

# *Prophetic Fall Feasts of The LORD*

Jan. 30, 2019 Lesson #4 Silver Trumpets & The Shofar

The feast of Trumpets, Yom Teruah, is the 5<sup>th</sup> feast of the Lord. It occurs on the 1st day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month of Tishri on the Jewish calendar, when the new moon of autumn first becomes visible (crescent). In ancient times, Tishri 1 was the first day of the New Year.

Later, during the Exodus times [Ex. 12], God instructed Moses to change the timing of the New Year from Tishri 1 to Nisan 1, so the calendar year would start in the spring and not the fall. As soon as the crescent moon of Tishri arrived and was observed by two or more witnesses, the watchers would trumpet the signal from hill to hill.

The Christian life is not a life of ease. God's Word describes it as the battlefield. The world, the flesh, and the devil are opposed to us if we belong to God. The fact we are redeemed by the blood of Christ, is ever to be ringing in our ears, to make us careful and watchful on our journey. When we feel the oppression of the enemy; when the rulers of the darkness of this world attack us in our own land, and seek to overwhelm and overpower us, we shout and cry out to claim God as our Father, Christ as the Captain of our Salvation. If we lose the sense that we belong to Him we cannot prevail in the fight; but when we blow the silver trumpets before Him, then the Word will be fulfilled:

"Ye shall be remembered before the Lord your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies."  
Ps. 18:3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The 2 silver trumpets with their varied notes and blasts entered every part of Israel's life and adapted to Israel's wants, needs and position.

The Gospel's awakening power, its soothing promises, and sanctifying influences, are meant to consecrate every act of our lives, and move every thought of our hearts.

1. The sound of the silver trumpets would call the slothful Israel to the tabernacle of the congregation to hear the will of God announced by Moses, or to worship.

The voice of Jesus in the Gospel invites us into the presence of God.

He says to the slumbering heart, "Awake, thou that sleepest."

He says to the fearful and despondent, "Come boldly unto the throne of grace."

He says to the backsliding and to the guilty conscience, "Return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thy iniquity."

He says "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." [Rev. 3:20]

2. The sound of the silver trumpets would bid Israel to arise and follow the pillar of fire and cloud which went before them.

Jesus bids us arise and journey onward. When our hearts are entangled by the secret influences of the world — there is a still small voice full of warning, "Arise ye, and depart, for this is not your rest; it is polluted." [Micah 2:10]

When we rest contented with low attainments, losing sight of Him to whose image we are to be conformed, the silver trumpets sound, bidding us press toward the mark for the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

3. The sound of the silver trumpets summoned Israel to prepare and to engage in warfare with their enemies and God's.

There is a great conflict to engage in — a conflict with enemies seen and unseen, and the unseen are more powerful than the seen. We seldom realize the power of our spiritual enemies! Consequently, we are caught off guard!

The silver trumpets are needed to summon us to the conflict.

II Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

No man that warreth entangles himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Compare: The Instructions for The Feast Of Trumpets, Yom Teruah - Day 1 Month 7 = Tishri  
The Instructions for Rosh-Hodesh = New Moon Festival on Day 1 of every month

First Mention for the commandment to observe Rosh-Chodesh. Num. 10:10

[Note: Rosh-Hodesh = 1st of the month, beginning of the month, or New Moon Festival

Theme of 1<sup>st</sup> month = Rebuild, Repair, Renew, Refresh]

Num. 10:10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days [Strong's #4150: appointed times; Feasts = appointed time, place, or meeting; In their seasons = appointed time place] and in the beginnings of your months [Chodesh = new moon], ye shall blow with the trumpets [#2689 = trumpets= silver] over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God.

What Are God's Instructions For The Feast of Trumpets? - Yom Teruah

Note: The Bible says less about the Feast of Trumpets than any of the other feasts.

Feast of Trumpets will be MARKED by a New Moon.

Lev. 23:23-25 The LORD spoke to Moses, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying

"In the 7<sup>th</sup> month, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month, you shall observe a sabbath

[a day of solemn rest] a memorial proclaimed with blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Young's Literal Translation: And Jehovah speaketh unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first of the month, ye have a sabbath, a memorial of shouting, [#8643 = teruah = a shout or blast of war, alarm, or joy] a holy convocation; ye do no servile work, and ye have brought near a fire-offering to Jehovah.'

Rosh Chodesh	Trumpets = Yom Teruah
Days Of Gladness, Solemn Days, Seasons Beginning of Months, New Moon	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of 7 <sup>th</sup> Month = Tishri
Blow Silver Trumpets Over Burnt & Peace Offerings	Observe a Sabbath = Day of Solemn Rest NO Servile Work
They Will Be a Memorial To You Before Your God	Memorial proclaimed with Shouting
I am the LORD your God.	Holy convocation
	Offer an Offering Made By Fire To the LORD

In the autumn of each year on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month, Tishri, trumpets are blown to announce the Hebrew holiday of Yom Teruah or the Feast of Trumpets. God commanded Israel to set aside an entire day as a special assembly to be marked by the blowing of trumpets. Remember: The first day of every month is marked by the New Moon and a festival is held.

4 Things They Have In Common:

Both fall on the first of the month.

Both refer to an offering.

Both refer to a remembrance.

Both refer to blowing a trumpet or shofar.

Compare The Silver Trumpets & The Shofar

From Numbers 10:1-10 and a few other passages, we know Israel used SILVER TRUMPETS in at least the following different ways. Only priests can blow the Silver Trumpets.

1. For the calling of assemblies.
2. For the directing the movement of the camp of Israel.
3. For the call to war.
4. In their days of gladness, rejoicing when something good happens.
5. On their appointed feast days.
6. On their new moons; announcing the beginning of the month.
7. Over sacrifices, and offerings.
8. In the King's Coronation II Kings 11:14  
Joash coronated King of Judah with trumpets. [silver #2689]
9. Used to install ark in David's tent I Chron, 16:1, 6  
So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God. Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets [silver] continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

10. Used at dedication of Solomon's Temple

II Chron. 5:12-13

120 priests sounding with trumpets [2689=silver]— when the trumpeters and singers were as one, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

11. Trumpets were used at King Asa's reforms

II Chron. 15:14

Then they took an oath before the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting (teruah) and trumpets [silver] and rams' horns (shofar).

12. Trumpets used at purification of Solomon's Temple Under Hezekiah

II Chron. 29:27

Then Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD also began, with the trumpets [silver] and with the instruments of David king of Israel.

13. Trumpets used at laying of foundation of the 2nd Temple

Ezra 3:10

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets [silver], and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel.

14. Trumpets used to consecrate Jerusalem's rebuilt walls. Nehemiah 12:27, 35, 41

Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings and singing, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps. So I brought the leaders of Judah up on the wall...<sup>35</sup> and some of the priests' sons with trumpets [silver].

15. Trumpets Used At Coronation Of Jesus Christ - Millennial Kingdom

Psalms 98:4-6 Make a joyful noise [Strong's #7321 = rua = raise a shout; blast] unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.<sup>5</sup> Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.<sup>6</sup> With trumpets [#2689 = silver] and sound of a horn [#7782 = ram's horn] make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

Remember: Trumpets is a different word than shofar.

Trumpets = Strong's #2689 Silver trumpets = hammered metal

Shofar = Strong's #7782 horn of an animal

Did you know what we call the Feast of Trumpets and what our Bibles translate as "blasts on the shofar" or "blowing trumpets" is not actually in the original text?

In Leviticus 23:24 the literal Hebrew is "a memorial of shouting."

Speak unto the sons of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first of the month, ye have a sabbath, a memorial of shouting, a holy convocation;

Most translations insert the words "on the trumpet" or "trumpet blasts."

In Hebrew this Feast is called "Yom Teruah." Yom means day.

Teruah = #8643 = a shout or blast of war, alarm, or joy

So literally translated this is a "Day of Blasting or Shouting."

Teruah is mentioned 36x in the Bible. Sometimes it means specifically blasts on the Shofar. Other times there are no trumpets involved. It's loud praising or shouting.

#### Familiar Examples Of Teruah Without Trumpets:

Joshua 6:16, 20 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets [#7782 ram's horns,] Joshua said unto the people, Shout [#7321 = rua =to raise a shout, give a blast] for the LORD hath given you the city.

So the people SHOUTED (rua), and priests blew the trumpets; and when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted with a GREAT SHOUT (teruah #8643 = a shout or blast of war, alarm, or joy) and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

I Sam. 4:5 When the Israelites brought the Ark out into the camp to defeat the Philistines. "When the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a GREAT SHOUT (teruah), so that the earth resounded."

Ezra 3:11 Shout of Joy When the builders of Ezra's time laid the foundation of the temple And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And All The People Shouted With A Great Shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

So Teruah, Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets, Tishri 1: is actually a feast of shouting or blasting a trumpet, a shofar, praising, shouting - generally making a loud noise. The sages and Bible translators have inserted the shofar as the instrument of blasting on this day.

In the Bible, the ordinary people use a shofar, but only priests can blow the Silver Trumpets.

#### Shofars Used To:

1. Judges 3:16-30 Muster an army of Ehud against Moab - Call To War
  - God allowed nations to rob invade & rule Israel punishment for sinful ways.
  - Moabites oppressed Israel for 18 long years under Eglon.
  - God raised up a deliverer, Ehud. Tribe of Benjamin; left-handed
  - Ehud pays Eglon his demanded tribute gifts and reveals he has a secret message.
  - Ehud goes to King Eglon's palace and they meet in the king's private chamber.
  - Ehud escapes and blows a trumpet, shofar, to summon an army to fight the Moabites.
  - Follow me! The LORD has delivered the Moabites into our hands.
  - God Gave His People A Great Victory! Over 10,000 Moabite men of valor fell that day! Not one escaped!
  - Thanks be to God! Israel was not bothered by the Moabites for 80 years!

2. Judges 6:34 Call The Army To Battle: Gideon against Midianites  
➤ But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet.

3. Judges 7:8-22 Frighten an enemy, Gideon against Midianites  
When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

4. I Sam. 13:3 Proclaim victory, Saul against Philistines

5. II Sam. 18:16 Call To Stop Fighting: Joab declared the battle against Absalom over

6. Neh. 4 Warn of an approaching enemy

➤ Nehemiah stationed armed men with swords, spears and bows in the gaps of the wall. The trumpeter stood by to sound the alarm. Don't be afraid. The LORD will fight for you.

7. II Sam. 6:15 Install the ark in David's Tent

So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting [teruah], and with the sound of the trumpet [shofar].

8. Ps. 47:5; 98:6 Coronate kings - Jesus Christ

Ps. 47:5 God is gone up with a shout, [teruah: a shout or blast of war, alarm, or joy] the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. [ram's horn]

Psalm 98:4-6 Shout [#7321 -rua - to raise a shout; give a blast] joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, With trumpets [#2689 silver trumpets; hammered metal] and the sound of a horn; [#7782 = ram's horn] Shout joyfully [#7321] before the LORD, the King.

Num. 10:10 "I AM THE LORD THY GOD."

God's final word in the instructions given as to the use of these trumpets.

"He can brook no rival. He must be supreme. For His pleasure we were created.

For His pleasure He has redeemed us. His will for us is good, perfect and acceptable.

His will is not against us, but for us.

As we own His claim on our lives and live as those who belong to Him, as we daily, hourly, blow the silver trumpets, we prove that His yoke is easy and His burden is light."

The ear of the true Israelite must have been habituated to the blast of these silver trumpets.

- ❖ They called him into the presence of God.
- ❖ He had marched to their sound in the wilderness.
- ❖ God's aid had been invoked through them, to his rescue in the midst of the battle.
- ❖ Days of joy, and solemn days, when he had to confess sin before the Lord, were ushered in by the same holy notes.
- ❖ Each month marked by the new moon was marked by the musical tones falling on his ear.
- ❖ His thoughts were re-awakened to the fact that he had been redeemed to God.
- ❖ The burnt-offerings and peace sacrifices, periodically presented on God's altar, preserved a constant odor of a sweet savor before the Lord.

- ❖ The blowing of these trumpets over these offerings was intended to remind Israel, that the value of these sacrifices was theirs;
  - To call God's attention to the blessed fact, that they were accepted as His people through the shedding of blood, and the substitution of another in their stead.

My life as a redeemed sinner is to be pervaded by one constant thought: I am not his own, but I belong to God. My redemption-sound is to be mingled with my hours of joy, or of sorrow. I am commanded to redeem my time. by offering myself a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to the Lord, which is my reasonable service.

This truth in type, presented by the beginnings of months marked out in Israel's history, and the blowing of the silver trumpets over the sacrifices.

May my soul, my life, be filled with the remembrance of the price that has been paid for me; and may I be able to say with Paul, " The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

# *Embrace The Cross*

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I am crucified with Christ  
Therefore I no longer live  
Jesus Christ now lives in me

Embrace the cross  
Where Jesus suffered  
Though it will cost  
All you claim as yours  
Your sacrifice will seem small  
Beside the treasure  
Eternity can't measure  
What Jesus holds in store

Embrace the love  
The cross requires  
Cling to the one  
Whose heart knew every pain  
Receive from Jesus  
Fountains of compassion  
Only He can fashion  
Your heart to move as His

Oh, wondrous cross our desires rest in you  
Lord Jesus make us bolder  
To face with courage the shame and disgrace  
You bore upon Your shoulder

Embrace the life  
That comes from dying  
Come trace the steps  
The Savior walked for you  
An empty tomb  
Concludes Golgotha's sorrow  
Endure then till tomorrow  
Your cross of suffering  
Embrace the cross  
Embrace the cross  
The cross of Jesus