



Leviticus 23:23-25 "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the people of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work, and you shall present a food offering to the Lord.'"

1 Corinthians 5:7b "For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."

1 Corinthians 15:20 "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

I. The Trumpet Is a Call to _____

Leviticus 23:24b "In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets"

Numbers 10:2 "Make two silver trumpets. Of hammered work you shall make them, and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for breaking camp."

Psalms 106:13 "But they soon forgot his works; they did not wait for his counsel."

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Numbers 10:2b "and you shall use them for summoning the congregation"

Leviticus 23:24c "a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy convocation"

III. The Trumpet Is a Call to _____

Joel 2:1 "Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near"

Matthew 24:31 "And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed."

1 Thessalonians 4:16 "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first."

IV. The Trumpet Reveals _____

Revelation 1:7 "Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen."

Philippians 2:10-11 "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

V. When the Final Trumpet Sounds, Will You _____

Matthew 25:6 "But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'"

Matthew 25:13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Zechariah 4:6b "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

Matthew 24:44 "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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BACKGROUND:

The Feast of Trumpets was the first of three major festivals observed during the seventh month of the Jewish calendar. It was followed by the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles. This feast was marked by the sounding of the shofar (ram's horn), which announced significant events, called the people together, and prepared them to worship God (*Leviticus 23:23-25; Numbers 29:1-6*).

DIGGING DEEPER:

The blast of the trumpet signaled the beginning of a ten-day period leading up to the Day of Atonement. This sacred season was devoted to self-examination, repentance, and renewed devotion to God.

1. How has your faith benefited when you examined your relationship with God?
2. How can the busyness of life, difficult circumstances, or spiritual complacency cause us to lose our focus on God and require a call for a "reset" of our spiritual lives?
3. The Sabbath is a time of rest that is intentionally set apart for God. While it may look different for each person, what does "Sabbath rest" look like in your life?

The Feast of Trumpets was also a "holy convocation" (verse 24), meaning a sacred gathering of God's people. Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages believers not to neglect meeting together, but to encourage one another as we anticipate Christ's return.

4. How does gathering with fellow believers contribute to your spiritual growth? How do these gatherings encourage you as you anticipate Christ's return?
5. What are some benefits of corporate prayer and worship?
6. How has neglecting fellowship with other believers affected your spiritual life, or that of someone you know?

The trumpet imagery used by Jesus in Matthew 24:31 points to His future return. Believers are called to live with hope, knowing that no matter how scattered, persecuted, or isolated God's people may seem, Christ knows His own and will one day gather them into His presence. This promise assures us of a future reunion with all who belong to Him.

7. How does the promise of Jesus' Second Coming strengthen your hope?
8. How should the promise of Christ's return in the future influence the way you live out your faith today?

TAKING IT HOME:

The Feast of Trumpets highlights the themes of gathering, holiness, worship, and repentance. The sound of the trumpet called God's people to assemble, reflect on their relationship with Him, and give thanks for His faithfulness. In the same way, today's passage reminds us of the importance of setting aside time to honor God and prepare our hearts for His purposes.

9. What purpose or calling has God placed on your heart during this season of life?
10. As you better understand your relationship with God, how has He strengthened your faith and directed your steps?
11. How can the members of your community group pray for you in light of this week's teaching?