



Shofar—Ram's Horn

Feast of Trumpets 2026



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

Below are the feast dates for Hebrew Year 5787 which runs from September 11, 2026 to October 2, 2027. It is a leap year, containing 385 days, or 13 months. (According to tradition, the Hebrew calendar started at the time of Creation.)

Trumpets	Sept. 11-13	New Year/Jesus' Birth/2 nd Coming
Day of Atonement	Sept. 20-21	Israel's Repentance
Tabernacles	9/25-10/2	Protection of Israel
Passover	April 21-22 2027	Exodus from Slavery
Unleavened Bread	April 22-23	Purge from Sin
First Fruits	April 24-25	Beginning of Grain Harvest
Pentecost	June 10-12	End of Grain Harvest

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 in the Jewish calendar. 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.

Psalms 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.

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;

All feasts are prophetic of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many people believe that Jesus was born on the Feast of Trumpets, also called Rosh HaShanah (Head of the Year.)

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 may not have been born on December 25. (Remember, December 25 was chosen because it is exactly 9 months after March 25, the traditional date of the annunciation, when Mary found out that she would become pregnant by the Holy Ghost.)

Luke 1:35

And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**

We are going to look at some Bible verses that put Jesus' birthday in 6 B.C, on September 13, during the Feast of Trumpets. The date for the Feast of Trumpets) does not occur on September 13 every year, (think Easter) because the number of days in the Hebrew year are not the same as the number of days in our modern calendar.

Wise men came from the east 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 wanted to hear all about this newborn 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, and stay there until Herod died, because Herod would try to kill the young child Jesus.

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 about 2 years old 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.**

¹⁶Thus 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.**

So Jesus was around 2 years old when He was taken to safety in Egypt to wait for Herod's death. History records Herod's death in 4 BC. We don't know how much time there was between these 2 events—Joseph moving the family to Egypt and Herod's death. The latest possible date would put Jesus' birth in the year 6 BC.

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

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 begathered 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.

We can be ambassadors for Christ when we live in the liberty we have been given, and help others to do the same. We should always be mindful that others may not understand the liberty they have, and so we should not take advantage of them by forcing them to do something they are not comfortable with.

Galatians 5:13-14

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only **use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another**. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.