



## You Are Entering Into

# The Feast of Trumpets, known as Rosh Hashanah

(Sunday, October 2, 2016 at Sunset – Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at Sunset)

**“And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that who so will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be NO rain”(Zech. 14:16-17).**

The above scripture takes place at the time Jesus will be ruling the earth. It is obvious that Jesus is concerned about the nations keeping the Feast of Tabernacles every year! *What is the feast of Tabernacles?* Do we keep the feasts? If so how? These questions compelled me to begin an in-depth study about the feasts since 1988, and still amazed how intimate detail of God’s plan is revealed for each one of us and the nations in the Feasts of the Lord!

### Why Study the Feasts?

The feasts of the Lord are **God’s timeline** pointing to our redemption and God’s prophetic timeline. God calls the feasts **His Appointed Times!** (Lev. 23) Jesus was amazed that the disciples could tell the seasons of the year (spring, summer, fall, winter) but they could not discern the times of the Lord. The feasts are not only for the Jewish people, but for all mankind.



**Each feast holds a truth and blessing we can enter into, through Jesus, every day!**

The feasts line out God’s plan for his people, *both spiritually and physically*. By studying the feasts, we can gain insight into Jewish culture, enlarge our faith and knowledge of Jesus, and gain understanding of the times & season of Lord’s return.

There are **7 major feasts** of the Lord throughout the year that are divided into **3 main seasons**.

**Each one reveals God’s detailed redemptive plan and blessings for mankind:**

1. Passover – deliverance from the **Penalty of Sin** - Spring
2. Pentecost – deliverance from the **Power of Sin** - Late Spring/Beginning of Summer
3. Tabernacles – deliverance from the **Presence of Sin** - Fall

Each feast season reveals a person of the Trinity Godhead:

1. Passover - Jesus our Sacrifice, the Blood that delivers us from death & reconciles us to God.
2. Pentecost - the Holy Spirit, our Seal, Power, Comforter & Reveals Jesus.
3. Feast of Tabernacles - the Father, our Shelter, Provider, Protector, and Judge.

### What is the Feast of Trumpets?

The **Feast of Trumpets** is the *beginning of the season* called **“Feast of Tabernacles”**. The **Feast of Tabernacles** is made up of three significant holidays dealing with Repentance, Judgment and Harvest. Their dates this year are:

Jewish New Year- Hebrew Date Rosh Hashanah/Feast of Trumpets	5777 2016	5778 2017
Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah	Sunday 10/2-4/2016	9/20-22/2017
Yom Kippur/Day of Atonement	Tuesday 10/11/2016	9/29/2017
Sukkoth/Feast of Tabernacles	Sunday 10/16-23/2016	10/4-11/2017

**Each Date starts at Sunset, about 6:00p.m. and continues to the following day at 6:00p.m.**

**I Chronicles 12:32: And of the children of Issachar, were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel (America) ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brothers were at their commandment.**

Understanding of the times indicate intelligent men, who understood the signs of the times, well versed in political affairs, and knew what was proper to be done in all the exigencies of human life; and who now perceived it was both the duty and political interest of Israel to advance David to the throne.



## The Feast of Trumpets – Blowing of the Shofar begins Season of “Rest”

*And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you. (Numbers 29:1) On the first day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation—a day of blowing of trumpets, in which no servile work shall be done.*

*Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. (Lev 23:24)*

The Feast of Trumpets begins with the blowing of Shofar Trumpets on the evening (6:00 p.m. Sept 13th or when the sun sets) of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Tishri, the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the Sacred Calendar of Israel. (God started a NEW calendar when Israel was delivered from Egypt at Passover) The month of *Tishri is considered the Most Holy Month* of the Hebrew calendar. God named the other feasts in the Bible, but not this day. It was simply the day of blowing, *Tom T'ruah*.

God instructed a special blowing of the Trumpets to emphasize and signal the arrival of each new moon, marking a new month. *For all other months, two silver trumpets were blown* on the first day of the month. But on the 1st day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month, the Shofar or Ram's Horn was blown. The Shofar/Ram's Horn was representative of the substitute sacrifice ram God provided Abraham for his son, Isaac, and the horn is representative of strength & protection.

At the sound of the Shofar, upon the premise of “substitute sacrifice” all “servile” work was to cease. All were commanded to come to God in unity, enter into rest through repentance, restored relationships, and hear what the Spirit has to say! Jesus said about REST the following:

**Matt 28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." NIV**

The Blowing of Trumpets or “Shofar” became the main characteristic of this day, calling the nation of Israel (and to us today) to repentance, to prayer, to learn from Jesus to find rest for our souls! By doing so, we are preparing for the coming Day of Atonement, which is the Cleansing of the National Sanctuary. (Daniel 8:13-14).

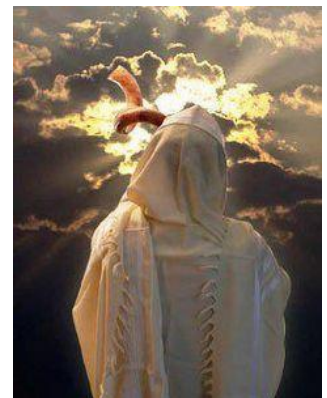
### Feast of Trumpets is also known as Rosh Hashanah:

This day is also known as “Rosh Hashanah” meaning “Head of the Year”. It is considered the “New Year” for the **civil/harvest** calendar. **Israel has two calendars**; one sacred and one civil. This day being the first day of the first month of the civil year and the first day of the last month of the sacred year brought this day as an overlap day and month. It was the Alpha (beginning) of the civil year and Omega (ending) of the sacred year. **Jesus said He himself is “the First and the Last, the Beginning and the Ending”.** **Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith.** Rev 1:8-11, Isaiah 41:4, Heb 12:1-4. It is interesting that Jesus uses this *title* dealing with the end of time, His return, and our redemption.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Rosh Hashanah** - This day was added to declare or evaluate the testimony of two witnesses who sighted the new moon. This day & month was so sacred that the High Priest must be certain that the required witnesses are accurate to declare a new moon and this Holy Day. ***It was imperative for the leadership, then & now, to KNOW the Exact Season of such Holy Events.*** Jesus stated that we would not know the day or hour of His return, but we would know the Season!

### Ten Days of Awe

The Blowing of the Trumpets begins a 10-day period called the “**Days of Awe**” leading up to Yom Kippur/The Day of Atonement. During this period of time each person is to examine their life from the past year, their obedience and disobedience/failures – to God, to others, and to themselves. It is a time to have the Holy Spirit bring light to your heart, show you areas to have God to heal, bring refreshing, and remove any acts against God. It is also a time to repair broken relationships, forgive debts, restore/forgive any business issues, restore monies taken, to fulfill broken vows, to lay down one's life before God for His examination and revelation. We are in this period “**Days of Awe**” from the time Jesus rose from the dead, went to heaven until His Return and a special time each year!



***It is a time to repent and be cleansed by the Spirit together as a congregation!***

Jewish belief is that this time of repentance blots out judgments against themselves written in the book of life and puts in motion blessings for the next year. They believe **their repentance affects** those who they call **“in the valley of indecision” for God or evil!**

Our Bible states that repentance to God through Jesus removes our sin to never be remembered and through the Holy Spirit, we can be as salt – making others thirsty for God through acts of obedience!

**Spiritual Truth: Every day as a church we are to repent, pray, repair any breach or act against others, and prepare for judgment and international cleansing of God’s church first, then the countries. Through Repentance, Love, and Prophecy, **WE PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD – FOR HIS RETURN!****



### What is the Significance of the Shofar?

The Shofar, a trumpet, is the most mentioned musical instrument of the Bible and is still in use today. It holds a prominent role in the history of Israel. The piercing sound of the Shofar was to **awaken, warn, divide, pierce, burn into, announce and lead** the people of God to different “times and seasons” of the Lord.

It was to be a perfect horn of a ram (not a cow), hollowed and heated to stretch, to make a perfect piercing sound. **The horn is a symbol of power.** The horn of an animal was a source of physical strength, power, and protection against its “enemy”.

In scripture it also symbolizes the prophetic voice and word of the Lord. The prophets were told to lift up their “voice like a trumpet” (Isaiah 58:1, Hosea 8:1). Today we are to hear the message of the hour from God and lift up our “voice like a trumpet” to a world, which is lost, dying, and unprepared for the events that are about to take place!

In Judaism, the rabbis declared it is a **religious duty to hear the call or sound of the Shofar!** In Revelation, John writes to the reader, **“He who has an ear to hear.....let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches”.** (Rev 2:1-3:22) Then he proceeds to give praises, corrections & judgment to the churches.

**Jews believe many events in scripture happened on this day:**

**Birthday of the World** – Rabbis teach this is the day Adam was created. It seems logical to assume that man would be judged on the anniversary of his creation.

**Sacrifice of Isaac took place on this Day** – the message here is that on this day judgment of mankind takes place but a substitute sacrifice is available to gain mercy and calls us to remember the binding of Isaac is brought forth through the blowing of the horn of the ram. Here the Rabbis show confidence in the mercy of God and sparing of life through sacrifice.

**Return of Exiles** It was on this day that the under the leadership of Nehemiah and Ezra, who had returned to Israel from Persia, rebuilding the temple, restored the holy altar on Feast of Trumpets. Ezra 3:5 **(We are witnessing the return of Jews to Israel now!)**

**Joseph came forth from prison** – a time of release,

**Israel was delivered from Egypt** - Bondage ceased

**Birth of Samuel** (1 Sam 1:2-10) A prophetic voice to the nation!

**Hannah’s prayers were heard and answered by God** – Intense prayer



**These happenings spell out a message!**

**God is calling us to wake up! Repent! Prepare for Battle!**

We are soon coming to the time of a new birth of a new heaven and new earth. We have a short time before Judgment day of the Earth. Our lives can be spared through the sacrifice of Jesus, the substitute sacrifice for our sin, through faith returning to the Lord. We can rebuild & restore our lives and others through repentance. We are Elijah's prophetic voice we cry out to the nations, as a Shofar call, to come to Jesus with intense prayer! NOW-TODAY through faith & repentance, we can release the captives, free from bondage of Satan and sin, giving them rest for their souls before the Return of the Lord, who will Judge the Nations.

**Today & Everyday is the Feast of Trumpets which we can enter -the Day of Salvation!**

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Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets!



Consider reviewing your last year, asking God to search your heart, and answer these questions:



Dear God, Is there anyone I have offended through word or action against?  
What broken relationships are in my life and how can I have them restored?  
What should I do to restore them?  
Who has offended me and who do I need to forgive?  
Do I owe any money to anyone I need to pay back?  
Have I communicated with them and repented & set up to pay them back?  
Have I borrowed from someone and not returned the item or items?  
Have I hurt you Lord and grieved you Holy Spirit?  
What have you asked me to do and I have not done?  
What have I done that you have not directed me to do and is against your will?  
Dear Lord, what is your plan for me for today and the next year??

### Sample of detail prayer areas to consider for prayer:

We repent O God most merciful, for all our sins;  
For every thought that was false or unjust or unclean;  
For every word spoken that ought not to have been spoken;  
For every deed done that ought not to have been done.  
We repent for every deed and word and thought  
Inspired by our selfishness;  
And for every deed and word and thought inspired by hatred.  
We repent most specially for every lustful thought,  
And every lustful action;  
For every lie; for all hypocrisy; For every promise given, but not fulfilled;  
And for all slander and backbiting.  
We repent for every action that has brought ruin to others;  
For every word and deed that has given others pain;  
And for every wish that pain should befall others.

In your unbounded mercy, we ask you to forgive us, O God, for all these sins committed by us, and to forgive us for our constant failures to think and speak and act not according to your Will and Word.  
Oh God, please fill me with your Holy Spirit, let you fill my heart and mind with your love and words. Give the courage to speak forth Your Word of prophesy to others, that you may warn, encourage, deliver and save from harm! So when your Words come to pass that both us will believe!



### P.S. For those who like to Study: Other Scriptures on the Shofar!

#### History of the Shofar:



To better understand the importance of the Shofar and the meaning of its sound to us today, events in the bible when the Shofar was blown are listed below:

The Torah, Word was given to Moses with the sound of a Shofar Ex 19:19  
The Shofar was a call to repentance. Isaiah 58:1  
The Shofar was blown to signal taking positions for war Judges 3:27, 2 Sam 20:1  
Watchmen upon the walls blew the Shofar to warn the people of impending danger.(Amos 3:6, Jeremiah 6:1, Ezek 33:6)  
The Shofar was blown at the Start of the Jubilee year – the signal of freedom & rest  
The Shofar was blown at the accession of a new King to the throne (I Kings 34:39)  
The Shofar was blown at beginning of every month and new moon, to signal the time of the Lord.  
The Shofar is as “Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob” and “blow the trumpet “ are built on the same Hebrew word T’ruah, meaning to make a loud noise. The walls of Jericho fell at the blowing of the Shofar and Shout of the People.  
The Shofar was blown to signal to man, get ready, God was about to move and to follow Him.

Every one of these examples I believe is what God is speaking to us today! He is the Word of God, He gives freedom and rest to our spirits and souls, He is warning us of impending danger and judgment, to examine ourselves with Him, to repent, to restore relationships, to take our place for battle, for He is King, and He will lead us in these last days in battle against the enemy for the souls of men & women, and we will have Victory through Him and bring in a Harvest of souls greater than the world has ever seen!

#### The bible predicts the role of the Shofar in our future and the future restoration of Israel.

- Isaiah envisions a Shofar blast announcing the gathering of the dispersed of Israel. Isaiah 27:13.
- God, Himself, will blow the Shofar when He delivers His People from attacking armies (Zech 9:14)
- Jesus also taught the re-gathering of His elect from the four winds will be announced with a great Shofar call. Matt 24:29-31
- The dead in Christ will rise with the Sound of the Shofar. I Thess. 4:17
- Jesus will return with the Shout of the Shofar. I Thess 3
- In Revelation there are 7 Shofar judgments with the last being the Kingdom of our Lord and His reign forever. The re-gathering of the elect occurs in the context of Judgment and restoration. (Rev 11:14)