

Prophetic Trumpets

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Read Numbers 10:1-10.

1. The Jews were **commanded** by God to blow trumpet at certain times.
2. Trumpets were blown by the priests to **assemble** the people for worship.
3. Trumpets were used to announce **feasts** and times of rejoicing.
4. Each **New Moon**, which begins each Jewish month, was announced by a trumpet.
5. Trumpets were sounded during **sacrifices** and **offerings** at the tabernacle and the Temple.

Read Exodus 19:16-20; 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

6. The sound of the trumpet announces an encounter between **God** and **man**.

Read 1 Kings 1:34; 2 Kings 9:13; 11:11.

These verse show that trumpets were sounded when a new **king** began his rule.

Read Revelation 8:6 - 9:21; 11:15-19.

7. **Divine Judgment** can be announced by the sounding of a trumpet.

Trumpets and the First Coming of Christ

1. Jesus was probably born on September 11, 3 B.C., or 1 Tishri 3759 -- Ros Hashanah.
 - a. Biblical evidence (Matthew 2; Luke 2)
 - i. Publius Sulpicius Quirinius (Cyrenius) was proconsul of Syria (2-3 BC, and again in 6 AD)
 - ii. Herod the Great had not yet died (contrary to erroneous assertions, Herod died in 1 BC, not 4 BC)
 - iii. The first census, ordered by Augustus Caesar, which celebrated the 750th anniversary of the founding of Rome and the silver anniversary of his rule, began in 3 BC and continued throughout 2 BC
 - iv. No room in the inn. Jerusalem and the surrounding towns would have been jammed with pilgrims coming for the required sacrifices associated with the Feast of Tabernacles. Also, warm weather allowed shepherd to be out in the fields at night.
 - b. The testimony of early Christians, such as Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Julius Africanus, Tertullian, Hippolytus of Rome, Origen - Jesus born in 3 BC.
 - c. Jewish tradition holds that God created Adam on 1 Tishri; Jesus is the Second Adam.
 - d. Indirect evidence from the writings of Josephus
 - e. Astronomical evidence - speaking to godly Magi
 - i. Conjunction of Jupiter and Venus in Leo visible in the morning skies on August 12, 3 BC.
 - ii. Virgo, clothed with the sun with a new moon at "her" feet, is joined by Venus on September 11, 3 BC. See **Revelation 12:1**.
 - iii. Conjunction of Jupiter and Venus in Leo visible in the southern evening skies on June 17, 2 BC, when the Magi are visiting Christ, who is now a toddler, at his home in Bethlehem.
2. Jesus crucified at the time of the Passover, Friday, April 5, 30 AD. The Holy Spirit came during the Jewish Feast of Pentecost (Weeks)

Trumpets and the Second Coming of Christ? (Handout: Daniel's Seventieth Week)

1. Will Antichrist try to imitate Jesus by entering Jerusalem on Passover and proclaiming himself to be the Christ? If so, he must enter Jerusalem and take his seat in the Temple (recently rebuilt) in Nisan, March/April of our calendar.

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2. The Jewish Temple had to begin its worship and sacrifice services 3.5 years earlier. This places the starting date of the Seventieth Week of Daniel during Tishri. Perhaps the Jews will begin their sacrificial worship in the Temple again on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, after which will come Yom Kippur and the Feast of Tabernacles.

3. Each month, and each Jewish feast, during the 70th Week of Daniel will begin with blowing the trumpets, as required by Mosaic Law, except *possibly* after the Abomination of Desolation.

4. The seven (7) Trumpet Judgments of Revelation bring God's wrath after the Church has suffered purifying tribulation.

a. The resurrection and rapture of the church must precede this wrath and probably coincides with the 6th and 7th Seals of Revelation 6 and 7. (**1 Thes 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9**)

b. If this is true, the Great Tribulation begins in Nisan (March-April) of the fourth (4th) year of the 70th Week of Daniel, with the Abomination of Desolation, and intensifies over the next three (3) years, ending with first Trumpet Judgment, in Nisan (March/April) of the seventh (7th) year of the 70th Week of Daniel. This would place the general resurrection and rapture of the church during Nisan (March/April), this time of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits.

c. Paul says the resurrection and rapture is completed with the "last trumpet" (**1 Cor 15:51-57; 1 Thes 4:16**), which recognized to take place in Tishri (the last month of the seven month festival season, the 7th month of the sacred calendar). This is when the two (2) faithful witnesses are finally resurrected from the streets of Jerusalem (Revelation 11).

d. **If** each Trumpet Judgement lasts one month, announcing each new month of judgment from God, this time of God's wrath lasts six (6) months.

e. The 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:15-19) announces that the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of Christ, implying that it is blown on 1 Tishri (September/October), Ros Hashanah.

If this analysis is correct, **then** saints may anticipate and prepare for the following.

1. Rebuilding the Jewish Temple signals the dawn of the last days.
2. Starting the Temple sacrifices and offerings signals the beginning of the last seven years. This may happen in September or October if the Temple is opened on Rosh Hashanah.
3. The Jewish Temple worship also signals three and a half years until the Abomination of Desolation and the beginning of the Great Tribulation, which will begin in March-April, if the Temple is dedicated on Rosh Hashanah.
4. The Great Tribulation will be three (3) years long and no saint would survive it were it not cut short by the rapture. The resurrection and rapture would take place in March-April, for the general church, and again for the two witnesses of Revelation 11, six months later, in September-October -- again, depended on when the Temple was dedicated.
5. Christ will come again with all His "holy ones" (saints and angels) to defeat Antichrist and establish His earthly kingdom at the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet of Revelation. This would be on Rosh Hashanah (September-October), the Feast of Trumpets, which was used to announce a new king, and is the date Christ probably entered this world the first time, as a baby in a manger (if the sequence starts on 1 Tishri, as proposed).