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## The Watchman

But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will | require at the watchman's hand.

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Yom Teruah

The annual religious celebration



The shofar is blown at the western wall on the new moon of Tishrei to celebrate Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets.

The very next feast due to be fulfilled.

## **Daniel 9:27**; the epic future event!

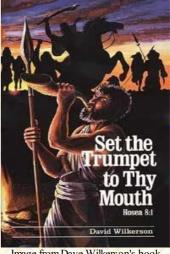


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to announce the Hebrew holiday of Yom Teruah. Biblical Christians refer to it as the Feast of Trumpets. Our Jewish friends refer to it as Rosh Hashanah, "head of the Year". It is the 5th of the Seven Feasts of Israel. The ultimate New Covenant fulfillment of this future Jewish holiday or "moed", (Tishrei 1 on the Hebrew calendar), will be spectacular beyond words. The feast will explode into holy history. And it will be blockbuster. Moses declared and а prophesied that it would become a "memorial of blowing of trumpets" (Lev. 23:24,25) It seems that many faithful saints will suffer at the hands of the powers when they blow the trumpet of alarm on Yom Teruah, that awesome future Feast of Trumpets. (Ezek.33) That epic coming feast day will see the faithful watchmen of Israel faithful to the call. And "they will not be silent". This 5th feast was instituted by Moses at Sinai approximately 3,500 years ago. It marks the first day of Hebrew (civil) new year. the 'Rosh Hashanah' means 'head of the year'. Yom **Teruah** is the first of the three, yet to be fulfilled, Fall Feasts of Israel. These Autumn Feasts relate to Kingdom/political rather than the High issues Priestly/religious matters that we saw Messiah address in the spring feasts during His first coming 2,000 years ago. Back then we saw Him ride into Jerusalem on a donkey as the 'Suffering Servant'. But when Messiah returns this next time He will come as the Conquering King. After Yom Teruah on Tishrei 1 comes the "Ten days of awe" which lead on to Yom Kippur on Tishrei 10 which is the Day of Atonement. This is the most solemn day of the year. On this awesome Day of Reckoning all accounts between YHVH-God and all His covenant people are settled. The Jubilee Year is also announced on this same tenth day of Tishri. Trumpets are also blown during special times of national crisis. God's covenant people are summoned to gather themselves together in a solemn assembly before the God of Israel. Trumpets are sounded during battle in times of warfare. Trumpets also announce the approach and soon arrival of a king.

of Tishrei, the shofars will begin to sound on a day like no other. This ultimate epic future Feast of Trumpets or Rosh Hashanah will burst onto the world stage and into holy history. It will be an awesome day of mixed celebration and alarm. YHVH-God's determined times for **Daniel's Prophecy of the** 70 Weeks will resume in earnest. All of God's covenant people from both houses of Israel will be "called out", summoned to solemn assembly at Yehovah-God's new and revamped 'ekklesia', His new 'congregation', 'synagogue', or 'church' of the 70th Week". The saints will be crying out to God and this will spark the climactic End-Time Revival that Joel saw. (Joel 2:28,29,30,31,32) We now have very strong evidence that this future Yom Teruah will mark the terminus of the "Roadmap to Peace". This will be the day when Israel signs the seven year peace covenant written about in Daniel 9:27. Israel will agree to divide and sell the Holy Land and their national sovereignty for a pocketful of promises of "peace and safety". Moses spoke of this final dalliance of Israel and predicted the ensuing Great Tribulation. Jesus Christ, Yeshua Hamashiach, said that they would reject Him who came in His Father's Name and said that His covenant people would consort with a false messiah, a man who came "in his own name". John 5:43. A time period of Seven momentous years will bring in the end-time witness to warp up the history of this age with the final awesome Day of Atonement. Trumpets of Jubilee will herald the opening of the Day of the Lord which opens on the very next day. Angels of wrath will pluck up the wicked as tares for the fires. (Mat.13:30) At some unknown time in those ensuing days before the Feast of Tabernacles comes into its fulfillment the last trumpet will sound and all of God's Elect, (singular), will be gathered. The climactic future Resurrection-Rapture will see Messiah gather His Chosen from the nation of Israel and from among the heathen gentiles. All the saints, the quick and the dead, from every nation, race, and tribe, from both sides of Calvary will be there. And they will all enter the glory together. (Isa.49:6 and 1Thes. 4:15,16,17.

THE FIRST OF THE FALL FEASTS IS <u>THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS</u>. OUR JEWISH FRIENDS CALL IT <u>ROSH HASHANAH</u> WHICH MEANS 'HEAD OF THE YEAR'. BUT ITS HIDDEN MORE BIBLICAL NAME IS <u>YOM TERUAH</u>. SADLY VERY FEW, WHETHER THEY BE JEWISH, MESSIANIC, OR CHRISTIAN, ARE STUDYING <u>THE HEBREW WORD</u> <u>TERUAH</u> TO DISCOVER JUST WHAT IT REALLY MEANS.



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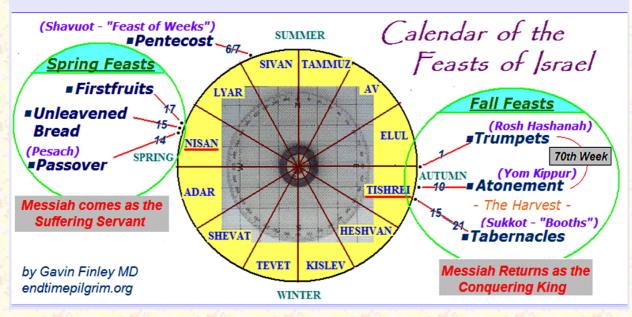
23 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,
24 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying:
'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a *memorial of blowing of trumpets,* a holy convocation.
25 You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord.'"

Thus the Feast of Trumpets began. Moses instituted this feast as the fifth of seven feasts.

God introduced the **Seven Feasts of Israel** as the children of Israel were encamped at Mount Sinai.

THREE SPRING FEASTS; PASSOVER, UNLEAVENED BREAD, AND FIRSTFRUITSONE SUMMER FEAST, THE FEAST OF PENTECOST. AND THREE<u>FALL FEAST</u>\$ TRUMPETS OR YOM TERUAH, ATONEMENT OR YOM KIPPUR, AND THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES. HERE WE SEE THE GOD OF ISRAEL LAYING OUWO SETS OF WAYPOINTS FOR MESSIAH'S TWIN ROLES AS PRIEST AND KING. AND IN THE SEVEN FEASTS GOD LAYS OUT THE TWO APPEARANCES OF MESSIAH. Should you have trouble streaming the video from the YouTube box above you may go directly to YouTube and see the video by clicking the image below.

# The Seven Feasts of Israel



Be sure to also see <u>this article on the Hebrew Calendar</u>. And click <u>HERE</u> to see the **YouTube Video** on **Biblical Time**.

## THE SPRING FEASTS SHOWCASE THE PRIESTLY MESSIAH. AND THE FALL FEASTS USHER IN THE KINGDOM MESSIAH. THE YOM TERUAH IS THE FIRST OF THOSE FALL FEASTS. THE FULFILLMENT OF THIS FEAST IS THE NEXT BIG EVENT.

In the fullness of time and on one extraordinary <u>Passover</u> nearly 2,000 years ago Messiah came to fulfill His first role and mission as Israel's promised Sacrifice Lamb. He arrived at the walls of Jerusalem passed through the eastern gate riding on a donkey. On this tenth day of Nisan, four days before Passover, on Palm Sunday, Messiah came into His Holy City. He was inspected and found spotless. And He was executed/sacrificed by temporal/religious powers. Thus Messiah would fulfill His High Priestly role as the <u>Suffering Servant</u>.

Jesus/Yeshua fulfilled all three of those springtime feasts during that epic year. And He fulfilled them precisely on the holy days appointed. His sacrifial death came right on <u>Passover</u>. He was buried and in the grave just in time for the <u>Feast of Unleavened Bread</u>. And His Resurrection from the dead came three days later right on the <u>Feast of Firstfruits</u>.

The summer of that year saw the fourth feast fulfilled as well. Fifty days after Firstfruits the Feast of Pentecost had "fully come". The Holy Spirit fell on the 120 in the upper room.

We see all 12 tribes represented in the New Jerusalem, the Holy City, the Bride of the Lamb.At the fulfillment of the Feast of Pentecost the Holy Spirit overflowed Israel and spread out to the Gentiles. This Pentecostal power broke forth in individual hearts. This shows us just how the restoration of all Israel will eventually happen. The Old Covenant will be fulfilled in the power of the New Covenant. This is precisely as the Prophet Jeremiah had predicted. (Jer.31:31-34)

So on the fiftieth day out from <u>The Feast of Firstfruits</u> "when the Feast of Pentecost had fully come". That same date on the Hebrew calendar saw the promised Light to the Gentiles shine forth. (<u>Isa.49:6</u>) On that epic feast day in the summer season of the crucifixion year the <u>Feast of Pentecost</u> took on an expanded meaning. In the summer of that year the birthday of Israel, the Feast of Pentecost, also became **the birthday of the Church**.

So four of the <u>Seven Feasts of Israel</u> have already erupted into holy history. They have been fulfilled in the New Covenant.

2,000 Biblical years have passed by. And here we stand awaiting those final awesome events.

Three of the seven feasts are still out there awaiting fulfillment. And these three <u>Fall Feasts</u> will bring us into the Apocalypse.

## A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE SEVEN FEASTS

Here below is an overview of the seven feasts as they have unfolded so far.

1. <u>Passover</u> Fulfilled! (By Jesus/Yeshua at His crucifixion on Nisan 14 in the spring of 32 A.D.)

2. <u>Feast of Unleavened Bread</u> **Fulfilled!** (By Jesus/Yeshua in His burial in the tomb on Nisan 15 in the spring of 32 A.D.)

3. Feast of Firstfruits **Fulfilled!** (By Jesus/Yeshua at His Resurrection on Nisan 17 in the spring of 32 A.D.)

4. <u>Feast of Pentecost</u> **Fulfilled!** (By the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost on Sivan 7 in the summer of 32 A.D.)

(A gap of 2000 years or so has allowed the Gospel, the Light of Israel, to go forth into the nations for the heathen Gentiles to be evangelized). (Isa.49:6)

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Now here come the three *Fall Feasts* of Israel. They will erupt into holy history in spectacular fashion. And the first of the three is probably just up ahead. Indeed the **very next feast** coming up for fulfillment will be,

5. Yom Teruah Unfulfilled ....(as of yet). Something **BIG** is going to happen here. And it will happen on **the first day of the Tishrei moon**, on some future **Feast of Trumpets**, in the **Autumn season** of some future year.

And as we come to the **last day** of this age we make this discovery. Yes, it is the fulfillment of . . .

6. The **Day of Atonement Un**fulfilled ....(as of yet). See the YouTube video entitled **The Epic Future Day of Atonement and the Jubilee of Messiah at the Last Day of this age.** 

The seventh and final feast, or "appointed time" is the . . .

7. The **Feast of Tabernacles** Unfulfilled ....(as of yet). The fulfillment of this feast will see the establishment of the long awaited glorious 1000 year long <u>Millennium of Messiah</u>.

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All these are the Seven Feasts of Israel.

## A CURIOUS DISCOVERY RELATING TO THE FALL FEASTS. THEY PRECISELY STAKE OUT THE FINAL 7 YEARS OF THIS AGE.

When the Tishrei to Tishrei time span over seven years is 86 moons in the <u>Metonic Cycle</u>, (and not 87 moons), we notice something extraordinary. Here is the YouTube video with the story.

## INTRODUCTION TO YOM TERUAH AND THE FALL FEASTS OF ISRAEL



So as we see, the autumn harvest season brings in the 5th, 6th, and 7th feasts. These are the **Fall Feasts of Israel** And **Yom Teruah** is the very next feast due to unfold. See this **YouTube video entitled 'Yom Teruah and the Teruah shofar blast'**.

Do the Judeo-Christian people know about Yom Teruah, its purpose and its meaning? Do they know what future earthshaking event the trumpets and the shouting of Yom Teruah will signal? This will be our focus now as we go on into our journey of discovery.

As we have seen, the spring feasts in their New Covenant fulfillment showcased Messiah in His priestly role. 2,000 years ago we saw Him as the Sacrifice Lamb and the Suffering Servant. But the fall feasts will be quite different. Messiah will be dealing with His covenant people in His political or Kingdom role. His will be a global rule. Because the coming Messiah is not just returning to His national people Israel. At the Second Coming He will be returning to deliver a worldwide Elect and to take up a worldwide rulership as King of kings and Lord of lords.

So the <u>fall feasts</u> are of a political nature. This is why the princes of this world and their hirelings hate end-time Bible prophecy. God's righteous rule upon this earth will not be brought in by a <u>harlot</u> <u>church</u>. Righteousness and peace on earth will only be brought in by the real and literal future Messiah. This is the true and genuine future glory Handel presented in His magnificent musical presentation, 'Messiah'. On a certain future fall season Israel and all mankind will arrive on an epic <u>day of alarm</u>. They will see God's Kingdom announced with the blowing of trumpets. This will be the fulfilment of the **Yom Teruah**. What will have happened? That will be our focus as we move on in this study.

The day this future Yom Teruah unfolds will be an awesome day in world history. Because when the shofars sound on that future Tishri 1 on the Hebrew calendar the **70th Week of Daniel and the final 7 years of this age** will have just begun. On that day the Holy One of Israel will resume His dealings

with His covenant people down here amidst the earthly politics of men. The nations, the gentiles, the heathen will not like it, not one bit. They will be raging. (Psalm 2) And why? Because the Kingdom of God will be coming into world history. Messiah's antagonists, both the angelic hierarchies, and the human Nicolaitan hierarchies, will be in an absolute uproar. They will know that their doom is near. They will be able to mark it out on a calendar.

Yehovah-God will not not phased by all this raging of nations. With Him and with the peopletotally committed to Him there is no dualism, not wrestling match between good versus evil. God is performing His final acts and precisely as He has written them in Holy Scripture. As the last day opens up Messiah makes His final move and the game is over. There He is, checkmating Lucifer. And as we see in Psalm 2, the God of Israel will be laughing.

So Messiah is the one who wraps things up, not the **Dominionist church** Despite the platitudes of state clergymen the Kingdom of God has **not** yet fully come. We are NOT in **the Millennium**, right now as our Amillennialist churchmen so confidently state. Messiah has certainly come and established His throne in the hearts of those whom He has saved down through time. And even now He is ruling in the hearts of His covenant people, this is true. But as we see in Psalm 2 He has also declared His intent to establish His Kingdom here on this **earth** in His Person. And as we read in Revelation chapter 20 no less than three times He will minister and rule here on planet earth for a literal thousand years.

Messiah will come again. Only on this occasion He will not be coming as the Suffering Servant. Next time we see Him He will be coming back as the Conquering King. Israel and the nations will see Messiah come in His Kingdom role. His judgment and wrath will be poured out upon the wicked, first at the great break-out at Mystery Bozrah. See Isaiah 63. Yes, His covenant people in exile will experience a magnificent deliverance at <u>Mystery Bozrah</u>. Jerusalem will then experience His wonderful deliverance as He deals with His enemies at Jezreel as they come in from the wide Valley of Megiddo at that final epic Battle of Armageddon.

At His second coming Christ/Messiah will sit in Judgment. This awesome event will occur on an earthly time-space locus as well as a heavenly one. Judgment Day will unfold, and not just on any haphazard day. The Day of Reckoning will unfold on a very special Hebrew calendar day, the **Day of Covering or Day of Atonement**. Sunset on that Day will see the heavens roll back as a scroll and space-time will unzip taking us into a vortex in the **Day of the Lord**. On **THAT DAY** He will send out His angels of the Harvest, first the evil angels will be loosed to gather the tares, the wicked, carrying their people off to the place of vultures. His holy angels will then gather the wheat. He will glorify His Elect in the **Resurrection-Rapture.** Then He will establish that long awaited glorious <u>Millennium of Messiah</u>.

King David wrote a song about this final triumph of Messiah who is the Son of David. He told of the terrible shock these rebels will have. See (Psalm 2) The people who dread the coming Judgment by the Son of David, (and many who don't want to talk about it), actually fear and despise the Throne of David. They fear and loathe the coming righteous earthly <u>Millennial Rule</u> of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Their angst drives them to persecute Jews and evangelicals, both groups of which speak of their hope in a returning Messiah. The holocaust against the royal Jewish House of Judah is well known. And the evangelical family of Joseph has suffered losses of over 50 million at the hands of the harlot church. And now in places abroad over 800 Christians die for their faith in the Messiah of Israel every day. This terror of the coming Judgment is the heart of the main conspiracy against YHVH-God at work among profane men. The plot of evil angels and their statesmen and churchmen is to cloak this Biblical truth and hide it under a smokescreen of diplomatic and ecclesiastical disinformation.

So the <u>root cause of all anti-Semitism</u> is no secret. It is a hatred and a fear and loathing of the coming Messiah who will rule from the Throne of David. This is true essence of the hatred of Jews, people of Judah, the royal tribe of Israel. Antisemitism is a spiritual thing. It is a hatred against the coming rule and reign of Messiah/Christ. It is not primarily a racial thing, not at all.

Unfortunately we still see ecumenist churchmen pressuring Israel to compromise themselves by giving up God's sovereign Holy Land. This is the current manifestation of <u>ecclesiastical Anti-Semitism</u> in the Church.

## AN EPIC FUTURE TISHRI 1 WILL SEE A SINISTER EVENT UNFOLD. YOM TERUAH WILL THEN OPEN UP IN ITS NEW COVENANT FULFILLMENT ON AN AWESOME DAY OF TRUMPETS, DAY OF SHOUTING, DAY OF ALARM.



alarm. See this YouTube video entitled 'Yom Teruah and the coming day of shouting, day of blowing of trumpets of alarm'.

Yom Teruah is the only one of the seven feasts to open up on a **new moon**, a dark and moonless night. Is this significant? Is this a portent of something ominous for this 5th feast? Will there be some sinister goings on when the Feast of Trumpets erupts into holy history? Is there something hanging over God's Judeo-Christian people on some future dark night as that awesome future moon of Tishrei is about to appear?

In times past the new moon was typically the time of the month when Israel got up to mischief. They would go up to the high places on these moonless nights. There, under cover of darkness, they would break the covenant they had made with YHVH-God. They would commit great evil. They would worship idols in the groves on the high places. And they would engage in acts of sexual immorality.

So if Yom Teruah is the only feast to be celebrated on a new moon could it be that some sinister event of great importance is destined to unfold in the gloom of some future new moon of Tishrei? Will something momentous occur on this night of the new moon, an event that will be a cause for general alarm around the world among God's covenant people? And will this event call for the blowing of <u>trumpets of alarm?</u>

## THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS, FIRST OF THE FALL FEASTS OF ISRAEL. THIS IS THE NEXT BIG EVENT ON GOD"S AGENDA.

The next feast due for fulfillment is the Yom Teruah. The watchmen of Israel will be sounding the alarm. (Ezek. 33:1-6) All of God's covenant people, Jewish or non-Jewish, will be called to solemn assembly. The prophet Joel lays this all out for us in Joel chapter 2.

This will be an awesome day in the history of Israel and Christendom. Some **big** event will happen on some future new moon of Tishrei. This will almost certainly be the signing of the momentous seven year Middle East peace covenant of <u>Daniel 9:27</u>. Daniel indicates that the deal will be brokered by and with a certain "prince". God's people will be entering into a seven year protection covenant. They will make a seven year treaty with someone who promises to bring them, (and the world), the peace they so fervently desire.

Moses said that this would happen. He said that God's covenant people would depart from the faith, break covenant with the God of Israel, and get themselves into a world of trouble and tribulation. He told them this quite clearly in the <u>Song of Moses</u>.

Jesus Himself also said that this departure from the faith in the God of Israel and betrayal of His Messiah would eventually happen. He said that His people would sign away the covenant things of God. Jesus Himself said that His covenant people would enter into another covenant withsomeone who ominously will come not in the Father's name but **"in his own name"**. See John 5:43. This is the "prince" of Daniel 9:27. He will be a global megadealer and peacemaker. The holy precepts of the God of Israel the Church was supposed to uphold will be cast aside. And why? For the sake of "peace and security". This deal will also involve handing over God's sovereign land, the land of Eretz Israel, the so called "West Bank". This nefarious deal will in fact bring in a limited peace, for a time. But it will be a "covenant with death". Theoutcome will be precisely as Hosea prophesied. Gomer, the G7 nations of Western Christendom and Israel will be, in bed with the ultimate bad guy. He will come in peacably, handing over power to harlot religion. But 3.5 years later he will turn out to be a false messiah, the Beast. This is the cause of Jacob's trouble. It will be the penultimate story of <u>Beauty and the Beast</u>.

This will be a sad business. Instead of crying out to God in their hour of trial, His Judeo-Christian people will be playing political games, even as Gomer of old did with her lovers. They will choose to enter into a deal with a certain "prince", a man who is a Luciferian initially presiding over a <u>harlot</u> religious system based upon self-worship. And that's not all. God's people under the harlot will no longer be under God. Under the money of Mammon and under such do-gooder calls as "let's make a difference" they will be allow themselves to be drawn into an impossible religious dream, to take on a responsibility they cannot perform and assume a <u>Dominionist authority</u> which they can only uphold by the same Machiavellian tyranny we have seen in the past history of the medieval crusading church. John the apostle was astounded at the vision of Revelation 17. He saw <u>a Harlot</u> riding a fearsome beast with ten horns.

Dear saints, this will be an occasion in which Israel in Judah and Israel in the mystery, (yes this is the Church in Western Christendom), will get themselves entangled in some serious skullduggery. Is this why Yom Teruah, the **Feast of Trumpets** is the only feast to come on the dark night of a new moon?

## JOEL SAW THE FUTURE YOM TERUAH!

## HE WROTE, 'BLOW THE TRUMPET IN ZION! SOUND THE ALARM ON MY HOLY MOUNTAIN!'

The prophet Joel saw the scenario very well. And he saw the response from the throne of God. He heard YHVH-God issue His command,

#### Joel 2

 "Blow the trumpet in Zion, Sound the alarm on My holy mountain, Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble.

15. Set apart a fast; Call a solemn assembly. Gather the people. Sanctify the congregation. .....Let the priests weep between the porch and the altar."

When the trumpets sound on that epic future Jewish New Year an awful thing will have just happened. Like Esau, God's people will have signed away their birthright and their blessing for a political mess of pottage. And there will be consequences. They will have just bought themselves some serious trouble! Under the covering of this political compromise and spiritual harlotry they may **think** that they are safe. But they are not. They will have just given themselves over into the control and power of a selfist ruler. He will have in turn honored them with his authority and power in the nations. But the whole thing will be a sham. The authority they now have is illegitimate before God. They will have become a harlot politico-religious system. Now they will have to start persecuting the true believers of YHVH-God to shut down their witness. And there are more serious trials to come In fact they are just three and a half years away from the midweek Abomination of Desolation which brings in 666 and the final 3.5 years of the <u>Great Tribulation</u>.

The nefarious deal will call for congregational and national repentance in the royal Jewish House of Judah and in the wider <u>Commonwealth of Israel</u> drawn from lost Israel and the heathen nations around the globe. For the faithful Elect the situation unfolding at this time will be clearly unacceptable. And their position as witnesses to Messiah in the midst of all this will become quite difficult. So many will fall away from the faith in <u>the epic apostasy of the latter days</u>

Long ago the prophet Jeremiah lamented about God's people,

#### Jeremiah 5

31 The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own authority; And My people love to have it so.

Then Jeremiah went on to ask,

"But what will you do in the end?"

Fortunately all is not lost.

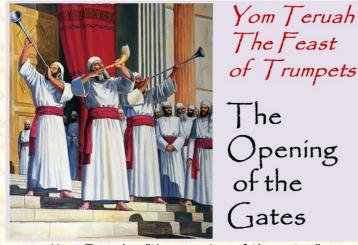
Hosea 9:8 "The watchman of Ephraim is with my God; But the prophet is a fowler's snare in all his ways — Enmity in the house of his God."

This will be an awesome and stupendous day. The trumpets will be blowing. As we look at those 33 verses which feature the word Teruah, we can see that this epic future Yom Teruah will be a day of shouting, a day of tumult, a day of alarm. For those who know what this day means as a herald of Messiah's soon return it will also be the day of the "clashing of cymbals", and the "joyful sound". On that day all of God's covenant people, those in Israel and those abroad among the nations, will be "called out". They will be summoned to assemble themselves before the God of Israel. It will be day like no other. As He did at Sinai, YHVH-God will again be asking,

"Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come and stand by Me!"

YOM TERUAH WILL SEE THE OPENING OF THE GATES. AND HERALD THE BEGINNING OF THE FINAL SEVEN YEARS OF THIS AGE.

> Thus we begin the <u>70th Week</u> of Daniel. In spite of the protestations and denials by <u>Preterists</u> and <u>Dominionists</u> this seven year period still remains to unfold. It has to happen. The final 70th Week of Daniel has



been set by God. This seven years, (like the seven years of famine in Egypt at the time of the patriarchs), will be the time of God has "determined" or "cut out of time". This time has been set aside by Yehovah-God for some heart to heart dealings with **all** His covenant people, Jewish and non-Jewish, the entire **Commonwealth and Congregation of** Israel.

YHVH-God is being exceedingly gracious here. His people will be given a chance to recover from their "dumbed-down" spiritual education and to get to know the true Jesus/Yeshua and to make things right. They will be given a clear picture of the false and the true. They will see with their own eyes

The true remnant Church will be on the unlearning curve and the learning curve. The true saints will dump their low grade religion. As the final expression of the <u>Church of Laodicea</u>. They will then begin to buy "gold refined in the fire" and cloth themselves with the "white raiment" of God's righteousness. They will procure the "eye salve" so that their partial blindness will clear and they begin to see. The cheap deal with God, that "ticket to heaven" they purchased so cheaply at the religious bazaars will have to be renegotiated at a higher more responsible and legitimate level. Their "free ticket to heaven" will be traded in for a more personal Eternal Covenant with God, one which involves the true Bridal relationship of total commitment "unto death do us part". Those who go on to embrace the "final witness" will go on to discover in a serendipity the joy of the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. They will enter into the true and faithful blood covenant relationship and into the true glory to which they have been called.

And what will happen to our Jewish brethren in Judah and in Eretz Israel? By the time the 70th week of Daniel is over something wonderful will have happened. The Jewish House of Judah will be saved! The royal House of Israel will repent and come to recognize and know their Messiah! (See Zech. 12:10-14, also Joel 2:28-32, and Romans 11)

## THE YOM TERUAH AS IT IMPACTS WORLD POLITICS. THE TRUMPETS ANNOUNCE THE SOON ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH

When Messiah comes next time it will be quite different from his former coming. We shall see Him emerge in His royal or kingdom role. He will assume rulership on this earth as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, ruling from the Throne of David. At His second coming our Lord Jesus will assume His royal office on this earth as King of Kings.

Messiah has two offices. He has a priestly office and a royal Kingdom office. The Christian Church is familiar with His priestly role. That is what the Gospel is all about. But they are not familiar with His kingdom role.

Ezekiel saw two offices for Messiah. They were exemplified by the two sticks that became one in his hand. (<u>Ezek.37:15-28</u>) Messiah comes into human hearts **and** into this world in the dual authorities of **the Order of Melchizedek.** - <u>Ps.110:4</u>.

## THE BLOWING OF TRUMPETS TO ANNOUNCE THE COMING OF MESSIAH. AND THE HEATHEN ARE RAGING AGAINST HIS COMING.

Does everyone want Messiah to come to rule and minister as Messiah? Unfortunately there are many in this world, many in national Israel, and many in the Church who have not yet welcomed Messiah into their heart. They do not know Him. What they imagine` in their hearts is that He will be a tyrant ruler. This rebellion against the Throne of David is the essential root cause of all <u>Antisemitism</u>. This hidden hatred fomented by the principalities and powers, the angelic rulers of this present darkness, is aimed squarely at Israel's Messiah or Christ. It is the spirit of Antichrist as viewed from the kingdom perspective of the royal tribe of Judah. Even now it is becoming quite clear that the politics of this world is centered around a little fledgling country in the Middle East which arose in 1948 after a desolation going back to the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

Why do the nations hate Israel and the Jews? It is because they do not really **know** Him. And their lesser angels who currently rule over the nations are hostile to the coming Messiah. These ruling angelic powers are currently operating up in the second heaven. They know that the return of Messiah

will be their undoing. They will be cast down. The returning Messiah will bring their shady rulership to an end even as the stars fall at the 6th seal. - Rev. 6 Of course the principalities and powers, the angelic rulers in the second heaven know that this has been prophesied to happen. But they rage against it anyway. And these dark rulers have their own agenda in the coming showdown of the Apocalypse. They want to drag the nations and all the peoples and races they possibly can down with them. They invite debauched and depraved men to come and join them in their doomed rebellion against the returning Messiah. They know His Second coming will terminate their rule. They are pretty disturbed about this. (See Psalm 2) Many humanistic, selfist, and Luciferian men share the same sentiments as the dark angels that pull their strings.

Do the anti-Semitic ultra nationalists, racists, and skinheads know about this epic contest of the ages? Unfortunately the answer is no. Most of them haven't a clue as to who is pulling their strings. They think that they themselves are controlling their lives. They imagine that they are the captain of their fate and the master of their own destiny. But they are wrong. They are in complete ignorance of spiritual matters. They are totally unaware that in rejecting the peaceful rule of Messiah in their heart they have unwittingly become pawns of their own evil angels. Their spiritual masters are spirits of wickedness. And these angels of deception are doomed. They will fall out of their heavenly places at the coming 6th seal judgement. They will be brought low at the end of this age, even as the stars fall. At that time the <u>Day of the Lord</u> will open up. The sun will turn to darkness, the moon to blood, and the stars will fall. It will be then that these hideous evil angels of destruction will be brought down. -<u>Psalm 78:49</u> These will be the angels of wrath that will be seen on earth in the Apocalypse. They will gather the wicked as tares at the last day. (<u>Mat.13:30</u>)

## THE MEANING AND PURPOSE OF BLOWING OF TRUMPETS IN SCRIPTURE AND THE VITAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WATCHMAN TO WARN GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE IN A TIME OF APPROACHING CRISIS.

If we do a word study of 'trumpets' or 'blowing of trumpets' throughout the Bible we come to a clear and straightforward conclusion. Apart from the annual and ceremonial events the occasions when trumpets were blown are pivotal moments in the history of God's people. Typically the blowing of trumpests marked the emergence of some crisis in the history of the nation of Israel. So wrapped up in this act of blowing of trumpets is the idea of watchfulness and, (when necessary), the sounding of an alarm.

#### "Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others, but let us watch and be sober-minded." (<u>I Thessalonians 5:6</u>)

There is also a vital element of <u>information warfare</u> involved here. In blowing the trumpet the watchman is announcing to the people under his care,

"Look, pay attention!! Here, I am bringing you some vital information concerning an imminent and present danger. Come, let us gather together as an assembled corporate body of people. And let us deal with this crisis before our God."

This is how a faithful watchman operates. In doing this he may well be putting his own life in jeopardy. The first order of business for an invader is to take out the sentries. Those are just the facts of life for a watchman.

Such is the work of a watchman. If the people are forewarned and if they have responded and brought themselves into readiness then this timely warning can turn a potential disaster into a victory. In the case of God's covenant people it is no different. We are in a spiritual war and increasingly so as the Day approaches. Our enemy certainly knows a lot of what is going on. And he knows that the day of his judgement is approaching. The church is advancing expanding by leaps and bounds over in the third world. Our enemy is actively responding to these developing realities. How about us back here in the comfort zone as we sit in our padded pews? Do we know what's going on? And when the big event occurs will the trumpets be blown? Will we be warned?

The day will come when the church, as Sleeping Beauty, will need to wake up and smell the coffee. Information warfare is essential to ensure our readiness in God. The right information must get to the right people at the right time. God's covenant people must be warned when that critical moment arrives. If they **are** warned then many will be saved. If they are **not** warned then many will be lost.

Our religious leaders have an awesome responsibility here. We are told that God holds His ministers responsible for the proper and timely warning of His people. When the enemy is sighted by the watchmen on the wall they have a sacred responsibility. The people need to be warned. When an enemy threatens to attack or maneuvers against their city or camp then the watchman is expected to blow the trumpet and sound the alarm.

Being a sentry is and always has been a dangerous and formidible task. An approaching army's first action is to silently 'take out' the sentries. They will try to silence those watchmen if they can. So to save his skin a sentry having seen the enemy coming may simply withdraw from his post. He may pretend not to see the approaching peril. He may just melt into the shadows and keep his silence. He may not want to raise an alarm lest he draw attention to himself and bring his life into jeopardy. But

here is the rub. If he does not blow the trumpet and sound the alarm then this puts his whole company at risk. This amounts to treason. In many armies, even today, a sentry who is found asleep or fails to raise the alarm is court martialed or even shot.

In the spiritual arena there are also serious consequences for an unfaithful watchman. Ezekiel had this spelled out for him very clearly. God said that as a prophet he, Ezekiel, had been made a watchman over the House of Israel. He was told that if he saw the enemy coming and he failed to blow the trumpet and sound the alarm then there would be some dreadful consequences for him. God said that He will actually require the blood of the people at the watchman's hand.

This is an awful thing. Ministers of today are wise to heed this warning. It is clearly laid out for them in God's Holy Word. It is their responsibility to warn the church of things that are threatening them even if those things are in the early stages and just beginning to happen. They are to inform God's covenant people of what is coming. And they are to help prepare the congregation of God for their essential role of witness in the coming trials. Here is our scripture from Ezekiel.

#### EZEKIEL 33

Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, 3 when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; **but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'** <u>Ezek.33:2-6</u>

The sounding of the trumpet is an alarm, calling the people of God to 'wake up' and 'pay attention'. But that is not all. The trumpets also summon the covenant people to assemble themselves before God. Indeed this positive response to God's call to assembly is what actually makes them the 'called out', the 'ekklesia'/'church', or the 'congregation' of God.

As the Bible clearly shows, the the blowing of trumpets is a call of alarm. It comes in response to a crisis in God's camp. The covenant people of God are 'called out' to assemble themselves. They are to come before God in worship and in solemn response to this crisis. As they gather together they are given the facts and told just what the problem is. Then they are shown what can and must be done about it. They are God's human agents and His witnesses on earth. As His covenant partners they are the responsible ones here. As His witnesses they are very much 'in the loop'. They are the 'called out' congregation, the 'ekklesia', the 'church in the wilderness' of which Moses spoke about back at Sinai. - Acts 7:38

Whenever the trumpets are blown the Judeo-Christian peopleare being 'called out' to make a judgment on some matter. Out of this will come repentance, a new direction, a new anointing, and a new beginning. True saints will be thankful for the corrective action God has taken in warning them. And they will appreciate Him calling them to conference on the matter. They are in a crisis yes. But in it they realize that they have arrived at a new threshold. Surely new vistas must be just up ahead! With joy they will make a positive response to God's call. Then they set a new course for their future pilgrimage.

For the saints the judgment of God is not a grievous thing. Even in chastening a new opportunity is being offered to them. Their God is not being unkind. Not at all. He loves His people. In this crisis He has their best interests at heart. He has them by the hand. And He is leading them out of spiritual danger. He is showing them the Way ahead, It is a gateway onto the <u>paradise road</u>. The 'highway of holiness' leads upward; Towards the gates of splendour; And into glories yet unseen.

## IN TIMES OF NATIONAL CRISIS THE COVENANT PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ARE " CALLED OUT" TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE THEIR GOD. THE BLOWING OF TRUMPETS SUMMONS THEM TO STAND BEFORE HIM. THIS IS A CALL TO REPENTANCE, A BRIEFING, AND A CHARGE. THE SUBSEQUENT REVIVAL EQUIPS AND GALVANIZES THE PEOPLE WHICH IN TURN ENSURES THE GLORIOUS ULTIMATE VICTORY.

In the days of ancient Israel the blowing of the trumpet was a "calling out" of the covenant people to assemble themselves before their God for an epic covenant "meeting of the minds". During these

times of national crisis there was a call to national corporate and personal repentance. The subsequent revival and worship brought God's Elect into a re-alignment with the plans and purposes of God. This prepared them spiritually and galvanized them for the required response and action. There was a national corporate response to the encroaching evil which ensured the subsequent victory. In the case of Gideon it the national repentance led on to a declaration of war on the encroaching Midianites who had all but taken over Israel at that time.

#### JUDGES 6

34. But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon;

then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.

35. And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh,

who also gathered behind him. He also sent messengers to Asher,

Zebulun, and Naphtali; and they came up to meet them. - Judges 6:34-35

Here is another example of the trumpets being blown, this time in warfare. This scripture gives us valuable details as to just how the endtime victory will be achieved.

#### JUDGES 7

19. So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands.

20. Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers--they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing--and they cried, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!"

21. And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled.

22. When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.

Here we have a select group of men. They are a 'sold out' or 'broken vessel' company. But when their empty vessels of clay, (symbolic of our bodies of flesh), are broken the inner Light shines forth in the darkness. Then they blow the trumpets and cry out in a declaration of victory. The enemy scatters in total confusion, turning their swords upon each other as they flee.

This is a magnificent story. It is a type or a pattern of things to come. It lays out the spiritual principles which will see the true church and the remnant of Israel come into their ultimate triumph. At that time a single refined and totally committed elect company will be bringing forth the final witness before men and angels. - <u>Heb.12:1</u> With total abandonment of concerns for their own lives they will let their light shine forth even from the brokenness of their very own bodies. They will take up the trumpet to announce the coming Kingdom of God on this earth. The call will go out to all of God's people to respond in the same manner. The days of their decisive faithful witness will have come. It will be in this final climactic action that the witnessing saints will bring this church age to a close.

And then Messiah will return.

Dear saints, we should be fully informed and persuaded concerning these awesome realities. And we should be fully committed to follow this course of action in witness to our Lord Jesus should that time come in our lifetime. Because this is precisely the manner in which God will bring this age to its appointed victorious conclusion.

It is not in our own power to bring this witness. We can't do it.

He is the One who enables and empowers us to do this.

And **He** is the One who will lead us on into the glory.

So..... All that being understood.

Who would want to miss out on this grand adventure in God?

The following scriptures from the book of Revelation show us the final victory. This will occur as the seventh trumpet, the last trumpet, is blown.

#### Rev. 10:7

"but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets."

#### <u>Rev. 11:15</u>

"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!'"

#### <u>Rev. 16:17</u>

"Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

#### DANIEL 9:27 AND A COVENANT WITH A CERTAIN 'prince' WHO IS

## DESTINED TO BE REVEALED LATER AS THE FALSE MESSIAH OR ANTICHRIST.

If we go looking for the next big prophesied event due for fulfilment we don't have to look very far. As we saw in our study of the **The 70 Weeks of Daniel** 69 weeks have alredy been fulfilled. One 'week' or 'seven' of years remains to unfold into holy history. The next major event on God's timetable is the signing of the 7 year covenant spoken of by Daniel in <u>Dan.9:27</u>. This big blowout event sets the clock ticking into <u>the 70th week of Daniel</u>, the final seven years of this age. The signing of this unprecedented sovereignty sharing megadeal involving Israel and the G7 nations will be an epic event. God's people will have entered into covenant with a false messiah!

The Bible indicates that this will be the opening crisis of the end-time. Might we therefore expect that it will be heralded by the blowing of trumpets?

For God's people in that incredible future day the blowing of the trumpets might well be a call to corporate international repentance both in Israel and in the church. It will be a sounding of alarm, a call to worship and a summons to assembly. And what would be the nature of this crisis? If Israel, and possibly a large part of the established church are involved with the 7 years covenant with a global peacemaker then quite clearly they will be into some mischief and up to no good. Jesus Himself told us quite clearly that this indeed would happen.

"I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive". - John 5:43

This is a dreadful and ominous warning from our Lord Jesus Christ. We would do well to mark His words well. And pay attention. The trumpets will most certainly be sounded in response to this outrage. They would be blowing in response to the great apostasy of Daniel 9:27.



Image from the television series "Beauty and the Beast". An endemic theme in our culture.

If this is truly the case and the Feast of Trumpets instituted by Moses and installed on the 1st of Tishrei in the calendar of the ages is indeed to be fulfilled with the alarm that goes up when the 7 year covenant of Dan.9:27 is signed by Israel then surely there is some prophetic Bible passage bearing witness to this. Is there such a scripture?

The prophecy of Joel chapter 2 may well be one.

I shall leave it up to the reader to decide.

#### **JOEL CHAPTER 2**

1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the Lord is coming, For it is at hand: 2 A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations. 3 A fire devours before them, And behind them a flame burns; The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them. 4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like swift steeds, so they run. 5 With a noise like chariots Over mountaintops they leap, Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array.....

10 The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness. 11 The Lord gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?

12 "Now, therefore," says the Lord, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." 13 So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. 14 Who knows if He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him-- A grain offering and a drink offering For the Lord your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call asacred assembly; 16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and

nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. 17 Let the priests, who minister to the Lord, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O Lord, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?' "

This is an awesome scripture. Obviously something of major importance has happened here. The scripture above clearly states that this particular blowing of trumpets here in Joel 2 is in the context of the close approach of the Day of the Lord. The prophecy is time linked into the late 70th week with the mention of the cosmic signs of the sun and moon turning to darkness. Further on in Joel chapter 2 we see the encirclement of Jerusalem by the nations (plural). This too is a clear reference to the late 70th week mustering of armies towards Jerusalem in the Valley of Megiddo, or Armageddon.

If God's covenant people are prophesied to make a deal with the forces of darkness then there will be consequences for them. All of the people of Israel and Christendom as well will then be in real trouble. The people who know their God will realize this. The ignorant ones who have compromised themselves and signed the 7 year covenant with the global peacemaker will not. Hence the sounding of the alarm and the epic blowing of trumpets. **All** of God's people will need to assemble when this awesome and historic day opens.

So when this great coming crisis opens up on some future Yom Teruah then how shall God's people respond? They will respond in precisely the same way thay have responded in times past. As in the crises of times past there must be a judgment. There will be a new and holy calling and a new separation unto God. It will be a new gathering, a new ekklesia, a new assembly of God. Once more the call will go out.

"Who is on the Lord's side?! Let him come and stand by Me!" - Exodus 32:26

How shall we answer? Pray God that each one of us will respond to the call, both in Word and in deed, on that coming awesome day.

## OUR RESPONSE AS THE TRUMPETS BEGIN TO SOUND IS WITH THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT AND THE WORD OF GOD BECAUSE 'THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL BUT MIGHTY THROUGH GOD FOR THE PULLING DOWN OF STRONGHOLDS.'

When the trumpets sound in that future time the saints will respond. But the response and action called for in that cataclysmic future time will not be a call to the sword and a call to war although that will be happening. The response will be on a higher plane than we have ever seen before in the nation of Israel or in the nations of Christendom. In that day the call will go out for God's covenant people to return to the eternal covenant with YHVH-God and to seek His face. The saints will enter into a campaign of holy and positive witness. The sword and the gun will have no part to play in the victory that will come out of all this. (See Dan. 7 and Dan 12, and Rev.13) The saints will be taking up the 'Sword of the Spirit' which is the Word of God. True saints will operate in the realm of spiritual warfare rather than earthly military warfare. And even in a day of thick darkness they will 'rise and shine'. - Isa.60

Our Apostle Paul brings us a similar warning about taking up the sword in a time that clearly calls for gracious witness. He says,

"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but they are mighty through God, for the pulling down of strongholds". -  $\frac{2Cor.10:4}{2}$ 

As Christian believers today our first order of business before God in a time of crisis is to respond to Him in holiness and with a clear conscience. We are to respond in faith before God rather than responding in fear before the circumstances. For us the blowing of the trumpet is a call to assemble before God Almighty.

**He** is the One who will give us our instructions in that day. No one else qualifies.

Dear saints, we must understand something of church-state politic here. To see the whole church to break the habit of 17 centuries will be highly unlikely. Since 325 A.D. and the <u>Council of Nicea</u> the established Christian church has sought out and taken the protection offered by the sword of earthly secular princes. But when that big crisis up ahead erupts into history it will be different. It will be an unthinkable compromise for God's elect to sign onto that <u>Dan.9:27</u> deal. Others may do it to then be drawn down the garden path on into deeper harlotry. But we cannot do this.

Thus begins the first 3.5 years of the endtime drama. The persecutions during those early years, will not come from the Antichrist. As we have seen before in post-Nicean church history the persecution will come from **inside the church**. Yes, it will continue the pattern of the centuries past. The persecutions that are unleashed upon uncompromised Christians comes from compromised Christians.

Pagans are not our problem. It is compromised fellow Christians of the <u>harlot church</u> who stoop down and bring the grief to the saints. This is an old repeated pattern. (<u>Rev.17:6</u>).

This is sad, but true. Christian history gives an abundance of evidence of this. Church persecution will be a feature of the first half of the 7 years. These are the three and a half years before the 'abomination of desolation'. The peacemaking antichrist will undergo a character change to become the 666 Beast Right there in the middle of those 7 years the Antichrist will be **revealed**. -Dan.9:27b

### AWESOME TIMES ARE UP AHEAD. OUR GOD IS NOT SILENT. HE WILL BE CALLING ALL HIS PEOPLE BACK TO THE COVENANT, RESTORING ALL ISRAEL, AND ESTABLISHING HIS KINGDOM ON EARTH.

In all of this our God will be taking an active role in world history. The Holy One of Israel will be 'calling His people out'. We are called to bring forth the witness of Messiah and to walk in holiness. The trumpets will be calling us to assembly and to attention. In that coming day the trumpets will be summoning us to lay down all the covenants we have made with this world and to fully and totally embrace Christ's Kingdom. When the <u>Daniel 9:27</u> covenant is confirmed and that awesome future time in holy history we simply cannot enter into this 7 year covenant with the political or religious princes of this world. Certainly not when we know just how that covenant will be broken by the other party 3.5 years later. The prophet daniel tells us what will happen. (<u>Dan.9:27b</u>) At the midpoint of those <u>seven years</u> he will stop the daily sacrifices and commit the 'abomination that makes desolate. The peacemaker will no longer be Mr. Niceguy. The <u>restrainer</u> will be taken out of the way. (<u>2Thes 2:6</u>) And the world leader will be possessed by the Beast demon of the bottomless pit. (Rev.17:11) And so at the midpoint of the seven years he will undergo a character change to be revealed as the 666 Beast Antichrist. (Rev. 13)

As we have seen, that epic future Yom Teruah will come into its New Covenant fulfillment. The people of God will be summoned to sacred assembly. They will be called by the God of Israel to attend to some covenant business of extreme importance. The burning issues which necessitate this sacred assembly of God's 'ekklesia' or 'called out congregation' will be of an intensely spiritual nature. This also involves ou political allegiances. God is calling people into His Kingdom. Quite clearly many of the kings and rulers do not like this one bit. (See King David's song in Psalm 2). But they will have to get over it or be swept aside. Because Messiah is coming!

Ah, some just and good politics for a change. The trumpets of Yom Teruah will be announcing the soon coming of a rightous ruler, even the coming Messiah. He is the prophesied future King of Kings. The principalities and powers are agitated and they pull the strings of high government officials to make them agitated too. They know what this announcement means for them. It means their doom. So they do not like this announcing of the Kingdom of Messiah, not one bit. Is this is so then why have we not yet heard the 'rest of the story' of Yom Teruah? Is this just too sensitive to teach from a pulpit set up as they often are right next to a national flag? Is this why <u>the princes of this world seek to seduce God's people and draw them to themselves</u>?

The history of the Church as it transitioned at Nicaea from the early church to the Roman church is well known. Ever since the **Council of Nicaea** the church has been deeply involved and compromised with the secular princes and powers of this world. The event which triggers Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets, and the summons the Jewish nation and the Christian church to holy assembly will be a momentous event. It will be a earthshattering upheaval of the whole church-state accord which we have lived under since we compromised with the Romans 1700 years years ago at Nicaea.

What will happen to the church on this awesome future day of decision? We might well expect to see the church split up again into those same three factions that are seen in every crisis in church history. The three church factions will be

1. A continuing compromised harlot church described by John as the <u>'Whore of Babylon'</u>. She is destined for destruction. -Rev.17 & 18

2. A warring raging nationalistic church allying with patriots and 'freedom fighters' in the nations. This movement will be crushed. (Dan. 7:21&25, Dan.12:7, Rev.13:7-9)

3. A separated and holy witnessing pilgrim church, some of its members dying in the witness, and some, especially women and children, seen migrating or <u>exiled to Mystery Bozrah</u>, a place or places far away from the face of the dragon. See <u>Rev.12:6</u> and <u>Rev. 12:14</u>.

The <u>Fall Feasts</u> will see the unfolding of the final histories of this age. This world and the Christian church as we know it today will be changed forever. It will never be the same. This is why Biblical information on the coming epic Feast of Trumpets has been 'cloaked' by the ecclesiastical powers. The real story has been hidden. Has God seen fit to keep it hidden from the masses for good political and ecclesiastical reasons? Perhaps so. If so, then why?

The church and Christendom generally is carnal and unruly. It is inclined to react to untoward events in fear rather than in faith. People are wont to take up the sword or gun. Unsanctified people are not inclined to stand for the witness as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane. When facing a spiritual challenge they are inclined to react like Peter and take up the sword. The Western people have a very poor record of grace and patience under trial. So can they be trusted with these holy matters? That is a good question isn't it.

But as we approach the endtime drama many faithful and devoted Christian believers will be there. These people will go up onto the stage of human history, even in the days when the 5th seal is opened. They will be going up to witness before kings and princes. (Mark 13:9) Do these consecrated saints deserve to know what is going on? They certainly do!

There is an information war going on. The true saints deserve to know God's truth. They need to have a full understanding of what their purpose will be in the latter days, why it must be this way, and their reward in a better resurrection. During these spellbinding future times they will be the ones who will on the stage of holy history. They will be the ones to bring in the epic 'final witness' before the Ancient of Days, before the courts of heaven, before the watching cloud of witnesses, both the angelic and the human host of heaven. Their final witness will be given.

And then Messiah will return.

## **RELIGIOUS SMOKESCREENS HIDE THE REAL STORY OF YOM TERUAH. IS YOM TERUAH REALLY THE DAY OF THE RESURRECTION-RAPTURE?**

If what we have said about the coming Yom Teruah is correct and is truly the case then why have we not heard of it before? And what sort of religious smokescreens have been put up to obscure the real story of this <u>epic future Feast of Trumpets?</u>

For most of the older denominations this is a moot point. They believe all the covenants with Israel have been transcended and swallowed up in the church. So these studies of the <u>Seven Feasts of</u> <u>Israel</u> do not even come up on their ecclesiastical radar screens. To them and to their members Feasts of Yehovah-God are completely irrelevant. They consider these future divine appointments to be quaint relics of a past glory of an ancient Israel that is gone forever and never to be seen again. This is the so called "replacement theology".

Bible reading evangelicals know better. They know that God still has plans and purposes for the Jewish people and for the entire nation of Israel. But unfortunately, even in spite of Ephesians 2:11-13 the Church cannot "see" themselves in the **Restored Commonwealth**, (or citizenship), of Israel Biblical Christians do have a vague idea that the church has been "grafted in" to the olive tree of Israel. (Romans 11) They also know that the the Old Testament saints believed God would provide the ultimate Promised Sacrifice Lamb. So they should understand that the ultimate blood of covering, blood of atonement, has been shed by none other than our Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Israel. So for the sharp Bible reading evangelical believers the Feasts of Israel are indeed relevant and exceedingly important.

The upcoming unfulfilled <u>Fall Feasts of Israel</u> still lie in the mystery of God. Their meaning and their future purpose cry out for an explanation. A few evangelicals have shown some interest and have been prepared to actually tackle the subject. But strange to say, scarcly anyone at this juncture is even studying what the word **"Teruah"** might mean. One might think this might interest them since Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets, is the very next feast to unfold. So just what have we been told so far?

The 'cover story' that evangelicals have been given is that Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets, is connected to <u>Daniel 9:27</u>. But the connection is loose and understated. The signing of the 7 year covenant with the worldly prince is suggested. But it is overshadowed by what is, (to them), a much bigger story. They say that the Yom, Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets will be fulfilled by the <u>Pre-tribulation Rapture</u>.

This sounds very comforting and comfortable. But is this scripturally founded?

The Bible certainly does speak of the 'last trumpet'. And yes, they do indeed connect this "last trumpet" with the **Resurrection-Rapture.** (1Cor.15:52 & Mat.24:29). But they provide no credible Biblical evidence that this 'last trumpet' or its associated rapture is what Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets, is all about. The attachment of the Feast of Trumpets and the "last trump" to an early special express rapture, (while it may be appealing to many), is without any scriptural foundation whatsoever. Nevertheless this connection of the Rapture to Yom Teruah is received gladly by many and without too many raised eyebrows.

People **want** to believe in a rapture coming seven years early at the beginning of the **70th Week**. It seems to many that everybody else is believing it. So for them as a group it becomes the 'truth' of the group or what George Orwell would call "groupspeak". Peer pressure, repeated frequently and loudly as dogma along with loyalty to Bible teachers who are excellent in every other way keeps the 'Feast of Trumpets = Pre-Tribulation Rapture' doctrine in place. Among many Bible believing evangelicals it has become church "lore". And so it is believed by a broad segment of Christians even in the absence of compelling scriptural evidence for it.

As we have seen in the other articles on this website, there is no scriptural basis for the prevailing doctrine of an isolated rapture in an early pre-tribulational time slot seven years short of the end of this age. The doctrine has, however, become extremely popular with the sort of middle-of-the-road Christian crowds we see gathering in today's western church. The church in the rich nations today is becoming increasingly carnal and operating predominantly in the lukewarm spirit of <u>the church at Laodicea.</u> - <u>Rev.3:14-22</u> This is to our shame. We should have shown a more Berean spirit of inquiry and given due diligence to thematter. We should have been more careful in our handling of the Holy Scriptures. And we should have had the courage to stand up and ask a question if something does not square with the Bible. Bible teachers should have been challenged when that shaky pre-trib doctrine was first taught. Unfortunately we are so busy in today's society that diligent Holy Spirit led personal Bible study has become a rarity.

## **RESPONDING IN HOLINESS AND GRACE TO THE EVENTS** WHICH WILL HERALD THE OPENING OF THE 70TH WEEK.

Beloved of God, the event that initiates the blowing of trumpets will be a blockbuster. And the ensuing 70th week of Daniel will be a time of testing and a trial. It will be a time of searching of the Scriptures and pondering of the hearts. It will be a test for every person who has a covenant connection with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The worldly powers of politics and religion will be calling us to covenant with them internationally in a way that we have never done before. We must not respond politically or militarily to any of this because it has been determined by God to happen this way. See Daniel 7:21, 12: We are not to enlist in any national rebellions or insurrections. Nor are we to join in any crusades. Jesus in the **Olivet Discourse** told us very clearly that all these things must happen. For God's covenant people to involve themselves with this historic harlot church compromise or to join nationalistic rebellions and wage war with the sword of Roman iron using the arm of flesh would be a big mistake. Such a move would run counter to our true calling. Instead we are called to understand that this time must come. We are called to bring our witness to Jesus Christ/Yeshua Hamashiach right throughout the whole seven years, first under the harlot and then under the Beast Antichrist. We are called to respond in faith rather than in fear using the spiritual weapons our Apostle Paul laid out for us in Ephesians 6:10-18. Chief among them is the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

## THE CRUCIBLE OF THE END-TIME IS A REFINING. IT BRINGS THE SAINTS INTO THE FINAL AND CLIMACTIC WITNESS. THIS IN TURN WILL LEAD TO THE FINAL GLORIOUS DELIVERANCE AND VICTORY AT THE END.

In all this we need have no fear. The victory is ours. The coming epic Yom Teruah, Feast of Trumpets will set in motion the events that will see both the fullness of the Gentiles brought in and the national salvation of Israel. (Zechariah 12:7-13:1) We have not seen these climactic breakthoughs before this time because we have not yet been summoned in a corporate and global way to the 'high calling' in Christ. There have been regional revivals this is true, but generally the Holy Spirithas dealt with us at a local and personal level. Church history has not yet witnessed the high grade worldwide **End-Time Revival** among God covenant people that this coming trial will call into existence. But in that hour of trial the true saints will answer the call. The level of devotion and witness this world will see among the saints as they come onto the stage of holy history in that hour will be magnificent beyond words.

This will be the time of Jacob's trouble. But our God will not be standing back doing nothing. He will respond and move by His Holy Spirit in an unprecedented way. Hosea saw the <u>endtime revival</u> and spoke specifically about it. (<u>Hosea 6:2</u>). As with Abraham at the beginning of the covenant four millennia ago this breakthrough will not be our own doing. - <u>Gen.15:17</u> Like Abraham, we may be overcome with the burden of the covenant. We may collapse in a heap and be unable to rise to the occasion. But since the Abrahamic covenant is an unconditional covenant God Himself, our covenant Partner will be carrying us, even as a Bridegroom carries His bride across the threshold. There will be <u>one set of footprints in the sand.</u>

Our Messiah will be carrying us though it all. We are **His** witnesses. And He is a great God. Let us not forget that. He bore all our sorrows at the cross. So we can surrender ourselves to Him without fear or concern. All that is required of us is that we show up for the trial and be there. He will cover us and be with us and preserve us "ek" (i.e. in, through, and out of), the hour of trial. Our eyes will be upon Him as our Covenant Partner. He is the One who will uphold us and empower us for witness in this covenant. We don't do it. He does. It is not our 'works'. The witness and the victory comes "in Christ" and by His indwelling divine enabling empowering grace. Many ordinary saints have gone before us and been caught up in extraordinary times. They went on to be come Overcomers. We have an extraordinary God. And He Himself will carry us through. He will be our shield and defender even as He has been for all the saints that have gone before us. Now they are looking to us. They are looking to us to finish the final leg of the race for them and for all the saints. They are cheering us on! (Heb.12:1) See **this poem** 

Let us make no mistake here. The victory is the Lord's. He is there waiting for us to walk out and take our positions of witness with for Him with joy. He has won the victory for us at Calvary. All what awaits now is for the end time saints to take their responsibility seriously. We have a vital and

essential role of witness in the end-time. But Christ is our head. And we are his body. He is the Breaker, not us. He will lead us and He will give us the words to say. In His passion, death and resurrection He defeated Satan. He triumphed over and all the forces of darkness and that included the last enemy, death.

Now is the time for us to repent of our waywardness. When we seek God's face and align ourselves with Him we come into **His** program. We set a new course with Him into the future. As we go forward we find ourselves on the <u>train to glory</u>. On the passage we find ourselves entering into a serendipity. In the midst of the adventure we find ourselves strengthened from within. It is only **in Him** that we become overcomers It is in the witness and power of the Gospel that we prevail against the forces of darkness. The Bible tells us so. Our Apostle John actually saw the final victory of the saints. He said,

'They overcame him,(Satan), by the blood of the Lamb, And by the word of their testimony, And they loved not their lives unto the death.' - <u>Rev.12:11</u>

Beloved of God, this is how we win.

Yes, on that spellbinding future Yom Teruah the trumpets will sound. This will herald the <u>70th Week</u> of Daniel and lay out a timeline to finish up at the appointed climax at the end of those final seven years. <u>The Elect</u> of God will most certainly be up front and center for this one. This will be the moment in which the endtime drama will begin in earnest. When the trumpets begin to sound the saints will go up onstage. There, before the watching world, they will bring their witness to Jesus Christ/Yeshua Hamashiach. This is our calling as servants of the Most High God. The New Covenant is the Eternal Covenant by which men come to faith and fellowship in God. It is a <u>blood covenant</u> <u>commitment</u>. We are not passive in this anymore than a bride is passive in a wedding ceremony. Our witness does not come by our works. Our witness comes because we love Him! The power of His Love is wrapped up in that covenant. And it is in that devotion that ordinary saints do the extraordinary. The Love of God draws us on into witness. <u>And in this devotion we shall fulfill our calling in the</u> witness of the New Covenant.

The testimony of the end-time saints will signal the second last event of this age. The unfolding of the 5th seal will make way for the opening of the 6th seal. The trumpets will go on through the days of awe to the last trump which will come seven years later. This will announce the **Resurrection-Rapture of the Church**.

As we can readily see from scripture, the effect of the unfolding of the Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets into human history will be astounding beyond words. For the church, for Israel, and for the world at large this future Feast of Trumpets which opens up the 70th week of Daniel will be the most momentous Rosh Hashahah in all of holy history. It will be nothing short of mind-boggling.

The <u>Day of Atonement</u> will be our next study as we move on through the feasts and towards our glorious future destiny in Jesus Christ/Yeshua Hamashiach.

Grace and peace to all who love His appearing.



