



# Chosen by God

Feast of Trumpets

## The Jewish Roots of Christianity

### Yom Teruah

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Rosh Hashanah is another name for Yom Teruah, or the Feast of Trumpets. It literally means “the head of the year” and marks the beginning of the Jewish civil year. It falls in the month of Tishri, which is the seventh month on the Jewish religious calendar, and the first month of their civil calendar. It falls in Sept/Oct of the calendar we use, the Gregorian calendar.

The Feast of Trumpets was the first of a trio of the autumn Feasts of the Lord, sometimes collectively referred to as the Feast of Tabernacles and including the all important Day of Atonement, also called Yom Kippur.

The main purpose of the Feast of Trumpets was to announce the arrival of the seventh month and herald the final season of the Lord’s Feasts. Like a judge hammers his gavel to call attention to the beginning of a session of court, at the end of which a verdict will be announced, the Feast of Trumpets announced that in a matter of days it would be time for the Day of Atonement, so get ready! The trial is beginning, and in ten days, on the Day of Atonement, the verdict will be announced. This feast season would be the last time the Jewish males would be required to travel to Jerusalem until the following year at Passover.

I have served on a jury twice, but I have never been the one trial. What must it be like for the guilty to sit there as the condemning evidence is presented, and all the dastardly deeds are brought to light? What is it like to know your guilt, know what you deserve, then sit helplessly waiting for the verdict and sentence to be announced?

That is exactly the position the Jewish people experienced every year from the time of the blast that announced the ten day trial that would culminate in the Day of Atonement, when the verdict would be announced. It would be a sober time of realizing your sinfulness, and what it should cost you. There was no way to undo what had been done, it was too late for that. All that remained was to throw yourself on the mercy of the judge and one man jury. Your future lies entirely in His hands.



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## Feast of Trumpets

According to Jewish tradition, the day on which the Feast of Trumpets is observed was the day on which Isaac was bound. What is the connection to a shofar, or ram's horn according to Gen. 22:13?

The central significant event of this two day feast, was the blowing of the trumpet. While what type of trumpet is not described for us, it seems to most likely have been the shofar, or ram's horns.

What does Joel refer to in Joel 2:15? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Isaiah associate the sound of the shofar with in 2 Chron. 15:12-14? \_\_\_\_\_

According to Lev. 23:23-25, what else was to be done on this day? \_\_\_\_\_

What was this feast marked by according to Num. 29:1-6? \_\_\_\_\_

What distinguished it from the announcement of every new month? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is Psalm 47:5 an appropriate verse to connect with the Feast of Trumpets? \_\_\_\_\_

What other verses in this Psalm seem to point toward the Feast of Trumpets? \_\_\_\_\_

Another key word in the instructions found in Lev. 23:23-25 is remembrance. Not only are the people to remember God, and what He has provided them, but it is also a time of God's promise to remember His people. What did God remember in Exod. 2:24? \_\_\_\_\_

In Exod. 3:8? \_\_\_\_\_

What will He remember on this Rosh Hashanah? \_\_\_\_\_

## Holy Seven

According to Lev. 23:24, in what month of the Jewish Year (beginning with Nisan) is the Feast of Trumpets? \_\_\_\_\_

How many days are in a week? \_\_\_\_\_

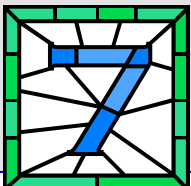
On which of those days is the Sabbath rest? \_\_\_\_\_

A Sabbath Year falls every \_\_\_\_ years. (Lev. 25:1-7) What happens in that year? \_\_\_\_\_

The Year of Jubilee was to happen every seven Sabbath Years. According to Lev. 25:8-12, when and how was it to be announced? \_\_\_\_\_

How was it to be observed? \_\_\_\_\_

In what ways does the Feast of Trumpets announce the ultimate Year of Jubilee? \_\_\_\_\_



## Ten Days of Repentance

The ten days beginning with the Feast of Trumpets and continuing until the Day of Atonement are known as the Ten Days of Awe, or Repentance. (Robinson 95) It is during this time that God is judging mankind. So, the tradition for the Jewish people during this time is to be introspective, reviewing the “crimes” against God they have witnessed themselves commit throughout the prior year. They are to be extra mindful of asking anyone they have offended for forgiveness, and engaging in prayer, repentance, acts of charity, and anything that will better prepare them to face God’s judgment. It is a signal that God is opening The Book that records man’s deeds. The trumpet call signals an arousal of awareness that will lead to repentance. It is a call for God’s people, and ultimately all of mankind, to turn from their evil ways. It is a recognition of their life, and their eternity, being in Someone else’s hands. What impact do you think this kind of awareness would have on us? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the reaction to the sound of the trumpet in Ezra 4:18-23? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the reaction to those in bondage when the trumpet was blown announcing the Year of Jubilee? \_\_\_\_\_

## Fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets

This is the first of the seven Feasts of the Lord that has not yet been fulfilled.

What does the description of future events in Dan. 7:9-10 have in common with the Feast of Trumpets? \_\_\_\_\_

What will happen according to Is. 27:13? \_\_\_\_\_

In Joel 2:1, what does the trumpet signal is coming? \_\_\_\_\_

How is that time described in Zeph. 1:14-18? \_\_\_\_\_

What is signaled by the sound of a trumpet in 1 Thess. 4:16? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Paul call this in 1 Cor. 15:51-52? \_\_\_\_\_

What does John liken the voice of Jesus to in Rev. 1:10? \_\_\_\_\_

In Rev. 4:1, what does a trumpet like voice say to John? \_\_\_\_\_

In Rev. 6-18, what do the trumpets sound an alarm for? \_\_\_\_\_

In Rev. 14:7, what is the expected reaction to the hour of judgment? \_\_\_\_\_

What does Rev. 19:11 say that Jesus will be coming to do? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your feeling toward that event? \_\_\_\_\_



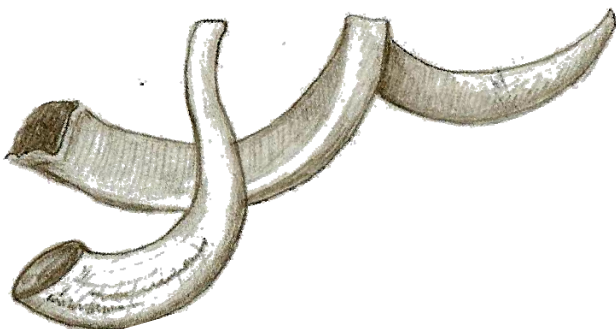


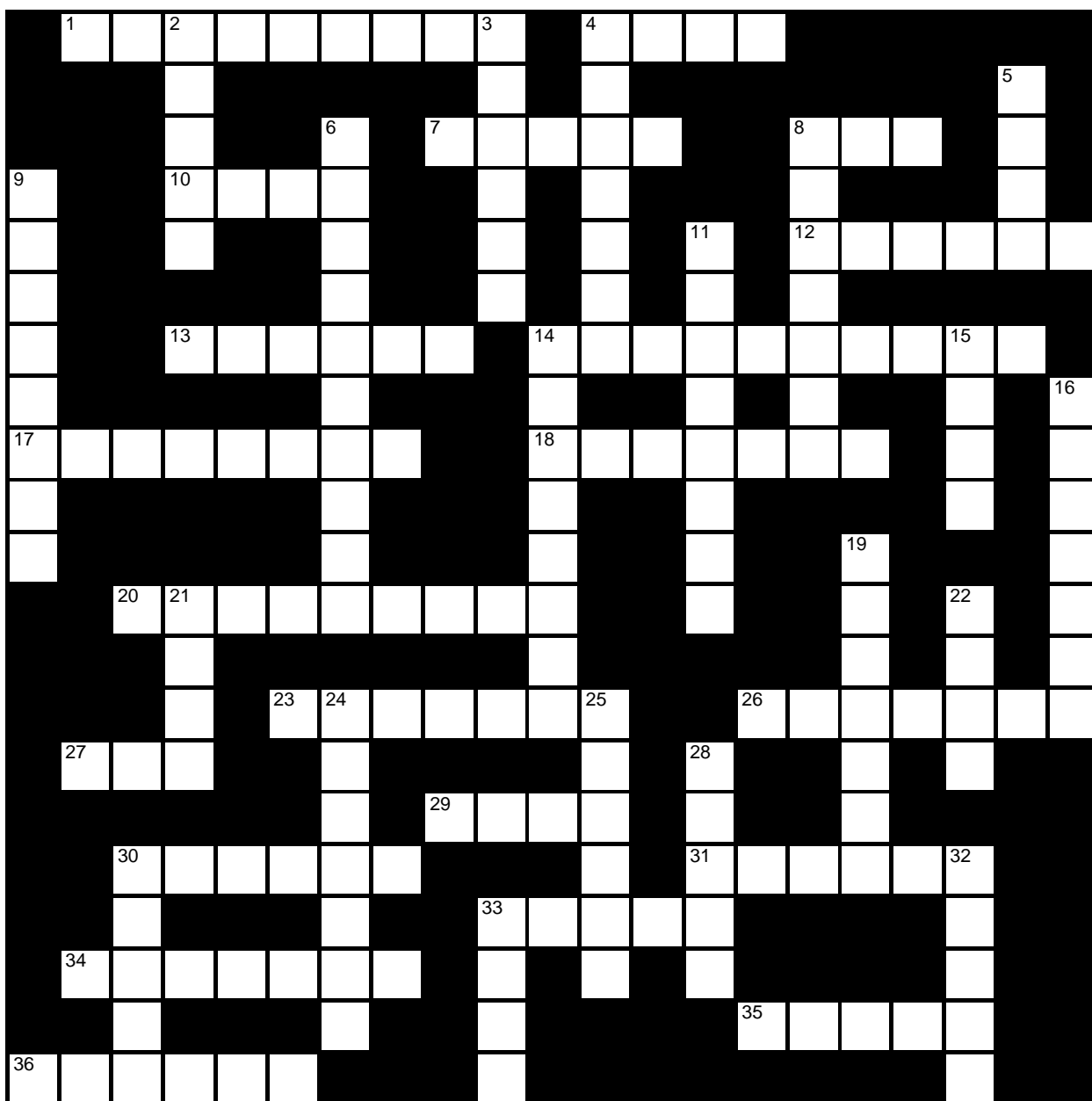
**Across**

- 1 the blowing of trumpets accompanied these Num. 10:10 (9)
- 4 blew a trumpet to stop the people 2 Sam. 2:28 (4)
- 7 sounded by the blowing of trumpets Num. 10:9 (5)
- 8 trumpets often made from the horn of this animal (3)
- 10 trumpet is a signal to do this Is. 18:3 (4)
- 12 trumpets used to make this kind of noise Ps. 98:6 (6)
- 13 done with a trumpet Ps. 150:3 (6)
- 14 activity of the congregation while the trumpets sounded 2 Chron. 29:28 (10)
- 17 a smoking one was where the trumpet was heard Ex. 20:18 (8)
- 18 God's voice is like this Ex. 19:16-19 (7)
- 20 brought trumpets here 2 Chron. 20:28 (9)
- 23 the trumpet is a \_\_\_\_\_ Ezek. 33:3-5 (7)
- 26 trumpet blowers Num. 10:8 (7)
- 27 the one blowing the trumpet Zech. 9:14 (3)
- 29 raised at the sound of the trumpet 1 Cor. 15:52 (4)
- 30 another name for trumpet (6)
- 31 come with the sound of a trumpet Matt. 24:31 (6)
- 33 what Israel did at the signal of the trumpet 2 Chron. 7:6 (5)
- 34 trumpet accompanied the anointing of this king 1 Kings 1:39 (7)
- 35 sounded like a trumpet Rev. 1:10 (5)
- 36 a time to sound the trumpets 2 Chron. 13:14 (6)

**Down**

- 2 trumpet a signal that God will do this for us Neh. 4:20 (5)
- 3 trumpets sometimes made of this Num. 10:2 (6)
- 4 rounded seven times along with blowing of trumpets Josh. 6:4 (7)
- 5 trumpets used to announce this man as king 2 Kings 9:13 (4)
- 6 trumpets taken along with these by Gideon's 300 men Jdg. 7:8 (10)
- 8 trumpets blown to do this 2 Kings 11:14 (7)
- 9 were to listen for the sound of the trumpet Jer. 6:17 (8)
- 11 trumpet blown to call a solemn one Joel 2:15 (8)
- 14 accountable for using the trumpet to warn Ezek. 33:6 (8)
- 15 men among Gideon's army of 300 who had a trumpet Jdg. 7:16 (4)
- 16 a trumpet signals their gathering Num. 10:4 (7)
- 19 announced by a trumpet Lev. 25:9 (7)
- 21 Israelite judge who blew a trumpet in Ephraim Jdg. 3:26-27 (4)
- 22 trumpet signaled it was time to rest 2 Sam. 20:22 (4)
- 24 used the trumpet as a signal 2 Sam. 15:10 (7)
- 25 blew a trumpet with God's Spirit on him Jdg. 6:34 (6)
- 28 trumpet blown to make \_\_\_\_\_ Ezek. 7:14 (5)
- 30 what the people would do at a long trumpet blast Josh. 6:5 (5)
- 32 number of trumpets born before the ark Josh. 6:4 (5)
- 33 blew a trumpet to get the attention of the Hebrews 1 Sam. 13:3 (4)

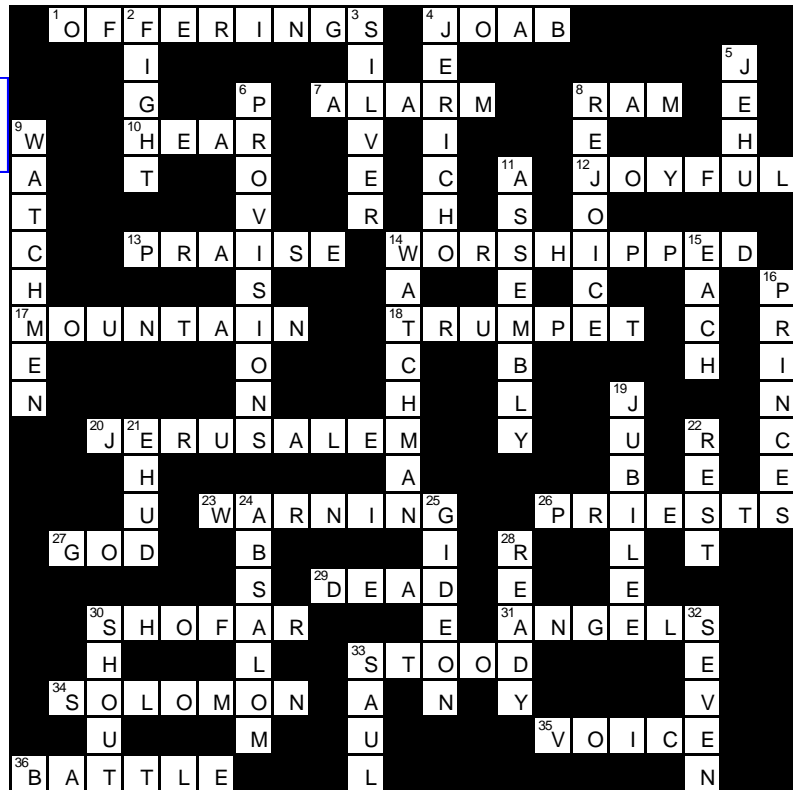




# Puzzle Page— Trumpets



## Puzzle Answers



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