

Feast of Trumpets

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

51. Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed
52. in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall
sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53. For this
corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54. So
when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on
immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed
up in victory." 55. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 56. The
sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57. But thanks be to God, who
giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! 58. Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for ye know that
your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

16. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an
archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17. Then
we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to
meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18. Therefore
comfort one another with these words.

Matthew 24:36-44

36. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My
Father only.

42. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43. But know
this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he
would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44. Therefore you
also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Luke 12:35-40

35. "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36. like servants waiting
for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks
they can immediately open the door for him. 37. It will be good for those servants whose
master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to
serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. 38. It will be

good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. 39. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

1. But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

Proverbs 25:2

2. It is the glory of God to conceal a matter and the glory of kings to search it out.

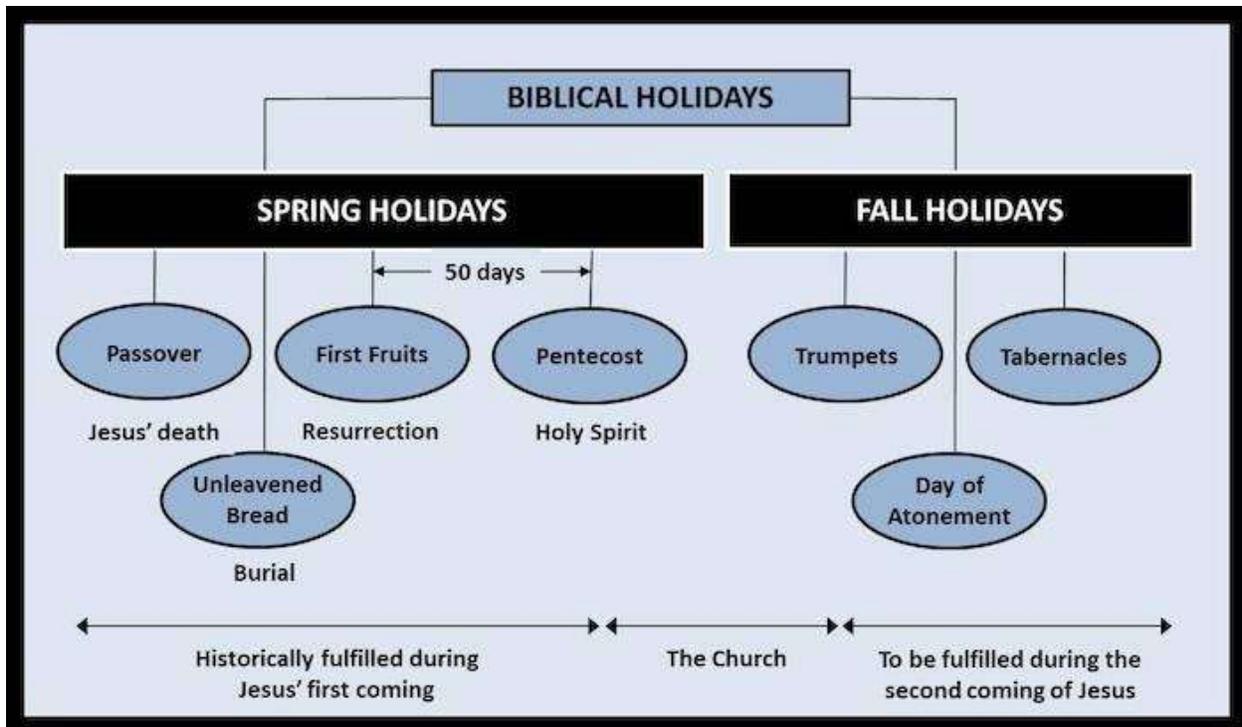
Theology and Theory

Genesis 1:14-15

14. Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15. and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.

Leviticus 23:1-2

1. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, assembly, a rehearsal these are My feasts.



1. Feast of Passover

Matthew 26:2

2. Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

2. Feast of Unleavened Bread

Matthew 27:59-60

59. When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.

3. Feast of First Fruits

1 Corinthians 15:20

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

4. Feast of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4

1. When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5. Feast of Trumpets - Rosh Hashanah

The Feast of Trumpets may soon find its prophetic fulfillment. Here are some reasons why the Rapture may occur during this Festival: All the Spring Feasts were fulfilled at Christ's first coming, and on the exact day of the feast. All the Fall Feasts picture the Second Advent, and the Feast of Trumpets is the first of the fall feasts, picturing the rapture.

Rosh HaShanah – 'Head of the year' / Tishrei 1 is the first day of the Jewish new year in their civil calendar. It is the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve.

Tishrei 1st represents the 6th day of creation

Tishrei 2nd represents the 7th day of creation

The Wedding of Messiah

During betrothal the groom's responsibility was to focus on preparing a new dwelling place for his bride. (John 14)

In Biblical times this was most often done not by building a new home - but by simply adding additional rooms to the family's existing home.

The Rabbi's determined that the place to which the bride was to be taken must be better than the place she had lived before.

It was not the groom's duty to determine when the place he was preparing for the bride was ready - his father would make that determination and give the go ahead to receive his bride.

The final step in the wedding process is called - **Nissuin** - which means, "to carry." This is a graphic description - as the bride would be waiting for her groom to come - to carry her off to her new home. The period of the betrothal - was a time of great anticipation - as the bride waited for the arrival of her betrothed. One of the unique features of the Biblical Jewish wedding was the time of the groom's arrival - it was to be a

surprise:

She knew the approximate timing - but the exact hour or day was uncertain. It was the father of the groom who would give the final approval for the marriage to begin.

It was customary for one of the grooms party to go ahead of the bridegroom, leading the way to the bride's house - and shout - "Behold, the bridegroom comes." This would be followed by the sounding of the shofar.

The pinnacle of this joyful celebration was the marriage supper: It was much more than just a sit down dinner for all the guests. It included seven full days of food, music, dance and celebration - (Jn. 14:10-12).

Jesus - told His disciples - that He did not know the day or hour of His return (Mat. 24:32-36) - this is not so much to say He does not have all knowledge - but as with any Jewish bridegroom - He must wait for His Father to give the word that the set time has come.

The Feast of Trumpets happens on the "new moon", which is 29.5 days after the last one, meaning it might occur on the 29th or 30th day, nobody knows for sure. "Of that day or hour no man knows" is an expression referring to this feast, and thus, the rapture.

Yom Hakeseh – *The Hidden Day* / It was '*hidden*' because they didn't know the exact day it would begin due to the fact that it is the only feast that starts on a new moon. Thus it was a two day feast because they didn't want to celebrate it on the wrong day. Concerning Rosh HaShanah, the Jews would typically say "Of that day and hour no one knows."

- "Of that day or hour no man knows, but my Father only" is an expression used by a groom when asked when his wedding will be. He says this because it is his Father that will tell him when his preparations on the bridal chamber are completed and it is time. Again, the wedding pictures the rapture.

In the Jewish Wedding, the groom comes for his bride "*like a thief in the night*" to take (*sieze / rapture*) her away and into the bridal chamber for the bridal week at his father's house.

Yom Teruah – '*Day of Awakening Blast*' / Jewish belief is that the resurrection of the dead will occur on the feast of Trumpets.

The Last Trumpet – On this day, there are 100 trumpet blasts. The final, long, and most significant trumpet blast is called 'the last trump'.

Yom Hamelech – the Day of the Coronation of the King.

The time of Jacob's trouble – There shall be great tribulation in Israel such as never was since there was a nation.

The Opening of the Gates of Heaven / The Gate of Heaven is opened on Rosh HaShanah so the righteous nation may enter.

Rosh HaShanah: Names, Themes, and Idioms

1. Rosh HaShanah (Head of the Year, Birthday of the World)
 2. Yom Teruah (the Day of the Awakening Blast [Feast of Trumpets])
 3. Yom HaDin (the Day of Judgment)
 4. HaMelech (the Coronation of the Messiah)
 5. Yom HaZikaron (the Day of Remembrance or memorial)
 6. The time of Jacob's (Ya'akov) trouble (the birthpangs of the Messiah, Chevlei shel Mashiach)
 7. The opening of the gates
 8. Kiddushin/Nesu'in (the wedding ceremony)
 9. The resurrection of the dead (rapture, natza1)
 10. The last trump (shofar)
 11. Yom Hakeseh (the hidden day)
 12. Teshuvah (repentance)
- There are seven days of awe in between the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement. These picture the seven years of Tribulation. Atonement pictures Satan being defeated and cast away at the end of the Tribulation.