

I. Overview

- A. After God brought His people out of Egypt and through the Red Sea, He brought them to Himself at Mt. Sinai. You can find this story starting in Exodus 19. Once He gathered the people, He started an eleven month training and instructional period where God personally taught the people how to live and carry themselves as His special people to the nations. The rest of the book of Exodus, all of Leviticus, and the first part of the book of Numbers takes place during this eleven month time period.
1. Replication of His Tabernacle
 2. Assigning and Implementing the Priesthood
 3. Giving of the Law (Ten Commandments)
 4. Giving of the Feast Days - God appointed seven holy feast days calling them "His Feasts"
- B. Yom Teruah - Feast 5 of 7 is the Feast of Trumpets. Yom Teruah is literally translated as, "The Day of the Blast or Shout". This feast is the first of the fall feasts and falls on the first day of the seventh month of the year. Its modern name has become "Rosh Hashanah" which means "The head of the Year". (Lev. 23:23-25; Num. 10:1-10; 29:1-6) This year, Yom Teruah was September 11th.
- C. Observance - God commanded two silver trumpets to be fashioned and blown by the Priests when the first sliver of the new moon was sighted in the night sky. Because it is the only feast that begins on a New Moon, no one could legally start the festival until two witnesses physically spotted the first sliver of the moon and reported it to the Sanhedrin. Then the trumpets would be blown signifying that the feast of trumpets had come.
1. Mysterious - Compared to the other biblical feasts, it stands out as remarkably brief and sparse. Torah basically just says: Stay home, don't work, gather together, blow a trumpet, and shout. Rabbis refer to this day as the "day of hidden meaning". In fact, since the day itself took place only when the new moon was sighted, the phrase, "no one knows the day or the hour" became a common Jewish idiom pointing to the uncertain timing of the feast of trumpets. (Matt. 24:36-37)

II. Christian Interpretation

A. Future Meaning - While traditional Judaism focuses on the Feast of Trumpets as a time of creation, judgment, and looking backward to past covenants, the Christian church universally agrees that we should view this feast as almost entirely future, interpreting the feast as a prophetic blueprint for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. In Christian theology, the seven feasts of Leviticus are not just historical events; they are viewed as a chronological shadow or timeline of the life, ministry, redemptive work, and return of Jesus.

1. Exact Fulfillments - It should not be lost on anyone that the spring feasts were fulfilled to the exact day during Christ's first coming. Jesus was crucified on Passover as the sacrificial lamb, buried during unleavened bread, raised from the dead on Firstfruits, and sent the Holy Spirit 50 days later on Pentecost. For the most part, the fall feasts remain unfulfilled historically. Consequently, the Feast of Trumpets is viewed as the next major chronological event on God's prophetic calendar, marking the end of the current age and the transition to the restoration of all things under the earthly rule and reign of King Jesus.

2. Biblical Hope - It must be pointed out that hope for the Christian according to the scriptures is not going to heaven upon our death. Though it is true that upon our death the scriptures are clear that our disembodied soul goes to be with the Lord in heaven, the scriptural hope of the believer is the return of our Lord and the establishment of His kingdom on earth, which will be initiated with a trumpet blast and shout. (Titus 2:11-14; 1 Cor. 1:4-8; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Tim. 4:8; 2 Pet. 3:13-14; Acts 24:15; Mat. 16:26-27, 25:31-34)

B. Clear Transitional Marker - Every single reference or teaching in our bible that speaks of the moment of transition from this age to the hope of the

age to come speaks of a worldwide blast of a trumpet and corresponding shout from heaven as the long anticipated moment creation is longing for.

C. **Foreshadowings** - There are multiple historical prophetic events that were foreshadowing of the great day of the shout and the blast (turah) that will mark the day of humanity's hope, signaling the coming of the King.

1. Sinai Gathering - God instructed Moses to gather all the people to the foot of the mountain and told them he was going to come down and meet with them and betrothe them to himself. His arrival was marked by a trumpet blast that grew in loudness, calling the people together, and causing the mountain to quake and the people to tremble. This was God's first appearance to all His people. (Exodus 19:16-20)
2. Fall of Jericho - The final and most wicked city the Israelites needed to conquer to take the promised land was Jericho. It was known as the impenetrable city. God instructed the people to march around it seven times and on the final or seventh trumpet blast, God's people were instructed to shout! When they shouted the walls fell flat and wickedness was defeated and the promised land was theirs to inhabit. (Josh. 6:15-21)
3. Battle of Gideon - God instructed Gideon in a dream to come to his enemies at night with 300 men and surround the great undefeatable army of the Midionites. They were then to sound a great trumpet blast and shout and light their lanterns so that light would break through the dark night with a trumpet blast and shout. God then caused the entire Midionite army to attack themselves and so He, the Lord Himself, defeated them with a blast and shout. (Josh. 7:13-22)

D. Literal Prophetic Future Event - The coming hope of creation and all humanity will be signified by a blast of the trumpet of God and the shout of all heaven and earth. This feast of God was given to us by Him to cause us to have a true and literal hope that stirs the soul and causes joy and anticipation as we remind ourselves, creation, and all of heaven and hell, that there is a day of the blast and shout coming for us all. This feast and this truth needs to be established in all believers worldwide to shape their hope and worldview to one that aligns with the promises and plans of God spoken throughout the ages.

*Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet. He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. SELAH **God has gone up with a shout, The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.** Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Ps. 47:1-6)*

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, **and with the trumpet of God.** And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thes. 4:16-17)

*Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall 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 incorruptible,** and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

*“Immediately after the tribulation 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. “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. “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. (Mat. 24:29-31)*

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet (last angel last trumpet), and there were loud shouts in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. (Rev. 11:15-17)