

**TRUMPETS - A CALLING TOGETHER**  
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Happy New Year~!!!!

One thing that we have found often in our studies is that Christ was adamantly against what He called “the traditions of men” – or “your traditions” when addressing the Pharisees. That day’s and this day’s Jewish peoples put much more emphasis on their oral traditions than the written Law. And today’s mainstream Christian society have followed suit and put much more emphasis on their traditions of Easter and Christmas to the exclusion of the true Christian Holy Days of the Bible.

Today, we begin a new year according to the Bible and marking the anniversary of the creation of man and the beginning of a new agricultural year. It is also the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the Sacred Year which begins with Passover.

### **Leviticus 23**

- 23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 24 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial (*a remembrance; a memento*) of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.
  - One trumpet was blown for each month – the 7<sup>th</sup> month had 7 trumpets sounded
- 25 'You shall do no customary (*occupational*) work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.'"

It is curious that this day is called a “memorial”. What are we to remember?

The Bible gives less instruction about this Holy Day than any of the others. We are only told to not do any occupational work and to meet together.

Why?

Trumpets were used to:

- Summon soldiers
- Signify danger
- Signify the bringing up of the ark
- Signify the anointing of kings
- Dedicate the temple
- Recognize triumph
- Welcome in a new month (The 7<sup>th</sup> month has the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet)

In short, trumpets were used as a “sign” for something.

I recently received an email from Norman Edwards. In it, he was expressing some thoughts about the lunar eclipse of Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. It was one of the longest lasting total eclipses and was visible to most of the populated world. The moon did not completely disappear, but turned a dark red. This brought to mind the Biblical references to the moon turning to “blood”.

**Joel 2:**

- 28 "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your

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daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

- 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
- 30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.
- 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the **moon into blood**, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

**Acts 2:**

- 16 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
- 17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.
- 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.
- 19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.
- 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And **the moon into blood**, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

**Revelation 6:**

- 9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.
- 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"
- 11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.
- 12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and **the moon became like blood**.

Could these verses have referenced a lunar eclipse such as that experienced on August 28<sup>th</sup>? I don't know, but we should not let our modern day knowledge of events such as these confuse our understanding of the Bible prophecies. Remember that the writers of the Bible wrote without knowledge that we have today. They wrote about appearances – not **how** they were made to appear.

**Isaiah 27**

- 1 In that day the LORD with His severe sword, great and strong, Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He will slay the reptile that is in the sea.
  - "In that day" refers to the end time
  - "In the latter days" refers to the time from Christ's crucifixion to the end time
- 2 In that day sing to her, "A vineyard of red wine!"
- 9 Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob will be covered; And this is all the fruit of taking away his sin: When he makes all the stones of the altar Like chalkstones that are beaten to dust, Wooden images and incense altars shall not stand.
  - Idols will be destroyed

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- 10 Yet the fortified city will be desolate, The habitation forsaken and left like a wilderness; There the calf will feed, and there it will lie down And consume its branches.
- 11 When its boughs are withered, they will be broken off; The women come and set them on fire. For it is a people of no understanding; Therefore He who made them will not have mercy on them, And He who formed them will show them no favor.
- 12 And it shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will thresh, From the channel of the River to the Brook of Egypt; And you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel.
  - Mt 13:30 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"
- 13 So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown; They will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, And they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, And shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

**Revelation 8 (after the 6 seals of which the first 4 were the 4 horsemen representing false Christ, wars, famines and pestilences according to Matthew 24)**

- 1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.
- 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.
- 3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
- 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.
- 5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.
- 6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.
- 7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.
- 8 Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.
- 9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.
- 10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.
- 11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.
- 12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.
- 13 And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

**Revelation 9**

- 1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.
- 2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So

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the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

- 3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
- 4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.
- 5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.
- 6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.
- 7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.
- 8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.
- 9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.
- 10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.
- 11 And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.
  - Hebrew Abaddon = Destruction
  - Greek Apollyon = Destroyer
- 12 One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.
- 13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
- 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."
- 15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.
- 16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was **two hundred million**; I heard the number of them.
  - Who numbers 200 million today?
- 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.
- 18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed--by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.
- 19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.
- 20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.
- 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

**Revelation 10-11.15** = an insert about the 2 witnesses

**Revelation 10**

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- 5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven
- 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,
- 7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

**Revelation 11**

- 15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"
- 16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,
- 17 saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.
- 18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."
- 19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

**Revelation 16**

- 1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."
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- 2-12 describe the plagues of the 6 angels.
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- 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.
- 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.
- 15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."
- 16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.
- 17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"
- 18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.
- 19 Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.
- 20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.
- 21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

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**Revelation 1**

- 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

**Matthew 24**

- 21 "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.
- 22 "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.
- 23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.
- 24 "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.
- 25 "See, I have told you beforehand.
- 26 "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.
- 27 "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.
- 28 "For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.
- 29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
- 30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- 31 "And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
  - Summon soldiers?
  - Signify danger?
  - Signify the bringing up of the ark?
  - Signify the anointing of a new King?
  - Dedicate the Temple?
  - Recognize Triumph?
  - Welcome in a new month?

**1 Thessalonians 4**

- 13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.
- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.
- 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.
- 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.
  - Summon soldiers?
  - Signify danger?
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- Recognize Triumph?
- Welcome in a new month?
- All of the above?
- 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.

**1 Corinthians 15**

- 51 Behold, I tell 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 will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
  - Summon soldiers?
  - Signify danger?
  - Signify the bringing up of the ark?
  - Signify the anointing of a new King?
  - Dedicate the Temple?
  - Recognize Triumph?
  - Welcome in a new month?
- 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
- 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has 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 your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"
- 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is **the law**.
- 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord