

# Part 1, Overview God's holydays – Passover thru Trumpets – *showing God's plan of Salvation*

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**Summary:** God's holydays are like a key that unlocks His **plan of salvation** for mankind and they each point to our Savior Jesus Christ. This message gives an overview of each festival through Trumpets, with emphasis on Pentecost and Trumpets. Part 2 will be focused on the last three holydays in the Fall after Trumpets. When does the resurrection to eternal life happen – on Pentecost or Trumpets? So what happens on the Feast of Blasts (often translated “Trumpets”)? Listening to this message will help you get geared up and ready for the fall Feasts that are here and excited about what lies ahead of us. Trumpets/Yom Teruah. More sermons to come on the remaining holy days.

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**What's God's plan of salvation for all humanity? It's laid out before our eyes from the first chapter of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation.**

In Genesis 1, God uniquely made man and woman in his image and after his likeness (**Genesis 1:26-28**) and gave them both dominion/rulership over the earth, together. Mankind was the only form of life created in God's image. We are the only ones into whom God breathed or blew the breath of life. All other created life were simply spoken into existence (**Psalm 33:6-9; 148:5**).

But when Adam and Eve broke God's law and did not choose the Tree of Life, they essentially temporarily handed over to Satan the Devil the keys to world rulership – although still under the ultimate limits imposed by Yehovah. The Bible calls Satan the “god of this world” (**2 Cor. 4:4**). Even Yeshua called him the “ruler of this world” (**John 14:30; 12:31**).

But at the 7<sup>th</sup> trump, the last trump, when God's elect saints are resurrected to immortality and we are changed to spirit, we read:

**Revelation 11:15**

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!"

When does that 7<sup>th</sup> trump sound and all this happens, and in what sequence?

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So back to Genesis. The man and woman listened to the Serpent question God and Satan enticed them to sin. They had chosen to listen to Satan instead of God. God began to give hints to the plan of salvation for humankind – but gave no dates or timeline. Satan is not omniscient. He doesn't know everything. Here's what God said to the Serpent – who was Satan (Rev. 12:9):

**Genesis 3:15**

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
**And between your seed and her Seed;**  
**He shall bruise [crush] your head,**  
*And you shall bruise His heel.”*

We see here a prophecy about the crucifixion (bruise His heel) – but the woman's Seed (Yeshua) would crush Satan's HEAD (**Genesis 3:15**). The plan of salvation centers on the actions of the Son of God, the Word, Jesus Christ. You'll also see that God's plan to save mankind is depicted in the various harvest seasons of the Promised Land. But remember, they point to Jesus.

Our ancestors rejected God and so were banished from the Garden of Eden – meaning “Garden of delights, pleasantness.”

ALL mankind, who were inside Adam and Eve – were also cast out and through one man, death entered the world through sin to all mankind.

**Romans 5:12 NIV**

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all men, because all sinned”

But now through the woman's Seed -- Christ, humanity can be brought back to God. We'll explore this some other time – but remember Christ was not conceived through Adam's lineage – but was conceived by God Almighty through the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:32) Strong implications we'll explore another time.

**God did not say when the Woman's Seed would come.** So Satan was constantly looking for this Seed so he, Satan, could kill him. Satan is not omniscient. He assumed the Seed might be Abel, after God accepted HIS offering but not Cain's - - so he had Cain kill his brother Abel. *Cain “was of the wicked one”* – 1 John 3:12.

He tried to kill various ones throughout history who might be the Seed who would crush Satan's head – like David, like the entire Jewish race during the time of Esther – all in a bid to remove the Seed (Christ). He unsuccessfully tried to kill Yeshua soon after his birth, but Yeshua lived – who then gave himself as a ransom for all of us **and** opened the door for us to receive his abundance of favor/grace and the gift of his righteousness.

**The Gift of His righteousness** simply is not talked about by most, especially in the 7<sup>th</sup> day sabbath-keeping churches and groups. *And a gift is not something you earn.*

**Romans 5:17**

“For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, (Adam) much more those who receive **abundance of grace** and of **the gift of righteousness** will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.”

*But we have to seek and receive these gifts of God's abundant grace and his GIFT of his very own righteousness (read Philippians 3:9-11). I have many sermons on how – in faith - God's righteousness is given to us. So now God is calling back a few for now – to be in his kingdom – and later everyone who is willing to respond will have their minds opened for the very first time.*

**God's holydays explain the process and timing. I'll review the process and plans through holydays up to Feast of Trumpets.**

### **GOD'S HOLYDAYS and the harvests of Israel**

God tells us clearly what his plan is – through his 7 holydays, which HE calls HIS own feasts, his moedim (Hebrew) meaning God's **sacred divine appointments**. (**Lev. 23:1-2**). These are “**feasts of Yehovah**” (**v.2**), not feasts of the Jews. The early new covenant church actually started on one of these holy days -- on Pentecost (Acts 2:1). The early church clearly kept Passover and the days of Unleavened Bread (1 Cor. 5:7; 1 cor. 11) – and Corinth, remember was largely a gentile congregation.

**The first 3 divine appointments fall in the spring/early summer**, and they focus on the early harvest or “first fruits” for that year – starting with Christ the first of the firstfruits (**1 Cor. 15:23**) pictured by Passover and the Wavesheaf offering after that. You can Search for sermons on these topics on this site – just type in 2-3 key words like “Passover” or “Wavesheaf” or “Unleavened bread” or “when I see the blood”.

After Yeshua's Passover sacrifice for us, then the holy days focus on those whom God is calling now in this life – pictured by the barley harvest (and days of Unleavened Bread) and then the wheat harvest of **Pentecost** or Shavuot, which in Israel is in late May or early June usually.

**And finally, in the autumn of the year, the last 4 fall in the Hebrew calendar 7<sup>th</sup> month of Tishrei or Tishri.** These last 4 focus on God's plan to reveal himself and to call to himself the rest of humanity.

**KEY POINT:** *Many keep the moedim holydays but seem to miss that they point to the fact that the holydays explain that God calls people and groups – “in their own order” as Paul puts it in **1 Cor. 15:20-25**. You should read that.*

***I'll go in depth in this in future, but get this: If God HAS to reach everyone today and bring them to salvation through Yeshua in this lifetime – who is winning? God or Satan?***

*Do you really think God would lose any battle with Satan?*

*But as far as who has more people “on his side” – it's a runaway win for Satan, so far, right?*

**Acts 4:12**

***“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is NO other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”***

*But God does have a plan for saving just about everyone, except those who will not accept Yeshua once their mind is opened for the first time. Many have never even heard the name "Jesus" or "Yeshua" in the prior millennia. Many never had their minds opened to be able to understand, even if they heard something about Jesus Christ. We'll talk more about this in another sermon.*

*There IS a real lake of fire, but it burns people up, and they become ashes under the feet of the righteous (**Malachi 4:3**). The wages of sin is DEATH, not eternal life being partly burned in hell fire tortured forever and ever.*

*God will call people to salvation in their time, in their order as 1 Cor. 15:20-25 explains.*

**Those being called NOW are called "firstfruits" of salvation (James 1:18). They are pictured by the spring holydays, which is all about "the firstfruits" according to many scriptures.**

**The first of the FALL holydays is Feast of Trumpets – Yom Teruah in Hebrew, meaning Day of Blasts/trumpets/shouts.** *I believe in our church services today we should be shouting his praises and blowing shofars on this day.*

*Jews incorrectly call the Feast of Trumpets/blasts -- **Rosh Hashanah**, meaning "head of the Year", a name not used in Scripture for this holyday and it's NOT the new Year. God's new year begins in the SPRING (Exodus 12:1-2). GOD HIMSELF said that Abib was to be the first month of the year from that time onwards.*

**Exodus 12:1-2**

Now YHVH spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 "**This** month shall be your beginning of months; **it shall be the first month of the year to you.**"

God calls the Feast of blasts/Feast of Trumpets, the first day of the SEVENTH month, *not the first month!* So the Jewish tradition that their new year is Rosh Hashanah ("head of the year"), simply is not based on the Bible but their own traditions. Remember Yeshua preached against their traditions that took people away from God's law! (Matthew 15:3-6)

**Leviticus 23:23-24**

"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.'

**2023 dates for Trumpets/Atonement**

Here are the dates for 2023, depending on which calendar you choose – the Rabbinic Traditional calendar or those who go by visually sighting the new moon in Jerusalem. And Orthodox Jews keep each holyday for 2 days. We do what God says and keep each one on the day we're told to keep each one.

**IN 2023 – and the dates change on our Gregorian calendar every year --here are the dates to the fall holy days.** Remember God's sabbaths are kept from sunset the "day before" to sunset of the holyday. SO a weekly sabbath is always kept Friday night sundown through Saturday night sundown, for example.

**Feast of Trumpets/Yom Teruah/Rosh Hashanah –**

**Rabbinical calendar Sept 16, 2023.** Orthodox Jews actually observe it for 2 days (Sept 16 and Sept 17, from sundown Sept 15 thru sundown Sept 17.) For most of us though, we keep it one day as God said, from Friday night 15<sup>th</sup> Sept at sundown to Saturday night Sept 16, 2023.

It will be different in 2024 and beyond.

There are those who go by the sighting of the new first crescent of moonlight in Jerusalem. Many times, no definite date can be set if nobody actually sees the first new crescent when expected in Jerusalem. It could be too cloudy, hazy or rainy. So the date can be moved.

**But WE will keep Trumpets on Sept 16, 2023, on Saturday.**

If you wish to go by the first sighting of new moonlight in Jerusalem, then Trumpets is likely to be kept in 2023 on the 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Remember that “new moon” in Bible terms is NOT the dark of the moon, as we do in western societies, but it’s the first visible sliver of LIGHT, or first light of the moon. Remember that God gave us the moon and sun for LIGHTS, and for determining the “moedim” - the holydays of God.

**Genesis 1:14 NKJV**

“Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;”

Here is what the **Holman Apologetics study Bible** says, same verse:

**Genesis 1:14**

Then God said, “Let there be **lights** in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night. **They will serve as signs for festivals** and for days and years.”

**In 2023, these will be the traditional dates for the remaining Fall holydays.**

**Day of Atonement**, Yom Kippur, a day of total rest and fasting from Sundown Sept 24 through sundown 25<sup>th</sup> September. The Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, is 25<sup>th</sup> September. Jews keep this holy day only for one day. We do the same.

Those going by the sighting of the new moon in Jerusalem will likely be keeping Atonement in 2023 on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. I say “likely” because it will all be based on whether or not someone actually sees the moon light. If it’s hazy, cloudy, or rainy, they won’t see it.

**We will be keeping Atonement on the 25<sup>th</sup> September Monday from sunset Sunday night 24<sup>th</sup> September through sundown 25<sup>th</sup> September.**

**It’s a day of total rest and fasting. We do not eat or drink for 24 hours. Check out my Part 2 on the Fall holydays.** Also you can find sermons about Atonement day by simply using the Search Bar on my site and type in “Day of Atonement”.

**The Feast of Tabernacles will begin 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Saturday. This is a holyday. The last holyday of 2023 is “the 8<sup>th</sup> day” on 7<sup>th</sup> October, Saturday, 2023.**

Now let's get back to the meaning of the spring and summer holydays.

**Short overview of the first 3 spring-early summer holydays**

Let me spend a few minutes reviewing the spring holydays where it all begins.

***In a nutshell, think of the spring holydays picturing events that have already happened. The spring holydays point to Christ's first coming and wedding and giving the Law and the Holy Spirit.***

**The Fall holydays picture what Yeshua has YET to do, likely in our lifetime.**

**Passover** –Passover day, 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan/Abib – is not a holyday but is the integral part of the plan of Salvation.

I have many sermons on Passover, such as “When I see the blood”, being delivered from slavery from Egypt – pointing to the Crucifixion blood of Yeshua that delivers us from Satan's bondage over us. Just use the Search bar on the home page and write just 1-3 words. He redeemed us of all our sins and delivered us from slavery spiritually. By accepting him, we accept by faith the righteousness of God himself credited to us and we become HIS.

Passover DAY is not a holyday, but that evening at the end of Passover day IS the first day of Unleavened Bread and is a holyday.

We MUST understand that in Yeshua's last Passover – that's what he called it – he said, “Do this in remembrance of ME” (**Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24-25**). The Lamb, being delivered from slavery, coming out of Egypt -- ALL OF THAT pointed to HIM.

When WE take Passover, ***we MUST point to Christ!*** But so many spend a lot of time on Egypt, the 10<sup>th</sup> plague, etc., instead of doing what Christ said. Talk about HIM, the Lamb of God, not as much about the lambs in Egypt. The LAMBS pictured Yeshua. Nowhere is there a record of Yeshua at HIS last Passover talking about Pharaoh and Egypt and all that—because it was about HIM now.

**Days of Unleavened Bread** –the first and last day are holydays -- when we're delivered by Christ, our lives need to move away from a life of sin pictured by leavened bread. **We take in unleavened bread daily, picturing taking in Jesus Christ as our food, our sustenance. The unleavened bread does not picture righteous you or me – but perfectly righteous Yeshua – whom we take in each day.** Though we still stumble into sin, it's no longer our way of life. Yeshua is our life now. HE is the unleavened bread of righteousness.

That's a distinction not always made. The unleavened bread is about Yeshua. It's all about Yeshua making the way possible for us. It's not about us.

Remember we are to **give holyday offerings 3x a year** – Feast of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, and Feast of Tabernacles. (**Deuteronomy 16:16-17**). Support the ministries where you are being fed. Yes, we do accept holyday offerings to help pay for the work we do. Most holyday-keeping ministries take up an offering on every holyday. *Scripture says 3x a year, so I personally do NOT teach holyday offerings for each of the 7 holydays, just 3x a year – just as the Bible says.*

**Deuteronomy 16:16-17**

**"Three times a year** all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the **Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles**; and they shall not appear before YHVH empty-handed.

17 **Every man shall give as he is able**, according to the blessing of YHVH your God which He has given you."

The date varies, but there is a **Wavesheaf Day, picturing Christ**, as first of the firstfruits barley that had to be accepted by God. But it also pictured Christ presenting us, the rest of the firstfruits, to Father in heaven to be accepted on his behalf (**Lev 23:9-11**).

*Because of Messiah – even you and I, no matter how bad we've been, when we accept Yeshua, WE become accepted by the Father – on behalf of Christ. Wavesheaf Day is not a holyday but starts the official work of harvesting the rest of the barley, the humble man's bread.*

**PENTECOST/SHAVUOT/FEAST OF WEEKS, DAY OF FIRSTFRUITS**

Then we have the 50 days count to **Pentecost/Shavuot** and the early wheat harvest, picturing all those God is working with now and calling to salvation now. **Pentecost is also called Feast of Weeks, Day of Firstfruits, Shavuot (meaning "weeks") and Pentecost –means "50" (not "count 50").**

**Exodus 34:22**

"And you shall observe **the Feast of Weeks, of the FIRSTFRUITS of wheat harvest**, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end."

**Numbers 28:26**

'Also on the **day of the FIRSTFRUITS**, when you bring a new grain offering to Yehovah at your **Feast of Weeks**, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work."

**What did the 2 wave loaves** that are raised on Pentecost picture, again?

**Leviticus 23:17**

"You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be **baked with leaven. They are the FIRSTFRUITS** to Yehovah".

NOTICE how firstfruits figure in so strongly to Pentecost. The word is not used in any way for Trumpets or beyond. ***The first resurrection remember, is about resurrection***

**of God's *firstfruits* ELECT.** Firstfruits Elect point to Pentecost. We fit into the SPRING firstfruits meanings of the holydays.

*So I see Pentecost as a TRANSITION holyday, meaning I believe it's been mostly fulfilled already, but not yet completely.*

*Here's what has transpired already:*

- Pentecost was when Yehovah gave Israel the Torah (law, instructions) at Mt. Sinai (Ex 20-24)
- In the New Covenant, God poured out his Holy Spirit – the seal of his promise to complete what's been started in us (Acts 2)
- **God married Israel at Mt Sinai on Pentecost (Exodus 24:3-11), so the pattern for when the wedding happens has been set.**
- It's very likely Ruth and Boaz were married on or about Pentecost, end of the barley and wheat harvest (Ruth 2:23)

Let me repeat: On Pentecost there **were two large, leavened loaves (Lev 23:15-17)** that were raised up high by the High Priest and then lowered again. Scripture does tell us what the loaves represent:

**Leviticus 23:17**

“You shall bring from your dwellings two wave loaves of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. **They are the firstfruits to YHVH.**”

Why am I spending so much time on this, showing Pentecost is about firstfruits? Firstfruits are never tied with Feast of Trumpets/Yom Teruah. Never. But they ARE tied to Pentecost. And who are the firstfruits? WE are -

**James 1:18**

“Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that **WE might be a kind of firstfruits** of His creatures.”

**So Pentecost/Shavuot is clearly about picturing people who are called FIRSTFRUITS. This is vital to understand so we get Pentecost and Feast of Trumpets correct and when the First Resurrection occurs.**

Paul referred many times to early Christians as “firstfruits” (Romans 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:15; Romans 8:23). John speaks of the 144,000 after their resurrection – being in heaven as firstfruits (Revelation 14:4).

**Events must be tied correctly to it's special day in God's calendar. Spring holydays is about the first fruits – and that's us. Fall holydays are not about the firstfruits.**

**So the first resurrection is about the resurrection of the firstfruits.**

**So, many of us are believing more and more that the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet will sound, and the first resurrection takes place on PENTECOST, not on Trumpets.**



Pentecost was also when God married Israel. So he'll marry his bride the church (**Eph 5:25-33; 2 Cor. 11:2**) most likely also on Pentecost, including the Wedding Supper of the Lamb up in heaven; all this on Pentecost, not Feast of Trumpets.

Remember shofars, trumpets were blown on all the holydays so the fact that one holyday is called "Feast of Trumpets" cannot be convincing by itself that the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet occurs on that day. And anyway, the real meaning of Yom Teruah is shouts, joyful noise, and blasts.

I have sermons on this website about the Wedding of the Lamb, on Pentecost, and "I go prepare a place for you".

**Again, why do I think the resurrection and marriage to Christ takes place on Pentecost? (And why I call this a transition holyday – it's only partly fulfilled so far, as I see it).**

- **There are still 7 last Bowl plagues** to run through after the 7<sup>th</sup> trump sounds. These 7 last bowl plagues (**Revelation 16**) will take time, probably at least 3 or 4 months, including 200 million coming from the east to cross the Euphrates to fight Christ. If the resurrection were to happen on Trumpets, what will Christ and the Church be doing while the 7 last bowl plagues are happening?

**I say he takes his bride to heaven** to get married, just as Isaac (a type of Christ) took Rebekah into his mother's tent and consummated their marriage. See how **Galatians 4:21-26** compares Sarah's tent to heaven. See my sermons "I go Prepare a Place for you" and my series on "Wedding of the Lamb".

Jesus, the firstborn Son of God among MANY brethren, has to marry a Bride who is of the same type as he is. He will marry others who are also true children of God, as ONE body, just as Christ is the son of God.

- **The spring days and Pentecost picture first fruits to God. We are the firstfruits.** The Fall holydays, however, is about bringing in the big harvest, picturing those who will be called later. They are not called firstfruits. Holydays have to match the picture. *The ones marrying Yeshua will be firstfruits.*

### **FEAST OF TRUMPETS/ YOM TERUAH**

So let's move on now to **Yom Teruah, commonly CALLED Rosh Hashanah (Head of the Year), but the Bible verbiage is Yom Teruah.** "Yom" = DAY, and "Teruah" means day of "SHOUTS, SHOFAR blasts, trumpet blast, cries out loud."

**In my view, the short story** is that this day represents Yeshua returning with his already resurrected saints, whom he's by now also already married in heaven. Now they're coming BACK TO EARTH together, to fight the armies assembled and to land on the Mount of Olives and take over the reins of government of the world.

I have several sermons posted that chronicle what has to happen before Christ returns to Mount of Olives, so I won't repeat all that again.

Now more detail.

Jewish traditions about Yom Teruah/Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah

It IS possible that creation started in what we would call this time of year, then was changed by God in **Ex. 12:1-2** to be in the spring. **Jewish tradition** is that it was on 1<sup>st</sup> day of God's 7<sup>th</sup> month (usually Sept) is when God created Adam and Eve. **Jews keep it as 2 days**, in 2021 from Monday night Sept 6 thru Weds night Sept 8, to be sure they have the right day. Jews sound the shofar each morning of the 2 days, eat festive meals, and light candles each evening. They love apples dipped in honey the first night, then something else 2<sup>nd</sup> night. There are new year resolutions and generally a festive time. There are numerous shofar blasts, for a total of around 100 . A lot of rules, a lot of traditions – but we go by what the scriptures actually say.

Believe it or not, of the 7 holydays, Trumpets/Yom Teruah holyday has the LEAST said specifically about it, than any other holyday.

So let's BACKTRACK a bit and get the run-up to this day:

I believe, in a nutshell, that we are changed to spirit or resurrected to spirit at the 7<sup>th</sup>/last **trumpet (Rev. 11:15)**, which I believe happens **on Feast of Pentecost**, not Feast of Trumpets, to meet Christ in the clouds of our earthly heaven – and then we're taken to Heavenly Jerusalem instantly to meet the others in the first resurrection from Abel onwards –and have the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

(I'm repeating – because it's been so drummed in to us that the resurrection happens on Trumpets, mostly I think because it's called the Feast of "TRUMPETS". So I want to be sure we all get the problems with that teaching. It just doesn't make sense.)

I believe the already resurrected saints then return with Christ from their heavenly marriage supper (Rev 19) ON this day, the Day of Blasts – to route the armies below and take over the government.

*And if this all happens on Yom Teruah, though GOD'S trumpet blasts will be over for a while, **there will be lots and lots and lots of shofars being blown in Israel and around the world on this day!** It WILL be a true Feast of Blasts and shouts! Because that's what Jews and a lot of us who keep God's holydays DO! We will shout with joy as we blow our shofars! Lots of times on this day.*

Again, remember, shofars, silver trumpets were blown on ALL the holydays (**Numbers 10:10**). It's a false teaching to preach that trumpets are blown only on this day.

**But before returning again, while we're in heaven, the 7 last Bowl plagues of Revelation 16 are being poured out.** The 6<sup>th</sup> Bowl Plague takes a long time – months – to move 200 million people from the east, across the dried Euphrates in Iraq – all the way to Israel to fight God as he returns as the Word of God.

Let's read about Bowl # 6 and 7 in Revelation 16, which happens AFTER the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet, the last trump (Revelation 11:15).

**Revelation 16:12-21**

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.

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.

**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.**

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."

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, **Armageddon**. [Valley of Megiddo]

*Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken*

**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!"**

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

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.

**20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.** 21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent (over 100 lbs.). Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

So by the time that's happened, we'll have been resurrected as spirit Bride to Christ, married to Yeshua, and now come back down – but this time, not in clouds but on spirit horses (angels) to fight the armies assembled below as REV. 19 says.

**I believe this RETURN – this time with King Yeshua MARRIED to his bride, the firstfruits of God -- will likely happen on the Day of Trumpets, when we land on the Mount of Olives to the east of Jerusalem as Zechariah 14 says. This is also what the angels told the crowd as Jesus rose up to heaven. Read Acts 1:9-11.**

**BY this time, the skies will be DARK** and covered with SMOKE and ash from wars, volcanic eruptions, fires – and trying to see the first sliver of light from the moon may be next to impossible. EMP's could wipe out all our electronics. We may not even be able to SEE the sun or moon for weeks – and it could be very hard to even know what DAY it is! The 5<sup>th</sup> bowl plague of Rev. 16 is TOTAL painful DARKNESS remember.

So **we come back, I believe on TRUMPETS/Yom Teruah** – or the Jews' Rosh Hashanah: The mount of Olives shall split in two and a very wide valley is formed. The 200

million have their bodies dissolved in the way Christ fights them. Zech 14:12-13 – read it. Zechariah 14 is a must read for you.

There will be great SHOUTS of JOY on our part to finally rid this world of leaders dominated by Satan and his demons, as I've read... and start the new Millennial reign of Jesus Christ and his Bride on the earth.

AGAIN – if the first RESURRECTION will really be on feast of Trumpets, what do we all do while the 7 last Bowl Plagues are being poured out? That will take at least 3-or 3-1/2 months! Where could a wedding take place except on the Sea of Glass or temple in exquisite heaven? And **Matthew 22:1-2** says the KING (GOD) puts on a wedding for his son. Where's God? IN HEAVEN. We pray "our Father who art in **heaven**".

And the Fall holydays picture the salvation of the REST of mankind. Pentecost is called "the Day of firstfruits" --(**Numbers 28:26**). The 2 leavened loaves raised up high on Pentecost, also picture the firstfruits, the Bible says. (Leviticus 23:17). And WE with God's spirit are firstfruits! Jas 1:18. So Pentecost is focused on firstfruits – and that is probably when the resurrection occurs.

**Leviticus 23:23-24**

"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.**'"

**In Hebrew, "blowing" is *Teruah*** – blasts, shouts, trumpet shofar blasts, etc. Here's what "The Complete Word Study Dictionary of Old Testament":

**Strong's word 8643. Teruah -- A feminine noun indicating a shout of joy; a shout of alarm, a battle cry. It refers to a loud, sharp shout or cry in general, but it often indicates a shout of joy or victory (1 Samuel 4:5,6); a great shout anticipating a coming event (Joshua 6:5,20). It can refer to the noise or signal put out by an instrument (Leviticus 23:24; 25:9). Amos used the word to refer to war cries (Amos 1:14; 2:2; cf. Job 39:25; Zephaniah 1:16). The Lord puts shouts of joy into His people (Job 8:21; 33:26).**

I believe we should be blowing shofars on this day in our church services.

**WHY the shouts?** For God's children, it's jubilation. For the world who has been cursing God through all the plagues (just read Revelation), it's shouts of fear, of cursing, of wails of despair. Eventually, of course, over time – Yeshua and His Bride repair, restore and rebuild a wonderful world. We'll discuss that more when we talk next time about the Feast of Tabernacles.

**Leviticus 23:24 CJB**

"...in the SEVENTH month [not first], the first of the month is to be for you a day of complete **rest for remembering**, a holy convocation announced with blasts on the shofar."

**Jews use Rosh Hashanah – Feast of Blasts/trumpets – as the first day of "10 days of Awe", that ends with Atonement and the judgment, as they see it.** I may

address this concept more in the next sermon. Frankly, every bit of that is Jewish tradition and is not in the Bible.

So the Fall holydays of God show the time when God shakes up the earth and all the people in it—and we certainly want to be right with God, close to God, seeking God, as never before.

It's a day of blasts, shouting for joy and showing some excitement for Christ finally coming to rule, for real, probably within our lifetimes. I'm 68, so I'm certainly hoping He returns before I'm 80, but whenever he comes is fine with me.

The world – especially the Jews – will be SO happy to be RID of the slavery and torture of this world's coming Beast power – that on Yom Teruah in the year Christ returns, there will definitely be a LOT of shouting for joy, celebrating, and blowing of their own shofars as they see their Messiah, the Jew from Nazareth, coming with his army of holy angels and his Bride, to save them. This will be a definite DAY OF BLASTS as he returns and lands on Mt Olivet.

For the rest of the world though, the return of the Son of God – this time with power and authority, and as King of Kings, will be a day when he shows wrath and punishment to those who destroy the earth. I'll cover that more next year.

Scripture refers to the one-year period before Christ lands on the Mount of Olives, as “the DAY of the LORD”, and often “that day” refers to this time period too, leading up to our King landing on the Mount of Olives.

**Amos 5:18**

**“Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! ...It will be darkness and not light.”**

So to some people, it will be a terrible time of plagues, darkness, earthquakes, war, and hail – and their shouts will be of fear and dread. In time, they'll find out that it's a good thing Yeshua has returned.

**Be sure to continue with PART 2 of How God's Holydays picture God's plan of Salvation and point to Yeshua, our Savior. In Part 2, I'll focus on the last three holydays of God: Day of Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles and the 8<sup>th</sup> day (that's it's true name).**

**CLOSING PRAYER.**