

The Feast of Trumpets

Feast of Tabernacles has Three Parts

Leviticus 23:23 – 26 The LORD said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites: ‘**On the first day of the seventh month** you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts...The LORD said to Moses, “**The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement**...“Say to the Israelites: ‘**On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the LORD’S Feast of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days.**

- The Blowing of Trumpets (1st day)
- The Day of Atonement (10th day)
- Feast of Tabernacles/ a.k.a.The Feast of Ingathering [Ex 23:16-17] (15th day)

Feast of Trumpets

The Feast of Blowing of Trumpets sounded the beginning of what the Jews called “the days of awe.” **It was a time of national repentance for Israel**...a time of penitence, prayer, and fasting, in preparation for the Day of Atonement and then beyond that the Feast of Tabernacles.

Blowing of Trumpets is Linked to the Second Coming of the Lord - FUTURE

It Blows - Reminding Us To Get Ready for His Coming

- Joe 2:1 NIV ***Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm*** on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand--

And it blows at the Second Coming of Christ

- 1 Corinthians 15:52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, ***at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.***
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and ***with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*** ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words.
- Mat 24:29-31 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: (30) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (31) And ***he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet,*** and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Blowing of Trumpets is Linked to the VOICE of God - PRESENT

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

Rev 1:10-11 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me **a great voice, as of a trumpet**, (11) Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

- (Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 27; Rev 3:6, 22) **Hear what the spirit is saying to the church**

He is speaking to the church in various ways

- By His Spirit
- Through His Word
- Through gifts of the spirit
- Through people

Leaders to raise a voice like a trumpet - TO PREPARE THE HEART

- Isaiah 58:1 "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. **Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion** and to the house of Jacob **their sins**.

BUT THE WORD IS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

- Eze 33:2-4 "Son of man, speak to your people and say to them: 'When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, (3) and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, (4) then **if anyone hears the trumpet but does not heed the warning** and the sword comes and takes their life, their blood will be on their own head.
- Eze 33:30-33 "As for you, son of man, your people are talking together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, saying to each other, 'Come and hear the message that has come from the LORD.' (31) My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to hear your words, but **they do not put them into practice**. Their mouths speak of love, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain. (32) Indeed, **to them you are nothing more than one who sings love songs with a beautiful voice and plays an instrument well, for they hear your words but do not put them into practice**. (33) "When all this comes true--and it surely will--then they will know that a prophet has been among them."

Watchmen - " sound of the trumpet" - SENT TO WARN - BUT DISREGARDED

- Jeremiah 6:17 -19 I **appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!** But you said, '**We will not listen.**' Therefore hear, O nations; observe, O witnesses, what will happen to them. Hear, O earth: I am bringing disaster on this people, the fruit of their schemes, **because they have not listened to my words and have rejected my law.**

The Question is NOT - "Is God Speaking?" - It is "Are We Hearing?"

Amo 8:11 NIV "The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land-- not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a **famine of hearing the words of the LORD.**

- Not a famine of the word...**but of HEARING**
- His word is still be available, God will cause the truth not to be heard

Oprah's Question About the Church Embracing Homosexuality

Rob Bell said. "I think culture is already there and the church will continue to be even more irrelevant when it quotes letters from 2,000 years ago as their best defense"

The Bible Speaks of Different ways People HEAR or respond to His word - Which will you be?

These ACCEPTED IT as the word of God

- 1Th 2:13 NIV And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of

God, which **you heard from us, you accepted it** not as a human word, but as it actually is, **the word of God**, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

These HEARD but hardened their hearts - we are warned NOT to follow their steps

- Heb 3:6-9 NIV But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory. 7 So, as the Holy Spirit says: "**Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts** as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did.

These hear with the ear - but not the heart - they heard the sound, but missed the intent

- Joh 8:43 Why is my language not clear to you? **Because you are unable to hear what I say.**

One Feast of Trumpets Long Ago - a Response to the Word of God

Neh 8:2-12 NIV So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought **the Law** before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. 3 **He read it aloud from daybreak till noon** as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the **people listened attentively** to the Book of the Law. 4 Ezra the teacher of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah and Meshullam. 5 **Ezra opened the book.** All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. 6 Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then **they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.** 7 The Levites--Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiah--instructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. 8 **They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.** 9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." **For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.** 10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." (11) The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve." (12) Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to **celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.**

- They were weeping when they heard
- They were told not to grieve - this is a day of rejoicing -- It is the Feast of Trumpets
- Celebrate with great joy because they NOW UNDERSTOOD

May we CELEBRATE when the word of God pierces our hearts, or exposes our sin

Because it signifies we are **NOW moved to UNDERSTAND to HEAR**

We are not experiencing the famine in the land. - it is a matter now of RESPONDING

"If you hear my words and do them you are building on a solid rock" - Jesus Christ Matt 7:24