

Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah)

Sequence of events leading to Christ's return



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Though this is from the 2018 sermon, the message is current. God's holydays give us a blue print – an outline – of God's plan to reveal himself to all mankind and to save. The Feast of Trumpets is all about the Son of God Yeshua returning to earth to rule the world. What is the sequence of events culminating in His return? We explain, in this teaching. It will be exciting for those on His side, and scary as can be for those assembling to fight him.

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Hi everyone. Welcome to Light on the Rock.

Today's message, about the Feast of Blasts/Trumpets is such an exciting day.

This day pictures the countdown to the return of our Beloved, the awesome Son of God with his angelic army and scores of thousands of his saints/Bride with him – as we all land on the Mt of Olives probably in the lifetime of most of you hearing this.

The Feast of Trumpets is the FIRST DAY of the 7th month of God's calendar. The first of the month of each month starts with the first official and confirmed sighting of the new crescent moon in Jerusalem. The first day of 7th Jewish month falls usually late Sept or October each year.

Traditional Church of God teaching for the past 60 years or more has been that the Feast of Trumpets is about the day Christ returns for his Bride – and on that day we're changed to spirit, wait for and fight the assembling armies, then return to land on the Mt of Olives all on that one day – probably on the Feast of Trumpets, even though Yeshua says “of that day and hour no one knows.” But I submit that this would mean we're hovering over Jerusalem for months and months as the final 7 last plagues unfold.

There's a better, more biblically accurate explanation that also takes in the time lines necessary to fulfill what is described in detail in Revelation for us.

The Jews call this day Rosh Hashanah – which means “the head of the year”, but the true beginning of the year is in the SPRING, the date GOD Himself ordained to be day#1 – **Exodus 12:1-2**, day 1 of the month of Abib/Nisan in the spring.

This sermon is about the FIRST of the 4 final holydays of our great God, all of them in the Hebrew 7th Month – usually about mid-Sept to mid-Oct in the Roman calendar. These very special holy days and special days ordained by our Creator as divine appointments with

him, are *pivotal* dates on which the greatest events occurred – or will occur. Let's start by reading about the Feast of Trumpets or Blasts – Yom Teruah – from Leviticus 23:23

Leviticus 23:23-25

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

Less is said directly about this holyday and the 8th day holyday directly in Lev 23, than any of the other holydays. *But in another way, a great amount is said about this day!*

The original Hebrew says this day is a memorial of “*teruah*” – blasts, shouts, and it can include blasts of a shofar or trumpet. *The original Hebrew does not have the specific words “of trumpets” in it.* The original just says it shall be a “memorial of blowing/blasts, a sacred gathering.” Young's Literal translation says “...on the first day of the month, ye have a sabbath, a memorial of *shouting*, a holy convocation.”

Teruah can mean shouts of joy or shouts of fear, or blasts of an impending battle, or blasts of joyous triumph. For God's people it will be shouts of extreme joy and blasts of exultation, like a loud group cheer that goes on and on, like when your team intercepts the football pass and runs it back 100 yards for the touchdown and the win. The roar and shouts and applause from the crowd can be deafening. It's a bit like that. For those about to be killed by the King of Kings in battle, they could be shouts of despair, shouts of defiance or calls to fight.

God's plan of saving mankind is revealed in the harvests of Israel. In any case, the major events of God's plan of salvation have so far all happened on exact holydays or special days mentioned in the Bible. This is KEY.

For example:

- Passover – when the Passover lamb was killed – is exactly, to the very minute, when the Son of God – the Lamb of God – was killed for us. Even the 10th day of Abib, when they picked the family Passover lamb, all pictured the Messiah – right to the very day. I have a sermon on “How Christ fulfilled the Passover in minute detail”. On Passover, God passes over our sins if he sees we have come under the blood of the Lamb of God.
- 1st day of Unleavened Bread – Israel left Egypt. After the Passover, we leave sin behind and become a new creation.
- The Wavesheaf day – *A special day, though not a holyday* -- when the first of the barley harvest is presented to God to sanctify the rest of the harvest-- pictured Jesus again. The very moment that the High Priest was raising the barley flour to God, to accept the harvest, was the precise instant when Christ ascended to heaven to be presented on behalf of the rest of the harvest of souls. *I have a sermon on wavesheaf day. Just type in “Wavesheaf day” into the search bar.*

- Pentecost/Shavuot – the harvesting of the early harvests, the first fruits – was exactly when God gave his people His law (Ex 20) and his holy spirit (Acts 2:1-5). It was also when YHVH married Israel at Mt Sinai, and about the time Ruth and Boaz got married (a picture of Christ and the church). I believe Pentecost in a future year is when Christ will marry the Church in heavenly Jerusalem with God the Father's blessing.

So I see Pentecost as a transition holyday: it pictures what has already happened, plus what is yet to happen: the Wedding Supper of the Lamb and his Bride (Revelation 19; Matthew 22:1-10). See my sermon "I go Prepare a place for you."

So the spring holydays picture God opening the door to salvation and calling those being called first -- the "first fruit" ones. The Spring holydays is all about Yeshua and God in heaven working with those being called out now. Spring holydays focus more on events that have mostly happened already, though Pentecost has yet to be fully completed.

The Fall holydays on the other hand, which we're getting into now, tell us the rest of the story. The Fall holydays focus on how God and Christ go about saving the rest of humanity and setting up the kingdom of God.

Fall holydays start with the Feast of Trumpets or Yom Teruah, Day of Blasts/shouts. It's a mix of a day: Some people (God's children) will be thrilled with this day. Those fighting the Messiah King of Kings will be in a terrible time of God's vengeance on the sinful and rebellious people fighting his return. You want to be on the right side of God on this.

"The Day of the LORD" and Feast of Trumpets

There is a one-year period called "the Day of the LORD" associated with this Feast of Trumpets. (**Isaiah 34:8** calls it a year-long event.) I believe the Day of the Lord (DOTL), very likely starts on a feast of Trumpets and ends on Feast of Trumpets a year later. It's called several things in scripture. I'll explain as we go along.

The 7th seal has 7 trumpets. These trumpets do not and cannot roll out on one day. One of the trumpets, the 5th trumpet, for example, lasts for FIVE months (Revelation 9:4-5). So it takes a while for all 7 trumpets to be blown, and then there are 7 more bowl plagues at the end of the 7th trumpet – which most of us equate to "the last trump".

I recommend you read **Isaiah 13:5-13**, which describes the Day of the LORD as a time of war and destruction. Men in pain like a woman giving birth. A time of darkness – when the moon and sun won't give their light v 10, (probably from all the debris in the air, volcanic eruptions, results of nuclear war, etc.). A time of punishing the world for evil (v 11); even the earth is shaken and moved "out of her place" in the day of fierce anger of YHVH (v. 13) (**See my 2019 video** on Global climate changes and other changes – posted probably Oct 2019)

Unless you're right with God, it will be a very scary time.

Amos 5:18-19 goes on to say “*woe to you who desire the day of the LORD... a day of darkness, and not light.*” That’s speaking to people who are not walking God’s way. WE should absolutely long for the return of Christ, and the Day of the LORD has to precede that. We are people PRAYING FOR “thy kingdom come”.

Since Feast of Trumpets falls on the first sighting of light of the new moon, it may be impossible to be sure when that day is, as the moon won’t give its light probably due to all the debris in the air from volcanic eruptions, wildfires and war! Think of what that could mean.

Joel 1:15 calls this day of YHVH a day of destruction from the Almighty.

Joel 2:1-2 calls it a day of trembling, deep darkness and gloominess. 2:1 says to BLOW the trumpet, sound the alarm—let the inhabitants of the land tremble for the Day of the LORD is coming, for it is at hand, a day of darkness and gloominess... v. 2 speaks of a massive invading army coming as never seen before.

Joel 2:11 calls it a day that is great and “very terrible; who can endure it?”

Joel 3:9-16—please read it. It says the word goes out to all the nations to prepare for war! So it’s a time of cataclysmic war such as we’ve never seen before. God calls them to the Valley of Jehoshaphat for decision! That’s the area surrounding Jerusalem! The context is entirely around the “Day of the LORD”. There will be so many combatants that they’ll stretch from Megiddo up north in the Valley of Jezreel up there – down to Jerusalem and the Valley of Jehoshaphat around Jerusalem.

Joel 3:12-13

"Let the nations be wakened, **and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;**
For there I will sit to judge *all the surrounding nations*.
13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down;
For the winepress is full, the vats overflow –
For their wickedness is great."

Many, many more scriptures call the DOTL a day of wailing, terror, and destruction – not a great time on earth – for it’s the time when God himself finally lets us all know about how he feels about what we’ve done to this earth and to his people. See **Isaiah 13:6-9** for example. A time of YHVH’s vengeance (Jer. 46:10)

YESHUA’S 2-FOLD RETURN TO EARTH

This is the time when Yeshua (Jesus) returns to earth and this time to be a conquering King, delivering his people and wreaking havoc on his enemies. The Lion of Judah roars! (Isaiah 31:4-5).

So what’s left in the timeline of God’s plan? The Anointed – which is what Messiah means -- has to return and collect his Bride, including those many thousands he will resurrect, plus the thousands living who will be changed to spirit at the last trump of God (1 Thess 4:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:50-52).

- **He obviously returns to earth TWICE. There are 2 distinctly different descriptions of how he returns.** The first time – He comes on the clouds to

collect his fiancée, the Elect. The 2nd time, He comes on a spirit white horse with the armies of heaven and returns with his Bride. More on that later. TWO definite returns.

- The final year before Christ lands on the Mt of Olives begins with the “Day of the LORD” which lasts one year before he actually lands on Mt of Olives (**Isaiah 34:8**).

In the 7th seal of Rev 8 and 9, there are 7 Trumpet blasts and plagues of God’s wrath. The 5th Trumpet plague alone lasts 5 months (Rev. 9:5-6). After the 7th trumpet, there are 7 more LAST plagues, as I’ve said. **So a lot is going on.**

So the final year of the Lord starts ... the trumpets of the 7th seal are sounding one after the other, culminating many months later in the 7th TRUMPET. The last trump. What happens then?

Revelation 11:15-19

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" 16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying:

"We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,
The One who is and who was and who is to come,
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints,
And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail”.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

“For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. **16 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 Corinthians 15:50-54

“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — 52 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. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”

Matthew 24:30-31

“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.* 31 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.**”

- **Christ is described differently in two descriptions of his return.** The first time he returns, he's seen returning on the clouds of heaven, gathering his Bride. The second one, he is on a white spirit charger, leading the armies and saints from heaven to destroy the armies gathering against him on earth. More as we go along...
- **Messiah's first return is to gather his BRIDE to him. In that first return, The Savior comes on clouds and gathers the bride to him, as Matthew 24:29-31 says.** *That's AFTER the Great Tribulation according to Matthew 24:29. AFTER.* That happens at the 7th trump (1 Cor. 15:52). But after the 7th Trump of the 7th seal of Revelation, there are still 7 Last Plagues (Rev. 15:1). Those 7 plagues take time – at least 3-4 earth months. So something has to be going on during that time. We're not just hovering over Jerusalem here on earth for months!
- More and more of us now believe that RESURRECTION of the body of Christ – the church – likely happens on Pentecost, the Feast of Firstfruits. The First Resurrection is about those called first fruits – those called now by God – being resurrected to immortality. They can never ever die after that. As first fruits, does it not make imminent sense that they are resurrected on the feast day called the Feast of First fruits? **(Note: the audio has been edited a bit, waiting for a brand new video version of the Feast of trumpets sermon).**

The Fall holydays are not about the first fruits and are never referred to as first fruits. The fall holydays is about when God starts to call and convert the rest of the world and all humanity. See my sermon about Part 2, how God's holydays explain God's plan of Salvation – 2023.

A Pentecost rise to heaven could well be pictured by the 2 leavened loaves that the high priest raises up on the day of Pentecost. I'm just saying, my main point is that our resurrection and ascension surely most likely will be in the spring, maybe even on Pentecost.

- **So after he collects his Bride, our Beloved King wants to marry her! Where is the best place for that wedding?** When you read the context and placement of the events leading up to the Wedding in Revelation 19, the last few chapters before **Rev 19 all happen in heaven!** In fact heavenly Jerusalem *itself* is CALLED “The Bride” (**Rev 21:9**) – as that will be home base, the city of God shared with his Bride. The Spirit and the Bride welcome people to come – so you and I will be working intimately with The King. (**Rev. 22:17**).

- **The wedding takes place most likely on the day picturing that – the Feast of Pentecost.** REMEMBER God gave the church the promise, the “**wedding ring**” commitment on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2 with the Holy Spirit.

I’m confident the Great Wedding of the Lamb and His Bride will occur on a Pentecost in the future as well.

- Again, for years we’ve been told the first resurrection for those being called now occurs on the Feast of Trumpets when Christ returns. *But why would a FALL holyday (Trumpets) be used to show something happening to the first fruit called-out ones who marry Christ? That timing makes no sense.*

Surely the resurrection will occur on one of the spring holydays and the wedding itself take place on Pentecost – that PICTURES the gathering/reaping of the first harvest, picturing the first harvest of souls. All this is taking place DURING the “Day of the Lord”, which actually is one year long leading up to His SECOND return – this time **with** his bride and they return to the Mount of Olives.

- So when Christ returns the first time, it’s on the clouds, he collects his Bride and returns to heaven to present his Bride. **This is also pictured by Rebekah** being brought by Abraham’s servant and presented to Isaac. Rebekah pictures the church. Isaac pictures Christ. Abraham pictures God the Father. Rebekah went to where the Father was – and where the Son Isaac was living, with his Father Abraham. Rebekah and Isaac enter Sarah’s tent to consummate their wedding (**Genesis 24:67**), which Paul says pictures Heavenly Jerusalem. See the tie-in? (**Galatians 4:23-28**).

Rebekah pictures the Church, the bride of Christ. Isaac pictured Jesus. The union took place where the Father (Abraham) was. Sarah’s tent pictures heavenly Jerusalem. So Christ and his Bride will be where Father is. “A certain king put on a wedding for his son” – See Matthew 22:1-10. The king in that parable is God the Father. The Son is Christ. But note that the King – God the Father – is present. Where is that king? We pray, “Father, IN HEAVEN... holy is your name.”

(ONE caveat not in the audio: IF the picture of Isaac holds true to form – and Isaac “wasted no time” in consummating his marriage in Sarah’s tent, we could indeed be resurrected on Pentecost and also married to Christ on the very same day. *Just as Isaac took Rebekah immediately into Sarah’s tent and sealed the deal, consummating the marriage.*)

- **Now King Yeshua and His Bride are married – and the next thing we read is that they and the elect angels return to earth,** on spirit horses in a massive, massive invasion to fight and eradicate the millions of soldiers gathered to fight Christ. They’re around Jerusalem and their armies stretch all the way to Megiddo in the north. Millions and millions of them.

- I believe *this SECOND RETURN* of the Lion of Judah, Yeshua the king of Kings, this time with his wife, **happens most likely on a holyday; most likely on the Feast of Trumpets** at the END of the year-long “Day of the LORD”. (The “a day for a year” principle can be seen in Numbers 14:34). But there’s so much gloominess, and the sun and moon don’t give their light, and the earth has been knocked off its normal orbit a bit. *So it will be very, very hard to even figure out what day we’re on, or when this holyday is, with all that will be going on.*

Revelation 19:7-10

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for **the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.**” 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

Revelation 19:11-21

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.** 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. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called **The Word of God.**

14 **And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen,** white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 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. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

[Several scriptures indicate the saints, the BRIDE, will be with Christ – **Zech 14:5; 1 Thess 3:13** “...at the coming of Jesus Christ with all his saints”; **Deut 33:2; Jude 14-15** – ten thousands *of his saints*. THIS DAY IS ABOUT US as well; returning with our Husband Yeshua the Word of God. How intimate, how powerful, how exciting that will be!)

Back to Revelation 19:

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.”

The 2nd and final return of Christ starts with a massive invasion of angelic armies behind Christ along with his elect saints. I wish I had more time to read aloud more scriptures on this. Let's read 1 Thess 3:13 again.

1 Thessalonians 3:13

“So that ***HE may establish your hearts blameless in holiness*** before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ ***with all His saints.***”

Here's the battle scene facing us around Jerusalem...

Zechariah 14:1-4

“Behold, the day of YHVH is coming,

And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

2 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.

3 Then YHVH will go forth and fight against those nations,

As He fights in the day of battle.

4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives,

Which faces Jerusalem on the east.

And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,

From east to west, making a very large valley;

Half of the mountain shall move toward the north

And half of it toward the south.

5- Then you shall flee through My mountain valley,

For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal.

Yes, you shall flee

As you fled from the earthquake

In the days of Uzziah king of Judah.

Thus the LORD my God will come,

And all the saints with You.”

Later in **Zech 14:12-13**, we're told how those battling God will die: their flesh will dissolve from their bones and their eyes dissolve in their eye sockets, and their tongues dissolve in their mouths. **This is the battle of Armageddon.** Rev. 16:16 describes them gathering around the Valleys around Megiddo in the northern part of Israel.

So there's coming soon, perhaps within 2 decades, an invasion *of hundreds of millions of powerful military spirit angels* of war, backing up their Leader, who will be seen by everyone around the world as he flashes like lightning from one end to the other (Matthew 24:27, 30). That spirit-Leader will be Jesus Christ coming in his glory and power returning to save humanity from itself, and to save Jerusalem and the Israelites from extinction.

Before all that happens, it will all seem so peaceful. Certainly when we see a time of “apparent peace”, a time when peace treaties are being signed between former mortal enemies (like Jews and Arabs), a time when people are proclaiming “peace, peace”, a time when the 3rd Temple of Jerusalem is being built – look out, we're getting very close at that point to the prophesied “sudden destruction”. It will be a time like in the days of Lot and

the days of Noah – when everything seemed to be going well, housing construction booming, marriages and weddings going on – and then SUDDEN destruction. Don't forget what I said.

Trumpet blasts

I want to remind you that in Lev 23:23, where it speaks of a memorial of trumpets, the words “of trumpets” is actually “teruah” – meaning more like shouts, blasts, and probably including, but not limited to, trumpet blasts.

Remember also that on ALL the holydays, there were 2 silver trumpets blown – originally 2, though vastly expanded to 120 trumpets by Solomon later (2 Chronicles 5:12; Numbers 10:1-10). These were blown by priests (Num 10:10) every holyday, every new moon, and to gather the people.

The Shofar (the curved Ram's horn)

There were also other “trumpets” – rams' horns, known as shofars. Nowadays, they also use long kudu horns. The shofar was blown on Trumpets 100 times! The Shofar used on Feast of Trumpets was gold-gilded. Traditionally a priest blew on the gold-gilded shofar a long solemn blast, while a priest on each side of him blew short blasts from the two silver trumpets....all at the same time. (You will hear my shofar on the audio)

Psalm 81:4 actually does say, “Blow the SHOFAR (ram's horn) on the new moon...”

The FIRST time “shofar” is used in the Hebrew Scriptures is Ex. 19 – when Israel heard the loud blast of the trumpet (Shofar) of God. The blast was so loud it scared them to death. The word refers to the ram's horn – not a bugle or metal trumpet.

Exodus 19:16 KJV

“And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, **and the voice of the trumpet (shofar) exceeding loud;** so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.”

Exodus 19:19

“And when the blast [KJV- the voice] of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice.”

The Hebrew word picture for Shofar is “the prince speaks”. I find that fascinating! Ex. 19:19 KJV says “the VOICE of the trumpet”; a word used of voice, laughter and can also be used for sounds in general.

The Shofar or ram's horn was what was blown on the Day of Atonement for the **Jubilee** (Lev. 25:9).

The Shofars (ram's horns) were also blown by priests as they circled **Jericho** for 7 days, 7x on the 7th day.

Joshua 6:2-5

2 And YHVH said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. 3 You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you

shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 **And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.** 5 It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

It was the shofar – **300 of them** – **that Gideon** and his soldiers blew (Judges 7:22). The **Ezekiel 33 watchman** who is to blow the trumpet when he sees danger – it's a SHOFAR that he's blowing. So many times when you read "trumpet" – think "ram's horn shofar."

They blew the shofar when a king was crowned usually in the spring around Passover (**1 King 1:34,39 for example- Solomon**). It also sounded the battle alarm (**Ezek 33:3-6; Neh 4:18-22**). It also was sounded in times of victory. In **June 1967, Rabbi Shlomo Goren** sounded the shofar on the temple mount for the first time in almost 1900 years after the Jews won the 6 day war. **His last name "Goren" means –"Threshing Floor"**. Remember where the temple was built?

I hope you will blow the shofar today at your services. You certainly should. Jews blow it 100x, remember! So the 2nd coming – in 2 parts – is coming soon and God's children should not be caught off guard.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of YHVH so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake YOU as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day.

We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation** through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

So – where are we now in the sequence of things? Let's do a brief recap:

- **We've been resurrected to spirit- beings, immortal, incorruptible now -- at the 7th trump of God. 1 Cor. 15:50-52**
- We've been taken to be with Yeshua and his angels. Yeshua came on a cloud, and was seen by everyone around the world as lightning. (Matthew 24:36)

- **We've been taken to Heaven to be married to Yeshua** – while the 7 last plagues (after the 7th trumpet) are being poured out on earth (**Rev 15:1; all of Revelation 15 and 16**) **The wedding – Revelation 19:6-10**
- Now we return with our Husband Yeshua and millions of his angels, all riding powerful, intelligent, spirit-being horses to fight the armies below. **Rev. 19:11-21**

This will be the most massive D-DAY invasion of planet earth the world has ever seen. Millions and millions of angels, Yeshua, His bride – all spirit beings now, coming to earth to save Jerusalem, to save God's people from annihilation, to save the whole world from utter extinction – and to destroy those who refuse to surrender to Him, and who are trying to destroy God's people and God's earth.

- **The armies are wiped out... we land on the Mt of Olives which splits in two, and now we're on the earth.** (**Zechariah 14:3-4**, but what happens to the armies against us is described in verses 5-15)
- The earth is a mess. A total mess. Maybe only a tenth of humanity remains alive.

THE GREAT TRUMP and FINDING, FREEING CAPTIVE ISRAELITES

At this time, not “the last trump”, but **the “GREAT trump”** is sounded – traditionally to be on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement – and the captive and scattered Israelites and Jews are freed, delivered and brought back from the ends of the world out of captivity.

Isaiah 27:12-13

“And it shall come to pass in that day that YHVH will thresh,
From the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt;
And you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel.

**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 YHVH in the holy mount at Jerusalem.**

This truly is a day of joy for YHVH's children – but a terribly tough day for those opposing.

Psalms 89:15

“Blessed are the people who know the [teruah] the joyful sound!
They walk, YHVH, in the light of Your countenance.”

I have believed for many years that Yeshua returns on the Jubilee year. No one knows for sure when those are anymore. I've always thought it could be 2030. Others believe 1917, 1947, 1967, 2017 were Jubilees, but that pushes the next one out to 2067.

Anyway, the Great Trumpet is also blown on the Day of Atonement of the Jubilee year. . . so this could be a good segue into the next sermon, on Atonement. (Lev. 25:9).

What's the point for all of us – today? Trumpets is to be a day of repentance, of seeking our Father and king. *It's a time to re-set our relationships. Our relationship with YHVH, with Yeshua, with one another. We believers have to become one, now, before the Wedding. It's so important that we repent, that God says even if you're getting married – go repent and fast, first.*

Notice what God says to his children:

Joel 2:15-17

Blow the trumpet (shofar) in Zion, Consecrate a fast,

Call a sacred assembly;

16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders,
Gather the children and nursing babes;

Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room.

17 Let the priests, who minister to YHVH, Weep between the porch and the altar;

Let them say, "Spare Your people, O YHVH, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?"

Joel 3:9-17

9 Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. 10 Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'"

11 Assemble and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O YHVH.

12 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;

For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. 13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.

Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow – For their wickedness is great."

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of YHVH is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness.

16 YHVH also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem;

The heavens and earth will shake; But YHVH will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 "**So you shall know that I am YHVH your God,** dwelling in Zion My holy mountain.

Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again."

(“No foreigners will ever overrun it again” – Apologetics Study Bible)

So again, what's the POINT of all this? There's so much more that can be said.

This is A TIME OF REPENTANCE AND RE-SETTING OUR RELATIONSHIP

with God. Now's the time to be sure you are zealous, right with Abba. Right with Yeshua. Be sure you are centering your lives on them. Be sure we are praying often, certainly daily. Be sure you're in His word daily. Be sure you're letting the Spirit of God guide and lead you.

You have a high, high calling, brethren. Don't let anything or anyone distract you. Every day the sun sets means we're one more day closer to the return of our King. Pray His kingdom come. Dedicate yourself to Him. Commit to obeying Him, keeping his promises, Keeping his laws – and most of all, repent, turn and go the other way. I've had to. Sometimes we find ourselves wandering off the path Yah gives us. In those times, I've had to deeply repent and get back on the path. I hope you are doing that too.

This should be a day that we, the Bride of Christ, the Children of God, look FORWARD to with joyous anticipation. (Also see Philippians 3:20; 2 Timothy 4:8; 2 Peter 3:12).

Hebrews 9:28

“...so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who EAGERLY wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”

The next holyday will be Yom Kippur – Day of Covering, the Day of Atonement. It's a day of solemn fasting. And notice – I've just read it – WHO BEARS the sins of many? It is Christ. It is only Christ who bears the sins of many. More on all this on Atonement. It will be a day of fasting and solemn repentance, a day of Judgment for the nations.

If you're learning from this website, tell others about it. I'm glad to share the good news of His word with you.

So until next time, this is your brother in Messiah with the good news of our awesome Father Almighty God, and our Savior and of His Kingdom, of which there shall be no end. Hallelujah. Praise His name. May YHVH bless you, smile upon you and bring you joyous peace.

And I want to end with the words of John the apostle – “Even so- COME, Lord Jesus, COME.” (Revelation 22:20). CLOSING PRAYER.