

Feast of Trumpets 2023

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 (~H2146 - a record) of blowing of *trumpets (*H8643 - teruah-shouting for joy, clamour), a holy convocation.



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

In the Church of God understanding of Scripture ... This festival represents "2 things":

1) 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).

Eze 33:1 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

Eze 33:2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their **watchman**,

Eze 33:3 when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he **blows the trumpet** and warns the people,

Eze 33:4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head.

Eze 33:5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life.

Eze 33:6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does **not blow the trumpet**, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'

Eze 33:7 "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.

Eze 33:8 When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' & you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.

Eze 33:9 Nevertheless **if you warn** the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

Eze 33:10 "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?" '

Eze 33:11 Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked **turn from his way** and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! **For why should you die, O house of Israel?**'

Eze 33:12 "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: 'The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he **turns** from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.'

Eze 33:13 When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die.

Eze 33:14 Again, when I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right,

Eze 33:15 if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

Eze 33:16 None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live.



2) 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 millions 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, & the dead shall be raised incorruptible, & we shall be changed” (1 Cor 15:52).



1Th 4:16-17 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.

Zec_14:4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives (& split in 2!)

In the Bible... trumpets were blown for **various reasons**:

1. **Holy Days:** Lev23:24, blowing of trumpets is commanded on the Feast of Trumpets

2. **A Prophetic Regathering:**

Isa 27:13 So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown; They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, And shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

3. **Signalling for Battle:** Josh 6, the Israelites marched around the city walls for seven days

4. **Proclaiming the Jubilee Year:** Lev 25:8-13, which occurred every 50 years.

5. **Calling for Repentance:** Joel 2:1, a trumpet calls the people to repent & return to God

6. **Coronation and Anointing:** 2 Sam 2:4 - David ... & 1 Kings 1:39-40 - Solomon

7. **Special Occasions:** Neh 12:35-41 - such as the dedication of the rebuilt walls of Jerusalem or **Announcing the Ark of the Covenant:** 2 Sam 6:15 as they brought the Ark into Jerusalem or **Inaugurating the Temple:** 2 Chron 5:12-13, when the Ark was brought into the new temple

8. **Trumpets in Worship:** Psalm 98:6, use Trumpets to make a joyful noise before God

9. **Announcement:** Num 10:1-3, to announce the arrival of important messages

10. **Defeating Enemies:** Judges 7, Gideon's army used trumpets to confuse the Midianites

11. **Revealing God's Presence:** Ex 19:16-20, At Mount Sinai, a trumpet before the 10 C

12. **Warning of Impending Danger:** Jer 4:19, a warning of disaster

13. **Summoning Leaders & Officials:** Num 10:4 called the leaders of the tribes to gather

14. **New Moon Celebrations:** Psalm 81:3, as part of the worship practices

15. **Heavenly Trumpets in Revelation:** Rev 8-11, as part of apocalyptic events (God's Judgements) ... Leading to the 7th Trump, Christ's Return!

Timeline of End Time Events

Chapter Outline of the Book of Revelation

Chapter	Story Flow	Insets
1	Introduction	
2-3	Prelude—setting	Message to the 7 churches
4-5	First 6 seals	
6	144,000 & great multitude	
7	7th seal: The trumpet plagues	
8-10	The two witnesses	
11	The seven last plagues	
12	The return of Jesus Christ	The true Church
13	The Millennium	The two beasts
14		The three messages
15-16		
17-18		The false church
19		
20		
21-22		The new heaven and new earth

God's people raised
 Romans 6:5, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, Matthew 24:31,
 1 Corinthians 15:52, Revelation 20:6

**Christ seen
in the clouds**
 1 Thessalonians 4:17,
 Matthew 24:30, 26:64,
 Mark 13:26, 14:62,
 Revelation 1:7, 19:11

**Jesus stands on
the Mount of Olives**
 Zechariah 14:4



7 SEALS

The "Day of the Lord" = 1 year

7 TRUMPETS (7th seal)



7 LAST PLAGUES (7th trumpet)



Satan is bound

John 12:31, Revelation 20:2-7

1,000 YEAR REIGN OF JESUS CHRIST BEGINS

Revelation 20:2-7

7 Seals

1. Religious deception (Revelation 6:1-2; Matthew 24:4-5)
2. War (Revelation 6:3-4; Matthew 24:6-7)
3. Famine (Revelation 6:5-6; Matthew 24:7)
4. Disease epidemics (Revelation 6:7-8; Matthew 24:7)
5. Tribulation (Revelation 6:9-11; Matthew 24:8-12, 21-22)
6. Heavenly signs (Revelation 6:12-17; Matthew 24:29)
7. Seven trumpets (the "Day of the Lord")

7 Trumpets (the "Day of the Lord")

1. Destruction of vegetation (Revelation 8:7)
2. Devastation of oceans, sea life (8:8-9)
3. Devastation of rivers, fresh water (8:10-11)
4. Sun, moon and stars darkened (8:12)
5. Torturous human afflictions (9:1-12)
6. Enormous military destruction (9:13-19)
7. Seven last plagues (15:1; 16:1-21)

7 Last Plagues (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)

The Great Tribulation = 3.5 years

2 Puzzling Scriptures!?!

Amo 5:18 **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.

Neh 8:2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month.

Neh 8:3 Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

Neh 8:4 So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose; and beside him, at his right hand, stood ... (*people*)

Neh 8:5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

Neh 8:6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. Then all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

Neh 8:7 Also... (*people*) and the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law; and the people stood in their place.

Neh 8:8 So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading.

Neh 8:9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "**This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep.**" For **ALL** the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

Neh 8:10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for **this day is holy to our Lord.** Do not sorrow, for **the joy of the LORD is your *strength** ." (*H4581 - defence, refuge)

Neh 8:11 So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved."

Neh 8:12 And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and **rejoice greatly**, because **they understood** the words that were declared to them.

Signs that Announce the Day of the Lord

"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 heaven will be shaken."
Matt 24:29

Isaiah 13:9-11
Joel 2:10, 30-31
Matthew 24:29-31
Mark 13:24-27
Luke 21:25-28
Revelation 6:12-14



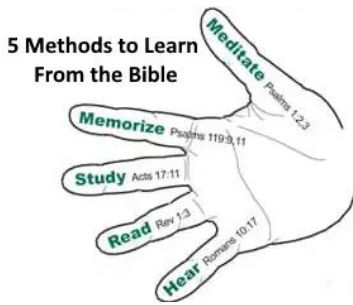
Day of the Lord

Isaiah 13:9-11
Jeremiah 46:10
Ezekiel 30:3-4
Joel 3:12-14
Amos 5:18-20
Zephaniah 1:14-18
Revelation 6:15-17

|----1 year-----|

The Great Tribulation - Heavenly signs - Day of the Lord

3 ½ years



Rev 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

The Seven Trumpets

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

Rev 8:7 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.

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

Rev 8:10 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.

Rev 8:11 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 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 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!"

Rev 9:1 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 9:8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.

Rev 9:9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.

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

Rev 9:11 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.

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

Rev 9:13 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 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

Rev 9:15 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 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

Rev 9:17 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 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 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; & with them they do harm.

Rev 9:20 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 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.



The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath

Rev 16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

Rev 16:2 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.

Rev 16:3 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.

Rev 16:4 Then the **third** angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

Rev 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are **righteous**, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have **judged** these things.

Rev 16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is **their just due.**"

Rev 16:7 And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, **true** and righteous are Your judgments."

Rev 16:8 Then the **fourth** angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

Rev 16:9 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.

Rev 16:10 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.

Rev 16:11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

Rev 16:12 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.

Rev 16:13 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.

Rev 16:14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Rev 16:15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

Rev 16:16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

Rev 16:17 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!**"

Rev 16:18 And there were noises & thunderings & lightnings; & there was a **great earthquake**, such a mighty & **great earthquake** as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

Rev 16:19 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.

Rev 16:20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Rev 16:21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a **talent** (55 to 113 pounds!). Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.



The Rider on a White Horse

Rev 19:11 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 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 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, & His name is called The Word of God.

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

Rev 19:15 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 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS & LORD OF LORDS.

With this return of Jesus & His Saints resurrected as spirit beings in the Family of God ... **the next Holy days** in God's Plan can be fulfilled!

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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 12:15). 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 (Leviticus 23:10; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:37-39; Acts 5:30; 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 24:21; 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 8-18. 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 "rest 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 by God. Christ is essential in this process as our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-15; Hebrews 5:1-3; Hebrews 5:10) and as our eternal sacrifice for sin (Hebrews 8:25-28).



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 18:17-18; 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 other in an unprecedented period of peace and prosperity (Isaiah 2:2-4; Daniel 2:35; Daniel 7:14; 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 admitting 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 11:29-32; Revelation 20:11-13).