



KINSTON FIRST  
PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

# MESSAGE REWIND

SERMON NOTES & STUDY GUIDE

*Reflect. Discuss. Apply.*

## Bible Study: Feast of Trumpets and the Return of Jesus Christ.

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The Feast of Trumpets is one of God's appointed times and points us to the return of Jesus. Some are predicting exact dates, but Scripture reminds us that no one knows the day or the hour. This study will show how the feast connects to prophecy, why date setting is dangerous, and how we should live ready every day for the imminent return of Christ.

### Bible Study Rewind:

#### 1. Why This Topic Matters Right Now

In recent weeks, many videos have spread across social media claiming that Jesus will return on the **Feast of Trumpets in 2025**, specifically on **September 22 or 23**. These videos have gone viral on Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, and Instagram, and they have stirred up questions among believers. A man in South Africa named Joshua even claimed that Jesus appeared to him in a vision and told him this exact date.

Because so many people are talking about this, many Christians are asking, "Is this true? What should we believe?" That is why we must return to Scripture to understand what God says about His appointed times, prophecy, and the return of Christ.

#### 2. The Calendars That Shape This Discussion

The Jewish people use the **Hebraic calendar**, which is based on the **moon**. It includes both a **religious calendar** that begins in the spring (month of Nisan, around March or April) and a **civil calendar** that begins in the fall (month of Tishri, around September or October).

Our modern **Gregorian calendar** is based on the **sun**. Because of these differences, Jewish feast days do not always fall on the same dates each year on our calendar. This is important because the Feast of Trumpets begins when priests see the very first sliver of the new moon in the night sky.

Sometimes it is visible on one night, and sometimes not until the next. That is why the Feast of Trumpets became known as the feast “no one knows the day or the hour.”

### 3. The Authority of God's Word

The Bible is the foundation for what we believe about prophecy and the return of Christ. It is God's Word, without error, inspired by the Holy Spirit. God reveals certain things to us in Scripture, but other things remain hidden. The Bible even says that “the secret things belong to the Lord.” This reminds us that we are not meant to know every answer on this side of heaven.

When questions come up about the end times, the real question we must always ask is this: **What does the Bible say?**

### 4. Prophecy in the Bible

Prophecy is God writing history before it happens. About one fourth of the entire Bible is prophecy. Every prophecy about Jesus' first coming was fulfilled, including details about His birth, death, and resurrection. That gives us confidence that every prophecy about His second coming will also be fulfilled.

There are actually more prophecies in the Bible about Christ's return than about His first coming. This shows how certain and important His second coming is in God's plan.

### 5. The Seven Feast Days in Leviticus 23

In **Leviticus 23**, God gave Israel **seven appointed feast days**. These are not just “Jewish feast days.” God calls them **His feast days**. They are His appointed times on the calendar of history.

1. **Passover** – A lamb was sacrificed, pointing to Jesus, the Lamb of God. Fulfilled at the cross.
2. **Unleavened Bread** – Leaven represents sin. The removal of leaven points to Jesus' sinless body in the tomb.
3. **First Fruits** – The first harvest offered to God. Fulfilled in Jesus' resurrection as the “first fruits” of those raised from the dead.
4. **Pentecost** – Celebrated the wheat harvest. Fulfilled in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit came and the church was born.
5. **Trumpets** – A day of blowing trumpets to announce a gathering. Many believe it points to the future rapture of the church.
6. **Day of Atonement** – A day of repentance and sacrifice. Believed to point to the tribulation and God's judgment.
7. **Tabernacles (Booths)** – A joyful feast where Israel remembered God dwelling with them. Prophetically points to the millennial reign when God will dwell with His people forever.

The first four feasts were fulfilled in Christ's first coming. The last three are yet to be fulfilled, pointing to events still in the future.

## 6. Why People Point to 2025

Those who predict the rapture in 2025 build their case on several ideas:

- **Daniel's prophecy of 70 weeks** speaks of 490 years of God's dealings with Israel. According to this view, 483 years were fulfilled until the rejection of Jesus. The final seven years remain, which they connect with the tribulation.
- Historians often date the crucifixion of Jesus to either **32 or 33 AD**. If you add 2,000 years, you arrive at 2032 or 2033. Subtract 7 years for the tribulation, and that brings you to 2025.
- **Hosea 6:2** says, "After two days He will revive us, on the third day He will raise us up." Many interpret this as 2,000 years of waiting followed by the millennial reign.

This is why so many are saying that the Feast of Trumpets in 2025 may be the time of the rapture.

## 7. The Danger of Setting Dates

While these arguments may sound convincing, Scripture gives us a clear warning: **No one knows the day or the hour** (Matthew 24:36).

All through history, people have tried to set dates. In 1988, a book claimed "88 reasons why Jesus will return in 1988." In 2011, Harold Camping predicted May 21 as the day of Christ's return. Both dates came and went. Every attempt has failed.

Date setting not only misleads people, but it also discourages the church when nothing happens. It can cause believers to grow weary and skeptics to mock the hope of Christ's coming. It is like crying wolf.

## 8. The Rapture and the Second Coming Are Not the Same

It is also important to know the difference between the rapture and the second coming.

- In the **rapture**, Jesus comes in the clouds to take His church away. Only believers will see Him.
- In the **second coming**, Jesus returns to earth with His church in power and glory. Every eye will see Him.

The rapture is the next event on God's prophetic calendar. It could happen at any time. The second coming takes place at the end of the seven year tribulation.

## 9. The Doctrine of Imminence

Christ's return is imminent. That means He could return at any moment. He does not need to wait for a certain day on the calendar. While it is possible that He could come on a Feast of Trumpets, He could also come tonight.

This truth keeps us watchful and ready every day.

## 10. The Right Response for Believers

- Do not put your faith in a date. Put your faith in Jesus.
- Live every day ready for His return.
- Remember that each day brings us closer to the fulfillment of His promises.
- Instead of being distracted by viral videos, stay grounded in Scripture.
- Use the time we have to share the gospel and do the work of the kingdom.

### Bible Verses To Read:

#### God's Appointed Times

- **Genesis 1:14** – “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.” **(Shows how the sun and moon mark God's appointed times.)**
- **Leviticus 23:23-25** – “And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.” **(The Feast of Trumpets established by God.)**
- **Psalms 81:3** – “Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.” **(The trumpet blast marked the start of the Feast of Trumpets.)**

#### The Rapture and Christ's Return

- **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** – “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” **(The trumpet is tied to the rapture of the church.)**
- **1 Corinthians 15:51-52** – “Behold, I shew 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” **(The last trumpet is connected to resurrection and transformation.)**
- **John 14:1-3** – “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions... I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” **(Jesus' promise to return for His people.)**

#### No One Knows the Day or Hour

- **Matthew 24:36** – “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” **(Warning against setting dates.)**
- **Matthew 24:42** – “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.” **(We must always stay ready.)**

## Rewind and Reflect: Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think so many people are drawn to setting dates for Christ's return?
- How can the Feast of Trumpets point us to God's plan without leading us into fear?
- What is the difference between the rapture and the second coming?
- How should the doctrine of imminence (Christ could return at any time) affect the way we live each day?
- What are some dangers when Christians focus more on dates than on Jesus?

## Prayer Focus:

- Thank God for His Word that gives us truth in uncertain times.
- Pray for a heart that stays watchful and ready for Christ's return.
- Ask God to give boldness to share the gospel with family, friends, and coworkers.
- Pray for wisdom to discern truth from error when hearing teachings about prophecy.
- Ask the Lord to strengthen the church to stay faithful until Jesus comes.

## Memory Verse:

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:"

**Genesis 1:14 (KJV)**

## Key Takeaway:

Jesus is coming again! That's a guarantee! The exact day and hour are unknown, but His return is certain. Don't put your faith in a date. Rather put your faith in Jesus. The Feast of Trumpets reminds us that God has appointed times, but our focus must remain on Christ Himself. Live ready, share the gospel, and look forward with hope. Jesus is coming soon!