



Shofar—Ram's Horn

Fall Feasts 2025



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Rosh Hashanah (Hebrew: רֹשׁ הַשָּׁנָה ראש), literally meaning "head [of] the year", is the Jewish New Year. The biblical name for this holiday is Yom Teruah (תְּרוּעָה יום), literally "day of shouting or blasting". It is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days (יָמֵי נֹרָאִים Yamim Nora'im. "Days of Awe") specified by Leviticus 23:23–32 that occur in the early autumn of the Northern Hemisphere.

Rosh Hashanah is a two-day celebration that begins on the first day of Tishrei, which is the seventh month of the ecclesiastical year. In contrast to the ecclesiastical year, where the first month Nisan, the Passover month, marks Israel's exodus from Egypt, Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the civil year, according to the teachings of Judaism, and is the traditional anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman according to the Hebrew Bible.

Rosh Hashanah customs include sounding the shofar (a cleaned-out ram's horn), as prescribed in the Torah, following the prescription of the Hebrew Bible to "raise a noise" on Yom Teruah. Its rabbinical customs include attending synagogue services and reciting special liturgy about teshuva, as well as enjoying festive meals. Eating symbolic foods is now a tradition, such as apples dipped in honey, hoping to evoke a sweet new year.

Merry Christmas AND Happy New Year! This study will concentrate on the Fall Feasts—3 of the 7 feasts required, by God, to be observed by Israel.

Below are the 7 feast dates for Hebrew Year 5786 which runs from September 22, 2025 to September 11, 2026. (According to tradition, the Hebrew calendar started at the time of Creation.) The Hebrew calendar is 11 days shorter than the one we typically use because they measure 12 lunar orbits around the earth instead of one orbit around the sun.

Passover	April 11-20, 2025	Jesus' Crucifixion
Unleavened Bread	April 11-12, 2025	Jesus' Sinless Sacrifice
First Fruits	April 19-20, 2025	Jesus' Resurrection
Pentecost	June 1-3, 2025	Jesus' promise of Holy Ghost
Trumpets	Sept. 22-24, 2025	New Year, Jesus' First and Second Comings
Day of Atonement	Oct. 1-2, 2025	Yom Kippur Israel Repents and calls for Christ's return
Tabernacles	Oct. 6-13, 2025	Protection of Israel by God

Every Jewish holiday spans at least 2 of our days because the feast begins at 6:00pm on the first day of the feast and goes until 5:59pm on the last day of the feast. So, if a feast is celebrated for 2 days on the Hebrew calendar, it is equivalent to 3 days on ours: starting in the evening after 6pm, including the next full day, and ending at 5:59pm the next day. Another thing to know is that because the Jewish calendar is lunar, based on the moon's rotation around the earth, every new moon is the first day of the month, and every full moon is the 14th or 15th of the month.

The Feast of Trumpets is **the first of the Fall Feasts**. It is the only Feast that begins on the new moon, the first day of the month. Israel had to watch very closely to spot the small sliver of the moon that marked the beginning of the Feast of Trumpets.

There was no further explanation from God in His Law about the significance of the blowing of trumpets. But, like all of the feasts, and the entire Bible itself, we know it is prophetic in the life of Jesus Christ.

Leviticus 23:23-25

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.** Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Numbers 29:1

And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

Psalm 81:1-4

(To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of Asaph.) Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. **Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.** For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob.

Even though the Bible does not tell us the significance of the Feast of Trumpets, Joel writes that blowing the trumpet is an alarm for the

people when the day of the Lord, judgement, is coming. Today, this would mean Jesus' Second Coming.

Joel 2:1

Blow ye 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 cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

It may seem unusual that the Feast of Trumpets (also called Rosh Hashanah, Head of the Year,) occurs in the seventh month of the calendar year! It started as the first month in the year. The first day of the this month is still considered the Jewish New Year. But, when God brought Israel out of Egypt, He changed the month of their freedom, Abib, (which had been the 7th month) to be the first month of the year. This would be equivalent to us deciding to call July 1 New Year's Day because we celebrate the birth of our country on July 4!

Exodus 12:1-2

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, **This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.**

Exodus 34:18

The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, **in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt.**

It makes sense to believe that the Feast of Trumpets to be prophetic of the gathering together of Israel to go into the Kingdom after Jesus' Second Coming, because this event will be marked by a great trumpet sound.

Matthew 24:31

And **he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

Because it signals Jesus' coming, and He was rejected the first time He came to earth, we believe that Jesus was born in Bethlehem (His first coming) on the Feast of Trumpets.

You may have heard that Jesus was not really born on December 25. We are going to look at some Bible verses that put His birthday on September 13, 6B.C, during the Feast of Trumpets.

Wise men came from the east came to worship Jesus Christ after He was born, and informed Herod about Jesus' birth.

Matthew 2:1-3

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, **behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews?** for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. **When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled,** and all Jerusalem with him.

Herod was very interested in tracking down another King!

Matthew 2:7

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

The wise men were warned in a dream, not to return to Herod to tell him about the Christ child.

Matthew 2:12

And **being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.**

We have reason to believe that Jesus could have been as old as 2 when the wise men visited Him, because after their visit, Herod ordered the death of every child who was 2 years old and under.

Matthew 2:16

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

Matthew writes that this slaughter of babies was prophesized by Jeremiah.

Matthew 2:17-18

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, **In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.**

Here it is in Jeremiah. Jeremiah is prophesying about Christ coming to set up His Kingdom of Heaven on the earth. Israel has been scattered and the Lord will bring them back into their land. It is a message of hope! This is one example of a passage in the Bible spanning

thousands of years.

Jeremiah 31:15-17

Thus saith the LORD; **A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not.** Thus saith the LORD; **Refrain thy voice from weeping,** and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, **saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border.**

Here is how the timelines fit together. Jesus would have been born *before* 4 B.C. (when history records that Herod died.) Add this to the fact that Herod killed children up to 2 years old, and it is easy to believe that Jesus was born in 6 B.C.

It is easy to see why the Feast of Trumpets is considered Christ's birthdate.

Isaiah prophesied about the gathering of Israel to the sound of trumpets, when the Lord comes.

Isaiah 27:6, 12-13

⁶He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

¹²And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel. **And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.**

Jesus told His disciples about coming to set up His Kingdom, while He was on earth. He told them that there would be the great sound of a trumpet. They were ready for Him to set up His Kingdom of Heaven on the earth at any time.

Matthew 24:29-31

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: **And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven:** and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the**

Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Christ's birth was future to Isaiah. Now that we know that Jesus was rejected by Israel, and He will return after His Church is Raptured, trumpets will be blown at His *second* coming.

There were trumpets blowing to announce the arrival of King Solomon. Solomon is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ because Christ is also a son of David.

1 Kings 1:34

And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

1 Kings 1:39

And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

The second of the 3 Fall Feasts

occurs 10 days after the Feast of Trumpets. It is the Day of Atonement.

Leviticus 23:27-32

Also on the **tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.** And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

This feast is also prophetic of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Hosea prophesied that Jesus would return to sit at the right had of His Father, and wait for Israel to repent of their

rejection of Him before He would return to set up His Kingdom.

Hosea 5:15

I will go and return to my place, **till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face:** in their affliction they will seek me early.

Here is what Peter told the House of Israel at Pentecost.

Acts 2:36-39

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and **said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

The Day of Atonement is prophetic of this time when Israel is being persecuted by the antichrist, during the tribulation, and will repent of

rejecting the real Jesus Christ and call for Him to return.

Acts 3:19-21

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And **he shall send Jesus Christ,** which before was preached unto you: **Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things,** which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

The third of the Fall Feasts occurs 5 days after the after the Day of Atonement.

Leviticus 23:34, 39-43

³⁴Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days** unto the LORD.

³⁹Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick

trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. **And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year.** It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. **Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.**

God provided for Israel for 40 years in the desert, after they escaped Egypt. Their clothes and shoes did not wear out.

Deuteronomy 29:5

And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

God gave them manna and meat to eat.

Psalms 78:20, 23-29

²⁰Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

²³Though he had commanded the clouds from

above, and opened the doors of heaven, **And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.** Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full. He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind. He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea: And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations. So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire;

The Feast of Tabernacles is prophetic of the protection that God will give Israel during the terrible persecution of Israel, by the antichrist, after he sets himself up in the temple as God (the abomination of desolation) in the middle of the 7 year tribulation.

Matthew 24:15-22

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto

them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: **For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved:** but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Paul told the Thessalonians about this event.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

After the antichrist sets himself up in the temple as God and Israel flees to the mountains, God will protect them for 3 ½ years like He did for the 40 years under Moses. In the following passage, Israel is referred to as the woman who brought forth a man child (Jesus) who will rule with a rod of iron.

Revelation 12:5-6, 14

And **she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron:** and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. **And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**

¹⁴And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

How should we observe the Feast of Trumpets and/or Christmas, or any of the feasts that God commanded Israel observe? Paul tells us that it is completely up to us. Since we are not under law, we have the liberty to observe any day or not. Whatever we decide, we are to do it to the Lord and give Him thanks.

Romans 14:5-6

One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. **Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.** He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth

to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.