

Prophetic Fall Feasts of The LORD

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Lesson #3 Silver Trumpets

Important Terms:

1. Strong's #4150 = Moedim = Seasons, Feasts, Solemn Days, Set Time, Appointed Time
2. Strong's #2320 = chodesh = new moon, a month, beginning of month,
 - Chodesh is from chadash = rebuild, renew, repair, refresh

God's Instructions To Moses: Numbers 10:1-9

Note: They have dedicated the Levites, observed Passover and received guidance for the journey regarding the pillars of cloud and fire.

God's final instructions and preparation before Israel's march into the Wilderness begins involves the use of trumpets.

And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, ² Make thee 2 trumpets of silver; [#2689; metal] of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for [God's messages]

1. The calling of the assembly
2. For the journeying or movement of the camps; break into its 4 divisions

Consider: Why were the trumpets made of silver? [Ex. 30]

Consider: The silver sockets in the Tabernacle

1. Walls of the Tabernacle were composed of 48 boards.
Each was about 15' high and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide. [Ex. 26:15-25]
2. Each board had 2 "tenons" or knobs which fit into 2 sockets of silver buried in the sand.
3. The boards rested on 96 sockets of silver. Each socket of silver weighed over 90 lbs.
4. The Tabernacle stood upon a solid foundation of silver which weighed over 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons!

Question: Where did they get all this silver?

- When the Israelites left Egypt, they were given much silver and gold.

Silver = type of redemption. Ex. 30:11-16 When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, Then Shall They Give Every Man A Ransom For His Soul Unto The LORD... This they shall give...half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary as an offering to the Lord as "ransom for their souls."

1. Atonement money - atonement = to cover sins: Each man paid $\frac{1}{2}$ shekel for himself.
2. When the men were numbered for Israel's army, there were 605,550 men who each paid $\frac{1}{2}$ shekel = 302,775 shekels of silver = >5 tons of silver.

With this they made the sockets of silver as the foundation of the boards.

3 The Tabernacle rested upon a foundation of silver, a type of redemption by Jesus Christ and His blood which was shed for our sins.

God has laid down the condition for our redemption: Faith in Jesus Christ and the shedding of His blood.

4. Redemption by the blood of Jesus Christ is the foundation on which believers rest.

5. As the tenons, knobs, on the boards took hold of the silver sockets, so does the believer's faith lay hold on Christ as his redemption.

6. Our foundation is not the shifting sands of men's ideas and opinions, but Christ and His redemption.

I Cor. 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay that that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The Silver Trumpets:

- ❖ It is likely the silver was from the temple tax or the half shekel that all redeemed people had to pay to demonstrate they were ransomed from bondage by the Lord. [Ex. 30:11-16] It is important to understand: no one could buy his own redemption.
- ❖ The half shekel was a memorial of his redemption.
- ❖ Acknowledgment they belonged to God who had redeemed them out of bondage for His own pleasure.

Thus, whenever these silver trumpets were blown either for assembly or alarm, for worship or for war, The Redeemed Of The Lord Would Respond.

Silver trumpets represent God's call and His commands.

Truth: We must respond to: THE FULL AND UNRESERVED ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOD'S CLAIMS OVER US. Without this we build without a foundation, waste our energies, and live useless lives. God's claims on His redeemed must be paramount; for our blessing as well as for His glory. We must own His claims, and obey the word, "YIELD YOURSELVES UNTO GOD."

1. When the priests blew long and loud upon the silver trumpets, they proclaimed to the uttermost limits of Israel that the people belonged to God, that He had redeemed them and had rights over them that could not be challenged.
2. They were to hold themselves at His disposal.
It didn't matter with what they were engaged — God's call was imperative.
3. Their own pursuits must take second place; must be abandoned.
4. When the silver trumpets sounded, you were to respond immediately.

Heed the truth that the silver trumpets proclaim. Their story has been written for our learning. [I Cor. 10:11; Rom. 15:4] Can you hear the sound of them in the New Testament?

I Cor. 6:19-20? "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN? FOR YE ARE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

I Peter 1:19-20, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye are not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

"With clarion blast these words call to our souls. Yet there is nothing discordant in their sound to him that has ears to hear and a heart to understand; for they do not only tell of an insistent claim but of a great love, a love that paid the price and shed the blood, that it might possess us righteously and without a rival."

The words themselves are pure like silver.

Ps. 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Obedience to the words of the Lord purifies the soul;

I Pet. 1:22 "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit"

For practical and continuous purity of heart and life we must keep before us the great fact that we [our souls] belong to God.

Ps. 25:1-2; 4-5 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. ⁴ Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. ⁵ Lead me in thy truth and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

The silver trumpet of His Word proclaims His redemptive rights over us, and the way of blessing for us is to respond in a glad subjection to His will.

The silver trumpets were to be used for:

A. Num. 10:2 A Calling of The Assembly To God's Presence

1. The Tabernacle was God's appointed meeting place for His redeemed people.
2. His words were given to them from this place and He summoned to this place to hear from the lips of His servant Moses, words of encouragement, direction, or reproof.
3. This was the shadow, the picture. Christ is the substance, the reality.
4. The call was sent forth from instruments made of the silver redemption-money.

The very sound that fell upon their ears, reminded them of the fact: they were God's people; redeemed at a price; numbered as His own; delivered from the bondage of Egypt, to be the servants and soldiers of the Most High.

Hear the call to the assembly of the silver trumpet of the Word.

Matt. 18:20 "Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them"

Heb. 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

Consider: "If we suffer from lethargy of spirit or if indifference has crept into our hearts, may the Word of God awaken us from it!" May each of us take heed to himself and not be influenced by another, for "the manner of some" must not affect us, but the Word, and the appeal that the Word makes to us is a personal one.

- Suppose that when the priests at the Tabernacle blew upon the silver trumpets calling the people together to hear the Word of the Lord, they were so engrossed with other matters that they did not heed the call! Suppose that Judah had a quarrel with Benjamin, and they considered their quarrel to be of more importance than the call of God and neither responded to it.
- Suppose some were too busy with domestic, commercial, or personal matters, to hear the summons! What then? Would God be indifferent? No. The call would continue until some were aroused by it, and from first one tribe and then another there would come forth those who felt and owned God's claim. There they would stand at last in the God-appointed meeting place, where He could speak to them and commune with them.

- Maybe only a few responded. Would the Lord despise them? Would He refuse to say to them what He would have said to all of Israel had they been there?
- We may be sure that the Word would not be less rich, or the meeting less blessed because not all were there!
- Those who obey the call, though but two or three, will prove how faithful He is to it. He cannot deny Himself. [Where 2 or 3 are gathered in My name, ...]

B. The Journeyings of the Camps - Num. 10:2

The same trumpets that summoned Israel into the presence of God, for worship or instruction, also aroused them for the march.

1. The people were pilgrims in the wilderness. They were not to settle down and make their home in it. They were traveling to Canaan; they needed to be reminded of this fact.
2. When the time came for them to press on, an alarm was blown; the trumpets kept them on the move. [Heb. 6:1 Press on to maturity or completion]
3. Every step in the way, every change, is attended with danger and temptation. Satan, the unperceived enemy, hovers about the path of the saint. He lays fresh snares, and digs new pit-falls, at every turn. The soldier of Christ has to march on in careful watchfulness, not ignorant of the devices of the foe, [put on full armor of God; Eph. 6] conscious of his own high calling, as a redeemed one of the Lord; and therefore fearing lest he should dirty his spotless garments, or dishonor the great Captain of his salvation.
4. How soon we can stagnate, sleep and forget our heavenly home and calling!

Yet God's Word awakens us to renewed Spiritual energy. It blows an alarm and says to us:

Eph. 5:14 "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light"

Col. 3:2 "Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth."

I Pet. 1:13 "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end, for the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

We hear the silver trumpets sounding an alarm, lest we should mind earthly things and forget our high calling, our Father's house, and the prize at the end of our race.

II Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

I Cor. 3:11-15 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

¹³ Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

¹⁴ If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

¹⁵ If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

Col. 3:1-4 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. ² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

³ For ye are dead, and your life is hidden [#2928 krupto = concealed, put away] with Christ in God.⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. [WOW! WOW!]

Key Point: For these two purposes [call the assembly; movement of the camp] the trumpets were blown on God's behalf in the ears of the nation of Israel. For us in these last days, the word comes to us saying, "He that has ears to hear let him hear," and be not hearers of the Word only but doers of it.

The more we estimate the cost at which we have been ransomed, and the love of Him who spared not His own Son, the more we shall walk carefully and watchfully in the midst of this ensnaring world. The sighs, and groans, and agonies of Christ on the tree-sounds of redemption; will cause us to walk circumspectly, and with Godly fear, even though no danger may seem to be imminent.

Eph. 5:15-17 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

10:3 When both trumpets are blown, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. [Strong's #4150 = appointed place, time]

10:4 And if they blow but with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

Note: When there are recurring blasts of the trumpets, send out the tribes in specific order.

10:5 When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

Alarm or advance = Strong's #8643 = teruah = a shout or blast of war, alarm, or joy

- Led by Judah = praise, always went first. [Num. 2:3-4]
- When Israel went to war, Judah was first to battle [Judges 1:1-2, 20:18].
- The tribe of Judah always camped to the east of the Tent of Meeting, strategically positioned before the only entrance into the Tabernacle. [Praise as you enter]

Ps. 100:4-5 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.

10:6 When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. [Reuben]

10:7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. [use sustained blasts to gather the community]

10:8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance forever throughout your generations.

C. When You Are In Conflict With the Oppressor - Num. 10:9

10:9 And IF ye go to war IN YOUR LAND against the enemy that oppresses you, THEN ye shall blow an alarm [#7321 = rua = to raise a shout, give a blast, cry out] with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and Ye Shall Be Saved From Your Enemies. [Hallelujah!]

Ps. 18:3, 46 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

There are only 2 occasions recorded, in which these trumpets of silver were used in war.

1. When Israel avenged themselves on the Midianites.

Num. 31:6 Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.

2. The enemy in this case was a portion of Israel opposed to Judah.

❖ King Abijah of Judah still preserved the worship of the true God.

❖ King Jeroboam of Israel relied on his idols of gold and the multitude of his army.

II Chronicles 13:12 And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

❖ Judah's army = 400,000; Israel's army = 800,000 mighty men of valor

❖ Jeroboam's men completely surrounded Judah's army.

II Chron. 13:14-17b And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

¹⁶ And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand...

^{17b} so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

Perils arise both from open adversaries and from false brethren.

➤ From Satan's hosts, manifestly opposing truth, and from Satan, transformed into an angel of light; and his ministers, as ministers of righteousness.

1. The sound of the silver trumpets was to alarm Israel, when marching in seeming security.

2. The same sound was to alarm God, when Israel was about to be overpowered by the foe.

3. God made them weak so they might depend upon Him and see Him as their refuge, resource and strength.

4. When they blew the trumpets in the day of battle it was as though they said:

"Oh God, we are Thine. Thou hast redeemed us, undertake for us against the oppressor."

➤ In the circumstances it was an act of devout confidence in God.

➤ God was faithful to respond to their appeal.

Consider: How fierce are the struggles in which some Christians engage! We desire to do right and to be overcomers when sore temptations and trials beset us. We yearn to live an abundant, victorious life, but we seem to yearn in vain. Hope and disappointment have alternated in our experience. When we find the foe too strong, we are discouraged and ready to give up the fight. Learn to use the silver trumpets. "We are the redeemed of the Lord. Let this truth get a firm hold upon our souls and cry out to God. *O God, I am Thine, full of failure. I am often defeated. Yet I am loved by Thee, and redeemed by Thee, and at so great a cost. I cannot fight this battle, fight it for me, my foes are Thy foes.*"

I hide in Thee and claim that only through Thee can I be more than a conqueror."