biblical emphasis is therefore:

PROPHECY → AWARENESS → WATCHFULNESS → HOLINESS → MISSION → HOPE

The trumpet calls people to repentance

Joel 2:1 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...

Then:

Joel 2:12–13 Now, therefore,” says the LORD, “Turn to Me with all your heart...

Lesson: The trumpet is **not merely** announcing catastrophe. It is a **call to turn back to God**.

TRUMPET + WATCHMAN RESPONSIBILITY

The Feast isn't merely about what *God will do*.

It also raises the question:

What should God's people do?

Ezekiel 33:7 “I have made you a watchman...”

The watchman must warn.

New Testament application

Mat 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you

Christ's disciples are commissioned to teach others.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season

1 Peter 3:15 Be ready to give an answer concerning your hope.



The Feast of Trumpets in One Biblical Flow

Trumpet Theme	Biblical Meaning
Memorial	Remember God's appointed purpose
Signal	God gets humanity's attention
Alarm	Warning of danger
Warning	Opportunity to respond
Repentance	Turn back to God
Day of the LORD	God's intervention
Return of Christ	Jesus comes in power
Last Trumpet	Resurrection
Gathering	God's elect are gathered
Judgment	God judges humanity
Reward	Faithful servants are rewarded
Victory	Evil will ultimately be defeated
Kingdom	Christ assumes universal rule
Reign	God's government replaces human rule
Hope	God's purpose is moving toward fulfillment

So the Feast of Trumpet's practical message can be summarized:

HEAR

God's warning.

RESPOND

With repentance.

WATCH

For Christ.

ENDURE

Faithfully.

PROCLAIM

The gospel.

BE READY

For the King.

REJOICE

When God's Kingdom comes.



The central message Put into one sentence:

The Feast of Trumpets calls God's people to wake up, recognize God's coming intervention, repent & prepare, look for the return of Jesus Christ, anticipate the resurrection & gathering of His people, & ultimately rejoice in the establishment of God's Kingdom.

GUIDED DISCUSSION: THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS



OPENER Q: What are some things you know about the Feast of Trumpets, both in the Old and New Testaments?

A: Memorial of blowing of trumpets; different trumpets for different reasons in Israel; the trumpets announcing the Day of the Lord and the Return of Christ; the first resurrection happens on the seventh trump; Jewish people call it Rosh Hashanah and say it is their new year, because it's the day the Jewish people use to calculate some other days during the year

Discussion Question 1: Why do you think most professing Christians don't keep the Feast of Trumpets?

A: They think it is only for Jewish people, they believe in going to heaven and not the resurrection, and many people don't believe Jesus Christ is coming back or that He even needs to.

Discussion Question 2: What is really encouraging about the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets?

A: Jesus Christ will make things right; people will no longer be allowed to do terrible things to one another; a second exodus will occur where descendants of God's people will come back after being in captivity; the Kingdom of God & Millennium will begin; etc.

Discussion Question 3: Why does the world we live in need Christ to return?

A: Ignorance or anger toward God's beneficial and righteous way of life; war, diseases, starvation, poverty, racism, the strong taking advantage of the weak, the rich not caring for the poor, unwise and selfish leadership, etc.

Hypothetical 1: What would you think or say if you heard this: "My relative is in heaven, not waiting for a resurrection or a trumpet."

A: The Bible consistently describes a resurrection of the dead, not going to heaven, when someone dies. Why would Revelation keep saying that Christ is coming quickly if He doesn't need to come back, if everyone is going to heaven anyway?

Hypothetical 2: What would you say if you were asked, "Isn't Rosh Hashanah a Jewish festival?"

A: The Jewish people do not celebrate the Christian fulfillment of the holy day, which is the return of Jesus Christ & the first resurrection.

CLOSER Q: The Bible says many people will try to attack Jesus Christ when He returns. Why would they do that?

A: They are institutionalized by Satan's world and deceived into thinking Christ is there to harm them or take away their freedoms; they're scared and confused by what the other trumpets and seals did to the earth; they don't want to be told how to live or what to do.

SCRIPTURES FOR MORE STUDY OR REFERENCE

Lev 23; 2Pet 3:4; Rev 11:15-19; Rev 21:4; 1Cor 15:12-19; Rev 11:15; 1Cor 15:52