

Bible Sunday Sermon

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Bible Prophetic Study:

The Feast of Trumpets and the Return of Jesus Christ

I want to be clear—while some may wonder if Jesus Christ will return on the Feast of Trumpets this September 2025, Scripture reminds us that we cannot set a specific date. Many passages give us glimpses of the season of His return, but the exact day and hour remain known only to our Heavenly Father. What we do know for certain is that we are living in the season of His soon return. Our call is to remain watchful, prayerful, and faithful, trusting God's perfect timing.



1. Introduction to the Feast of Trumpets (Leviticus 23:23–25)

Leviticus 23:23–25 (NIV)

“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Say to the Israelites: On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of sabbath rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. Do no regular work, but present a food offering to the Lord.’”

The Feast of Trumpets, or Yom Teruah, means “Day of Blasting” or “Shouting.” It marks the Jewish civil new year and is one of God’s appointed festivals (moedim) given to Israel. **The Hebrew word moedim (מוֹעֲדִים) means “appointed times” or “festivals.”** It is a day of solemn rest, trumpet blasts, and spiritual awakening.



2. The Trumpet's Prophetic Purpose in the Bible

Throughout Scripture, trumpets are used to:

- Call the assembly of God's people (Numbers 10:2–3) **Numbers 10:2-3 NIV**

"Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out. [3] When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble before you at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

- Signal war or danger (Joel 2:1) **Joel 2:1 NIV**

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand-

- Announce the presence of God (Exodus 19:16) **Exodus 19:16 NIV**

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

- Proclaim a new king (1 Kings 1:34) **1 Kings 1:34 NIV**

There have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, 'Long live King Solomon!'

- Herald judgment and the end times (Revelation chapters 8–11)

- Announce the resurrection of the dead and the return of Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 1 Corinthians 15:52)

1 Thessalonians 4:16 NIV

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Corinthians 15:52 NIV

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.

The Feast of Trumpets prophetically points forward to the rapture of the Church and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.



3. The Connection to the Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NIV

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NIV

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed- [52] 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.

The Feast of Trumpets prophetically foreshadows this catching away (**Greek: harpazo, Latin: rapturo**) of the Church. Just as ancient Israel would hear the shofar blast and stop what they were doing, the Church will one day hear the trumpet from heaven and be suddenly taken up to meet the Lord.



4. Jesus and the Fulfillment of the Fall Feasts

The Spring Feasts (Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, and Pentecost) were fulfilled in Jesus' first coming:

- Passover – His death as the Lamb of God
- Unleavened Bread – His sinless life and burial
- Firstfruits – His resurrection
- Pentecost – The outpouring of the Holy Spirit

The Fall Feasts, including Trumpets, are connected to His second coming:

- Feast of Trumpets – Rapture of the Church
- Day of Atonement – Israel’s national repentance during the Tribulation
- Feast of Tabernacles – Jesus’ 1,000-year reign (Millennial Kingdom)



5. Watchfulness and the “**Day No One Knows**”

The Feast of Trumpets is the only feast that occurs on the new moon, when the moon is completely dark. Because it depends on the appearance of the new moon, it is often referred to as the “**feast no one knows the day or the hour**”—a phrase Jesus used deliberately.

Matthew 24:36 NIV

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Jesus' audience would have recognized this idiom as a reference to the Feast of Trumpets—implying His return for the Church could be tied to this feast prophetically.



6. Wake Up! A Call to Repentance

In Jewish tradition, the shofar is blown 100 times to awaken the soul and prepare for judgment. The ten days from Trumpets to Yom Kippur are called the Days of Awe, a time of repentance and introspection.

The word introspection means looking inward—examining your own thoughts, feelings, and motives. It comes from the Latin roots intro- (meaning “within” or “inside”) and specere (meaning “to look at”). So literally, it means “looking inside.”

Similarly, the trumpet of God is a call to the Church to:

- Wake up from spiritual sleep (Romans 13:11)

Romans 13:11 NIV

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

- Be watchful and ready (Matthew 25:13)

Matthew 25:13 NIV

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

- Repent and live in holiness (Revelation 3:3)

Revelation 3:3 NIV

Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.



7. The Return of the King

In ancient Israel, the trumpet also announced the arrival of the king. One day, the King of kings—Jesus Christ—will return.

Revelation 11:15 NIV

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 Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."



8. Summary of Prophetic Significance

Feast of Trumpets	Prophetic Fulfillment
Trumpet blast	Rapture of the Church
New moon	No one knows the day
Awakening	Spiritual preparation
Days of Awe	Tribulation period
Coronation theme	Return of the King



9. How Should We Respond?

- Be Alert: Live every day as if Jesus could return (Luke 21:36) **Luke 21:36 NIV**

Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

- Be Holy: Live a life that honors Christ (1 Peter 1:15–16)

1 Peter 1:15-16 NIV

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; [16] for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

- Be Ready: Share the Gospel and love others (Matthew 24:45–47)

Matthew 24:45-47 NIV

"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the

servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? [46] It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. [47] Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.



Closing Scripture:

Romans 13:11 NIV

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

So you might be asking when does the feast of trumpets happen this year in 2025. Well tentatively it will begin at sundown on September 22nd and end at nightfall on

September 25th, give or take. No man knows the day nor the hour.

So again I want to be clear—while some may wonder if Jesus Christ will return on the Feast of Trumpets this September 2025, Scripture reminds us that we cannot set a specific date. Many passages give us glimpses of the season of His return, but the exact day and hour remain known only to our Heavenly Father. What we do know for certain is that we are living in the season of His soon return. Our call is to remain watchful, prayerful, and faithful, trusting God's perfect timing.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, come quickly. We love you. Amen.