

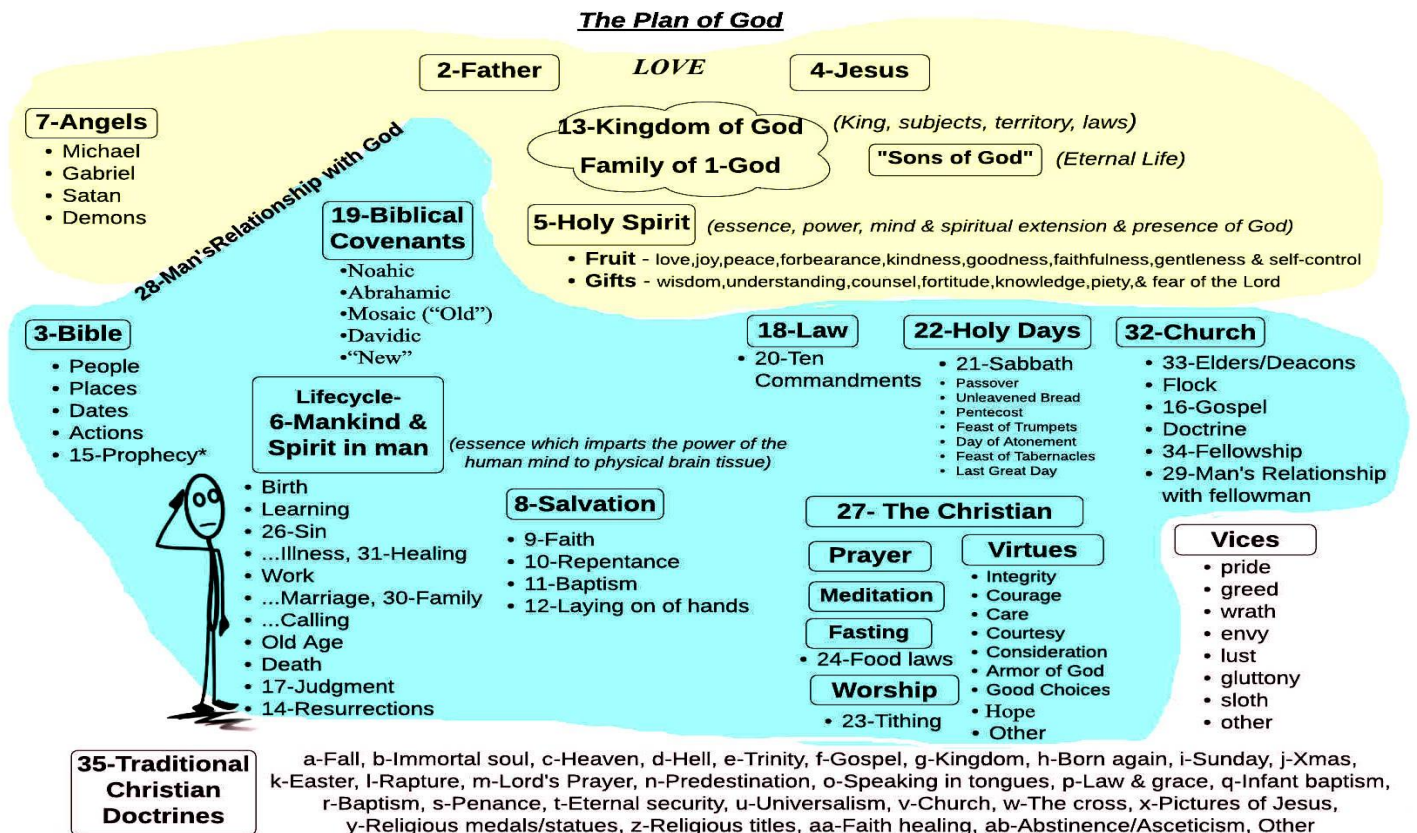
Mine Eyes Have seen the Glory...

The Feast of Trumpets

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

8 Scriptural Reasons for Blowing Trumpets

- Gather God's people** - Num 10:2-3 Make two silver trumpets for yourself... When they blow... all the congregation shall gather before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.
- Signal movement or action** - Num 10:5-6 When you sound the advance... the camps ... shall begin their journey.
- Sound alarm for war** - Num 10:9 When you go to war...sound an alarm with the trumpets
- Announce feasts and holy days** - Num 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts ... you shall blow the trumpets..."
- Proclaim kingship** - 1Kings 1:39 Then Zadok the priest... blew the horn; and all the people said, 'Long live King Solomon!'"
- Declare victory** - Joshua 6:20 (*Walls of Jericho fell by Trumpet blasts*)
- Accompany worship** - Psalm 150:3 – Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet.
- Herald the Day of the Lord** - 1Cor 15:52 ... at the last trumpet...the dead will be raised
Rev 8-11 Seven Trumpets



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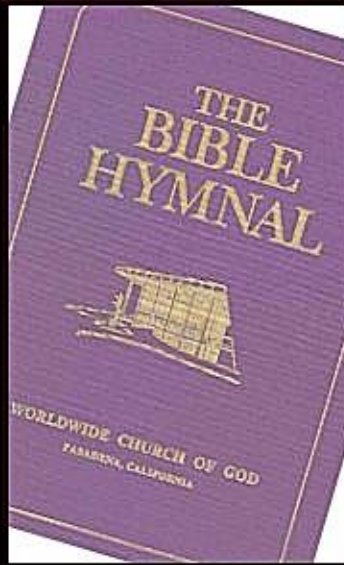
Time: (Past - History - Creation, 25-Hebrew Calendar ... **Present** -(World events) ... (**Future** - 15-Prophecy*) ... **Eternity** ...)

- We have the benefit of **context** to understand God’s Holy Days listed in Leviticus 23 ... point to **past & future** events (in chronological order) ... with a focus on Jesus Christ -- to help us understand the Feast of Trumpets “fits” with the Trumpets of end time events which culminate with the **return of Jesus Christ**.

As we come together to worship today ... it is awesome to participate in our Hymns of praise to God and the scriptural truths about our keeping of this Feast day... The Feast of Trumpets ... picturing the Glorious return of Jesus

Sometimes when singing ... I am reminded of Paul’s admonition ... to sometimes “check up” on our actions & even worship practises...

1Thes 5:21 Prove **all** things; hold fast that which is good.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">HOW THIS HYMNAL CAME TO BE</p> <p>When I was holding the meetings in a one-room country schoolhouse eight miles west of Eugene, Oregon, in July and August, 1933, a local 80-year-old Bible student refused to join in singing the hymns.</p> <p>Having no hymnal of our own I was forced to use one of the somewhat thin paperback Protestant song books. The elderly Bible scholar said, <u>“It is just as sinful to sing a lie as to tell one.”</u> I had to agree. For some time I had realized that many of the standard hymnals contained songs that were unscriptural.</p> <p>It is, however, scriptural to sing hymns. Jesus sang hymns. After His last Passover, it is recorded, “And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives” (Matthew 26:30). I knew that the Psalms were, in fact, songs—or hymns. It was clear in my mind that God’s people should sing God’s inspired words, not man’s uninspired and often unscriptural words. But the Bible has not preserved nor revealed to us the music. God has left it to us to compose the music...</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> |  |
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Act 17:11 These (*Bereans*) were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, & **searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.**

Today, we’ll explore one of our joyful, motivating hymns ... proclaiming the Return of Jesus - (a theme of the Feast of Trumpets) - to ensure:

- it’s content is scriptural
- to explore the insights (events, purposes, symbolism) involved in Jesus return - that are revealed in the Hymn & in scripture

Battle Hymn of the Republic

1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er sound re - treat;
 3. In the beau - ty of the au - tumn Christ was born a - cross the sea,

He is trampling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore His judg - ment seat;
 With a glo - ry in His bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me:

He hath loosed the fate - ful light - ning of His ter - ri - ble swift sword;
 O be swift, my soul, to an - swer Him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet;
 As He lives to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free;

His truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! Glo - ry!
 While God is march - ing on.

His truth
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Our God is marching on.
 While God

Battle Hymn of the Republic – Stanza 1

Line 1: “Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord”

- **Insight:** A vision of Christ’s return in glory, visible to all nations.
- **Purpose:** To show His majesty and reveal Him as King of kings.
- **Symbolism:** “Glory” → radiance, divine majesty at His return.
- **Figurative language: “prophetic perfect”** - describing future events as if they have already taken place because: God’s Word is certain, To give scripture a “timeless quality” & To encourage faith in God’s promises (eg Is 53 He has borne our griefs)
 - **Matthew 24:30** – Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven... and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power & great glory.
 - **Revelation 1:7** – Behold, He is coming with clouds, & every eye will see Him

Line 2: “He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored”

- **Insight:** Judgment upon sin & the wicked, depicted as crushing grapes.
- **Purpose:** To demonstrate God’s justice & wrath on rebellion.
- **Symbolism:** “Winepress” → divine judgment, bloodshed of the ungodly.
 - **Revelation 14:19–20** ...threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.
 - **Isaiah 63:2–3** I have trodden the winepress alone...I have trodden them in My anger

Line 3: “He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword”

- **Insight:** Christ wields the sword of His Word to strike the nations.
- **Purpose:** To conquer & to judge by truth.
- **Symbolism:** Sword → Word of God, unstoppable & decisive.
 - **Revelation 19:15** – Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.
 - **Hebrews 4:12** – For the word of God is living and powerful, & sharper than any two-edged sword...
 - **Ezekiel 21:28** A sword, a sword, drawn for the slaughter, polished to consume & to flash like lightning!
 - **Deu 32:41**...I will whet (*sharpen*) my lightning sword & let it execute judgment

Line 4: “His truth is marching on”

- **Insight:** The advance of the truth of the Kingdom of God, culminating in Christ’s reign
- **Purpose:** To show the certainty of victory & fulfillment of God’s promises.
- **Symbolism:** “Marching” → unstoppable progress of the gospel & plan of God.
 - **Matthew 24:14** – And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world... and then the end will come.
 - **Rev 19:11** – He who sat on him (*the white horse*) was called Faithful & True



- Chorus Note: **Hallelujah** is a combination of 2 Hebrew words meaning **Praise YHWH**

Battle Hymn of the Republic – Stanza 2

Line 1: “He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat”

- **Event/Purpose:** The trumpet announces Christ’s Second Coming, resurrection of the dead, & gathering of the saints.
- **Symbolism:** Trumpet = divine summons, final call, victory.
 - No “retreat” → God’s purposes are unstoppable.
 - **1 Corinthians 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
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:16** – For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, & with the trumpet of God



Line 2: “He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat”

- **Event/Purpose:** Christ will judge all humanity, separating righteous from wicked.
- **Symbolism:** “Sifting” = separating wheat from chaff, refining, discerning hearts.
 - **2 Corinthians 5:10** – For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body
 - **Matthew 25:32** – All the nations will be gathered before Him, & He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

Line 3: “Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!”

- **Event/Purpose:** Call to readiness, obedience, & joyful response to Christ’s return.
- **Symbolism:** “Swift soul” = spiritual alertness;
“jubilant feet” = eagerness in service & witness.
 - **Matthew 24:44** – Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
 - **Isaiah 52:7** – How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace...

Line 4: “Our God is marching on”

- **Event/Purpose:** God’s sovereign plan is advancing toward completion in Christ’s Second Coming.
- **Symbolism:** “Marching” = steady, unstoppable movement of God’s kingdom.
 - **Habakkuk 2:3** – For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.
 - **Revelation 11:15** – The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord & of His Christ, & He shall reign forever & ever!

Battle Hymn of the Republic – Stanza 3

Line 1: “In the beauty of the autumn Christ was born across the sea”

- **Insight (Event):** Refers to Christ’s **first coming in humility** (Bethlehem), which becomes the foundation for His **Second Coming in glory**.
- **Purpose:** His humble birth fulfills prophecy and leads to His final exaltation.
- **Symbolism:** “across the sea” = historical distance but global impact.
 - **Philippians 2:8–10** He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death... Therefore God also has highly exalted Him... that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.
 - **Micah 5:2** – *Prophecy of His birth in Bethlehem.*

Line 2: “With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me”(Matt 17)

- **Insight (Event):** The glory of Christ transforms believers at His return.
- **Purpose:** To show that His future appearance brings **our** change into His likeness.
- **Symbolism:** “Glory in His bosom” = divine nature, power, & life shared with His people
 - **1 John 3:2** When He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is
 - **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all... beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory...

Line 3: “As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free”

- **Insight (Event):** Christ’s first coming sacrifice (holiness through His blood) inspires believers to live sacrificially until His second coming.
- **Purpose:** To connect **past redemption** with **future liberation** at His return.
- **Symbolism:** Death = holiness offered; life = freedom proclaimed through gospel witness.
 - **Revelation 1:5–6** To Him who loved us & washed us from our sins in His own blood, & has made us kings & priests
 - **Hebrews 9:28** To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Line 4: “While God is marching on”

- **Insight (Event):** God’s kingdom is moving forward to the final consummation in Christ’s return.
- **Purpose:** To declare the certainty of God’s unfolding plan.
- **Symbolism:** “Marching” = unstoppable progress of His will & truth.
 - **Revelation 22:12** & behold, I am coming quickly, & My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.
 - **Revelation 11:15** The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord & of His Christ, & He shall reign forever & ever!



Why Does Jesus need to return?

What is the need for the Feast of Trumpets fulfilment?

1. Our world is desperately sick ... and we NEED a Savior - the ONLY hope for planet Earth
 - Decline of truth & integrity
 - Breakdown of marriage & family
 - Corruption of Education
 - Dishonesty of Government & justice
 - Economic struggle
 - Poison of Media & Technology
 - Crisis of Health & lifestyle ... mental health & substance abuse
 - Deep divisions (political, racial, & cultural) fragment society
 - Destruction of the planet (pollution, wars, mismanagement)

Acts 3:20–21 That He may send Jesus Christ... whom heaven must receive until the times of **restoration of all things**, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets.

Romans 8:21 The **creation** itself also will be **delivered** from the **bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

2. To fulfil promises & prophecies (Jesus keeps His Word!)

Acts 1:11 This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, **will so come in like manner** as you saw Him go into heaven.

John 14:3 **I will come again** & receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also

Hebrews 9:28 – “To those who **eagerly wait for Him** He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”

1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death **till He comes**. (*Matt 26:29 ... not drink wine until we drink in My Father's kingdom*)

3. To gather & deliver His people ...

Matthew 24:30–31 They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power & great glory. & He will send His angels... & they will **gather together His elect**.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 The dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up... to meet the Lord** in the air.

4. To Judge the World in Righteousness ...

2 Timothy 4:1 – The Lord Jesus Christ... will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom.

Acts 17:31 – He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.

5. To Destroy Evil & Satan's Works

1 John 3:8 – For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy **the works of the devil**.



6. To Establish His Kingdom on Earth

Revelation 11:15 – “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

Daniel 7:13–14 One like the Son of Man...To Him was given dominion & glory & a kingdom

Matthew 19:28 – In the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory

7. To Bring Final Salvation & Reward & Vindication

Revelation 22:12 Behold, I am coming quickly, & My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

Philippians 3:20–21 We eagerly wait for the Savior... who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body.

1 Peter 5:4 When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

2 Thessalonians 1:6–7 It is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven.”



8. To Fulfill the Hope of Israel

Romans 11:26–27 & so all Israel will be saved... The Deliverer will come out of Zion.”

Zec 14:1-4 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. **Then the LORD will go forth & fight** against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. & in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives,

9. To End Wars and Bring Everlasting Peace

Isaiah 2:4 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore

Luke 1:32–33 The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David... of His kingdom there will be no end.

10. To Complete the Redemptive Plan

Philippians 2:10–11 At the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.”

1 Cor 15:23–24 Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father.”