

The Past

“Many Trumpets” Have Been Sounded- Jesus is UNVEILED-His First Coming

The Trumpet is a “**declarative instrument**”—meant to get the hearer’s attention. God’s Trumpet is first unveiled on Mount Moriah as Abram is about to sacrifice, Isaac, his “one and only son”—“the son of promise.” But, God intervenes and provides Abram with a “substitute”—a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. The Ram’s Horn becomes God’s Trumpet called a “**Shofar**.” Then at Mount Sinai, **before and after** receiving the “Old Covenant” (Mosaic LAW), God’s people “tremble” as God’s Angels blow their Trumpets. God LOVES the Trumpet so much that He gave His Trumpet its own Feast—“Trumpets.” The “Year of Jubilee” also began with the sounding of Trumpets. Later, “Silver Trumpets” also called “Temple Trumpets” were introduced. However, only “Priests” (Levites) could blow the Temple Trumpets, whereas, “Shofar Trumpets” could be blown by anyone. Temple Trumpets were sounded to make offerings to God, call the Israelites together, for sending them out, for times of rejoicing and to mark the start of “Feast Days.”

The Word of God also records the “Sounding of Trumpets” throughout “Key Events” in Israel’s history.

- ❖ With Trumpets and shouts—the walls of Jericho came down.
- ❖ Trumpets are sounded as David returns God’s “Ark” to Jerusalem.
- ❖ King Solomon is anointed King of Israel with Trumpets sounding.
- ❖ With Trumpets, King Solomon announces God’s Temple will be built.
- ❖ King Solomon’s Temple is dedicated with many Trumpets sounding.
- ❖ King Abijah’s priests blow trumpets and King Jeroboam is defeated.
- ❖ King Jehoshaphat celebrates God’s victory with Trumpets sounding.
- ❖ Joash is anointed King of Judah with Trumpets.
- ❖ Gideon defeats the Midianites as “300” Trumpets are sounded.
- ❖ King Hezekiah purifies The Temple as Trumpets are sounded.
- ❖ With Trumpets, Jehu is anointed King of Israel.
- ❖ God’s “Watchmen” are to sound the Trumpet.
- ❖ With Trumpets—the rebuilding of the First Temple begins.
- ❖ The foundation of The Temple is now complete—sound Trumpets.
- ❖ The rebuilt Temple is completed—sound Trumpets.
- ❖ Nehemiah begins rebuilding the “Walls of Jerusalem”—sound the Trumpets.
- ❖ With Trumpets, The “Walls of Jerusalem” are now rebuilt and rededicated.

Also, throughout Israel’s history, the Jews were looking forward to the “Coming of their Messiah.” And the prophet, Zechariah, unveils how to recognize Him: “*Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion...See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*” Zechariah also **unveils Messiah’s ultimate RETURN**—His Second Coming—will be preceded with the sounding of a Trumpet. “*The LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. **The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south.***” Later, the prophet, Jeremiah, announces that a “New Covenant” was coming for “**Israel**” to replace the “Old Covenant:” *The time is coming,* declares the LORD, “*when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.*” And with each **sounding of God’s Trumpet**, The Messiah’s “First Coming” becomes more imminent. But God is “silent” for 400 years after the last prophet of the Old Testament, Malachi. Then “out of the silence” John the Baptist announces that The Messiah has arrived: “**Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.**” This is Jesus’ “**Triumphal Arrival**” as He enters Jerusalem, “riding on a donkey.” **Blow the Trumpets in Zion—Messiah has finally arrived.** But the Jews, didn’t recognize or accept Jesus. However, during His ministry, Jesus “confirms” that He will RETURN with the sound of a Trumpet. “***They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.***”

The “Old Covenant” ends and the “New Covenant” begins when Jesus, the **Lamb of God**, dies on the Feast of Passover. Jesus is buried the same evening on the Feast of “Unleavened Bread” and He arose from the grave 3 days later, on the Feast of “First Fruits”—fulfilling the first 3 Feasts (of God’s Seven Feasts) perfectly.

The Present

“Last Trumpet” To Be Sounded

Jesus GATHERS His Church-to Himself

After His resurrection from the dead, Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days. He ascended into Heaven and sent down The Holy Spirit on the “Day of Pentecost” fulfilling this 4th Feast perfectly, too. The Holy Spirit is the “surety” or “guarantee” that HE will return: *“Having **believed**, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit **guaranteeing** our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession.”* Israel, as a Nation didn’t believe Jesus was their Messiah or that He brought the “New Covenant.” But 3,000 Jews believed The Gospel on “Pentecost” and were “saved,” beginning the “Church Age.” And God continues to usher the Gentiles into His Kingdom as the “Time of the Gentiles” continues. Today, the Jews are making preparations for the Third Temple, where “daily sacrifices” will be reinitiated and Temple Trumpets will be sounded.

Throughout Israel’s “Past” and into the “Present,” a number of “calamities” have occurred to God’s People. Interestingly, they ALL began on one specific day-**The 9th of Av**. Israel’s first calamity came after Moses sent 12 spies to “scout out” the Promised Land. When they returned, 10 of the 12 spies gave a “bad report” (on the 9th of AV). They said Israel could not take the Land God had promised to them. Only Joshua and Caleb “believed” they could take The Land. So, because of Israel’s unbelief, God made the Israelites wander in the desert for 40 years until all of the “unbelievers” had died. Other calamities included The “First and Second Temple” being destroyed on the 9th of Av. Also, the First Crusade, the Jews being expelled from England and Spain and the “official start” of the Holocaust also began on the “9th of Av. **But God was working “behind the scenes” to orchestrate the redemption of His People and their restoration to His Land. And on May 14, 1948, Israel was “Re-born”-SOUND the Trumpets.** But Jerusalem, (God’s City) was not under Israeli control. Then yet again, God performed another miracle as Israel won the “6 Day War” in June 7, 1967 and recaptured Jerusalem. And as the IDF entered the “Western Wall,” **Rabbi Shlomo Goern blew a Shofar Trumpet** and quoted this verse, *“When you go into battle in your own land against an enemy who is oppressing you, sound a blast on the trumpets. Then you will be remembered by the LORD your God and rescued from your enemies.”* **Hallelujah, “Blow the Trumpets in Zion”**-Jerusalem is again under Israel’s control. Jews from around the World are making “Aliyah” and moving to Israel. ALL can come to the “Western Wall” and pray. Maybe “One Day” God’s people will have the ability to sound the Shofar Trumpet at the “Western Wall,” too.

Presently, God’s Church is waiting for the **5th Feast of “Trumpets” to be fulfilled**. This will happen at the sound of the **“Last Trumpet”** when ALL “Believers” will be **“Gathered”** to Himself. *“We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—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.”* But who will blow the “Last Trumpet” and, more importantly, how will the worldwide “Church” hear it? Could it be that we’re entering a “Time” when God’s **Shofar Trumpet** is sounded as a “Call to Worship” in every Christian Church and to celebrate Christian venues and events? And could it be that “ONE DAY” so many Shofar Trumpets are being sounded, that the “Last Trumpet” can be heard? Maybe? But as we wait, remember to “Praise The LORD” and sound God’s Trumpet. *“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn.”* We must also consider a “Special Day” called **“The Day of the Lord.”** It is here and it is coming, therefore, sound the Trumpets. *“For the day of the LORD is near... Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill...for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand.”*

Interestingly, about 65 years after Jesus’ departure (still in Present Time) John is on the Island of Patmos and he hears a voice LIKE a TRUMPET. It’s Jesus who instructs John to write Seven Letters to “Seven Churches.” *“I, John...was on the island of Patmos... On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches...“Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.”* After writing these Seven Letters to Seven Churches. John is ushered into God’s Throne Room and he records the “events” Jesus shows him must take place in the future. *“After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”* John records the “events” which MUST take place on the Earth and in the Heavens before the return of Jesus Christ. *“Behold, I am coming soon...I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End... “Yes, I am coming soon.”*

The Future

“Seven Trumpets” Will Be Sounded Jesus RETURNS-His Second Coming

Events to Take Place on the Earth in the Future: After King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem, the First Temple and forcibly brought “Daniel” and the God’s People to Babylon (exile of 70 years). Daniel penned the MOST significant book in the Bible concerning The Nation of Israel. Daniel was a “prophet”- entrusted with “Trumpeting God’s Word” to His People. And the most important “vision” Daniel has and “Trumpets” is his vision of “70 Weeks” (or 490 Years). These 490 years are divided into 3 parts. Daniel indicates that:

1. It will take “7” 7’s (or 49 years) for Jerusalem and the Temple to be rebuilt.
2. It will take “62” 7’s (or 434 years) for Messiah’s “Triumphal” arrival.
3. “The End of Time” (or “The Time of Tribulation”) will be marked by **ONE FINAL “7” (or 7 years)**.

God fulfilled part one perfectly when Jerusalem and the First Temple was rebuilt. And God also fulfilled part two perfectly when Jesus arrived (ON TIME)-“Triumphal Entry.” But God has put part three of Daniel’s prophesy, “On Hold” until other “events” take place. One day soon, the “Last Trumpet” will be sounded and all believers will be “Gathered” to be with Jesus. Those “Left Behind” will be evangelized by 144,000 Hebrew Christians and many will “Believe” the Gospel of Jesus Christ (known as the “Great Multitude”). Then (someone) a powerful and notable leader will initiate a “Peace Treaty” with Israel and the final “7 Years of Time” (“**Time of Tribulation**”) will begin. **Then in the “Middle of the 7”** (or 3 ½ years or 1,260 days) into the peace treaty, that “someone” is revealed as the Antichrist. He will abolish the daily sacrifices in the “Third Temple” and he will also stand in the “Holy Place” of The Temple and declare himself to be god (or some other blasphemy). This event is known as the FINAL “abomination that causes desolation” which Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24. Unbelievers will worship “The Beast” (Antichrist) and must take “his mark” in order to “buy or to sell.” Then in the “Valley of Megiddo” Many Nations will gather for a “Great War” (battle of Armageddon) against Israel. But God will give Israel the victory and “Surviving Israel” (those not killed) will finally “believe” in The Messiah. And what a “**Day of Atonement**” that will be- fulfilling the 6th Feast.

Events to Take Place in the Heavenlies in the Future: When Jesus (voice **LIKE a Trumpet**) ushered John into God’s Throne Room, he saw “Angelic Beings” praising God, day and night. He also saw “Elders” lay down their “crowns” before God and praise HIM, too. John also saw a “Scroll” sealed with “Seven Seals.” in God’s right hand. NO ONE was found worthy to open this scroll except Jesus, The Lamb of God. Then Jesus stands up and takes this scroll from His Father’s right hand. Angelic Beings and the Elders fall down before Jesus and sing a “new song” as “millions” of other Angels join in. **Then Seven Angels are each given a Trumpet to blow.** And as each Angel blows their Trumpet a different aspect of “Tribulation” will be unleashed on the earth. After the first four trumpets are “sounded,” the final three Trumpets (“**Woe Trumpets**”) are sounded as more “Tribulation” is unleashed. **But what type of Trumpet do the Seven Angels sound?** Are they “Silver Trumpets” (Temple Trumpets) or Shofar Trumpets? The Bible doesn’t say, so let’s consider the following. Only “Priests” (Levites) were allowed to blow the “Silver Trumpet.” But Angel’s serve God in a “Priestly” capacity and are also “Higher in Authority” than an earthly Priest. Also, the “Earthly Temple” (which is a “copy or shadow” of what is in Heaven) had a “Place of Trumpeting” where the “Priests” sounded “Silver Trumpets.” Therefore, there must be a “Place for Trumpeting” in God’s Temple, too. And we can conclude that the Seven Angels are most likely sounding the “Silver Trumpets” (Temple Trumpets).

NO one knows the day or the hour of Jesus’ return. But one thing is for certain. Jesus will return AFTER the Seventh Angel blows the Seventh Trumpet. *“The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.”* Jesus will return not as a lamb but as a “**Lion**” (from the tribe of Judah). He will return at the Mount of Olives and there is a “Great Earthquake” that splits the Mount of Olives in two. There will also be a “Great Flood” which floods Jerusalem to the East and to the West which Zechariah also prophesied about. And God will have created a “New Heaven,” a “New Earth” and a “New Jerusalem.” Then **ALL** believers will return to the “**New Jerusalem**” in “New Glorified” bodies. They will live with Jesus for 1,000 years in “rooms” or “Tabernacles”—fulfilling the 7th Feast- “Tabernacles.” **Therefore, “Blow the Trumpets in Zion”-Jesus has returned-All believers have returned. God’s ultimate plan of redemption has been completed.**