



**Shofar—Ram's Horn**

# **Feast of Trumpets 2024**





Merry Christmas AND Happy New Year! This study will concentrate on the Feast of Trumpets, the prophetic festival of Christ’s birth and second coming, and the Jewish New Year.

Below are the feast dates for Hebrew Year 5785 which runs from October 2-3, 2024 to September 23-24, 2025. (According to tradition, the Hebrew calendar started at the time of Creation.)

Passover	April 21-22, 2024	Crucifixion
Unleavened Bread	April 22-29, 2024	Sinless Sacrifice
First Fruits	April 27-28, 2024	Resurrection
Pentecost	June 15-16, 2024	Gift of Holy Ghost
Trumpets	Oct. 2-3, 2024	New Year Jesus’ Birth
Day of Atonement	Oct. 11-12, 2024	Israel’s Repentance
Tabernacles	Oct. 16-23, 2024	Protection of Israel

Remember, every Jewish holiday spans at least 2 of our days because it 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.

The Feast of Trumpets 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.

### 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. 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;**

The Feast of Trumpets is also called Rosh HaShanah (Head of the Year.) It is considered the Jewish New Year. There was no further explanation from God in His Law about the significance of the blowing of trumpets. But, like all of the feasts, we know it is prophetic in the life of Jesus Christ.

The coronation of King Solomon was marked by blowing the trumpet.

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.**

The gathering together of Israel to go into the Kingdom will be marked by a 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.**

Most people 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, 6 B.C, during the Feast of Trumpets.

Luke tells us that the census which required Joseph and Mary to travel to Bethlehem was ordered when **Quirinius** was governor of Syria. Remember, spelling is not always uniform throughout the Bible.

### Luke 2:1-3

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. **(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)** And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

History sources record Quirinius' decree of the census in 8 B.C. According to the same sources, it would have taken a couple of years for the decree to be executed, so the census probably actually happened in 6 B.C.

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.**

After the wise men left, the Angel of the Lord told Joseph to take his family to Egypt because Herod would try to kill Jesus. They lived in Egypt until Herod died in 4 B.C.

Matthew 2:13-15

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, **Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.** When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: **And was there until the death of Herod:** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

We have reason to believe that Jesus was 2 years old when the wise men visited Him. 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 *after* 8 B.C. (when the census was declared) but *before* 4 B.C. (when Herod died.) Add this to the census timeline (it was implemented, probably in 6 B.C.,) and we can make a good guess that Jesus was probably born in 6 B.C. (The Hebrew Year of Jesus' birth is 3754. Jesus Christ was born 3754 years after Adam was created.)

To set the exact date of Jesus' birth, you need to know that when Israel escaped from Egypt, God told Moses and Aaron that because they left in the

month of Abib (7<sup>th</sup> month,) it would become the beginning of their months of the year. Their calendar year would now start in the spring (not the fall, which it did before.)

### 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.**

### Deuteronomy 16:1

Observe **the month of Abib**, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: **for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.**

God's command to Moses also lets us know that it was a change for Israel to observe Abib as the first month of their year. Ethanim/Tishri, (September/October) used to be the first month, and it is still when the Jewish New Year is celebrated.

The Feast of Trumpets, Ethanim/Tishri 1, (the first day of the seventh month and New Year's Day) in

the year 6 B.C. corresponds with what would have been September 13 on our calendar in that year. (Our calendar did not yet exist.)

Ethanim/Tishri 1 does not occur on September 13 every year because the number of days in the Hebrew year are not the same as the number of days in our modern calendar. The first of the every month in the Hebrew calendar is the new moon (which occurs every  $29 \frac{1}{2}$  days;) so every month in the Jewish calendar is only 29 or 30 days long. The Hebrew year is only 354 days long!

Remember, in the days of Noah, there were 360 days in the year and 30 days in every month. The new moon was on the first of every month.

It was that way until God gave King Hezekiah a sign, about 700 B.C. that he would be healed. The sun backed up 10 degrees on the sundial, taking the earth's orbit around the sun from 360 days to  $365 \frac{1}{4}$  days and the lunar month from 30 to  $29 \frac{1}{2}$  days

2 Kings 20:11

And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and

**he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz**

After this monumental change in Hezekiah's day, God did not revise the Law to count how to celebrate the feasts. Jesus Christ told Israel that things will go back to the way they were in the days of Noah before He comes to set up His kingdom.

Read Leviticus 23:23-44., pages 128-129.

Matthew 24:37

**But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

It is easy to see why the Feast of Trumpets, also New Year's Day, is considered Christ's birthdate, and is prophetic of His second coming. In the many descriptions of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, there are trumpets blowing to announce His arrival.

The following psalm describes the joy and praise of the people at His second coming, when Jesus will judge the people with righteousness and equity. The people rejoice and make a loud noise

with harp, voice, trumpets and cornet. The sea roars and the floods clap their hands.

Psalm 98:1-9

(A Psalm.) O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. **The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.** Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. **With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.** Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. **Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.**

Jesus told His disciples about His return.

### 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.**

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

### Isaiah 27:6, 12-13

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

<sup>12</sup>And 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.**

How should we observe the Feast of Trumpets and/or Christmas? 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.

