

We are examining features of the Feast of Trumpets. Remember, Trumpets is plural and there were many trumpets in Israel's deliverance from Egypt. These past events for Israel look forward to future events for Israel when the Lord will deliver and gather them into their land.

Today we look at some events which happened when Joshua lead Israel into their inheritance. See Ex.15:17 & 34:9.

Joshua had been commanded to enter and take possession, (Josh.1:2). This anticipates the Lord taking His possessions on the earth. We are not surprised to read in Joshua 3:11, 13 a new title of our Lord and Israel's King,

[Jos 3:11](#) Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you into Jordan.

You will also find this title in Zech.6:5 which is a very exciting context. Zech.6:12-13 looks to the Lord Christ Jesus as the King Priest who will build the Temple of Israel and reign on His throne there. Psalm 96 is an interesting passage about Christ in glory as Lord of all the earth.

The Head of the Church which is His body is also the Lord of all the earth and He will rule the earth from Jerusalem. We must not mix up the different titles and offices our Lord has been given. We will not be participate in the earthly part of our Lord's Kingdom because our inheritance is in the heavenly places, see Eph.1:3-5, 11.

In our last lesson we noticed that when the Priests bearing the Ark stepped into the flooding Jordan, the fuller and wider waters were held back to Adam (Jos.3:15-16). We saw stones carried across the river typifying resurrection (Josh. 4:2-3). Resurrection for Israel will be fulfilled at the Feasts of Trumpets. The Scriptures tell us that as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. This happens at the last trumpet. Paul tells us in 1 Cor.15:51-57 that those living at that time will be changed and those asleep in Christ will be made alive. This includes the faithful of Israel and is the beginning of Christ's reign on the earth. See 1Cor.15:54 and read the context of Isaiah 25:8, (see also 1Cor.15:55 & Hos.13).

We also realised in our last lesson that the pillars of cloud and the fire ceased when Israel entered their Promised Land. The Ark of the Covenant was the only visible presence of God. In the day when the Feast of Trumpets is fulfilled, Israel will have the personal presence of Christ Himself, no longer the flame of the Shechinah glory, but the Light of the World reigning on the throne of his father David.

[Num 14:21](#) But truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of Jehovah.

Today we look at some new commands given to Joshua after Israel had crossed the river Jordan and were standing in the Promised Land.

[Jos 5:2](#) At that time Jehovah said to Joshua, Make sharp knives for yourselves and circumcise the sons of Israel again, the second time

Joshua 5:4-7 tells us why the children of Israel had to be (re)circumcised. Circumcision was a covenant given by God to Abraham and relates to this land of Canaan;

[Gen 17:7](#) And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you and to your seed after you.

[Gen 17:8](#) And I will give the land to you in which you are a stranger, and to your seed after you, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession. And I will be their God.

[Gen 17:10](#) This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you. Every male child among you shall be circumcised.

This second circumcision looks forward to the circumcision of the heart that will take place when the Lord returns to Israel at the last trumpet. Most of the nation of Israel had been "uncircumcised in heart and ears" down through their history, but when the Lord comes back to the earth, Israel will manifest repentance and a new heart will be given them. See Lev.26:41, Deut.9:6, 10:16 & Acts 7:51. Consider this passage;

[Eze 36:24](#) For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all lands, and will gather you into your own land.

[Eze 36:25](#) And I will sprinkle clean waters on you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from your idols.

Eze 36:26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments and do them.

Eze 36:28 And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. And you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

Eze 36:29 I will also save you from all your defilements, and I will call for the grain, and will increase it, and will lay no famine on you.

When the greater Joshua, the "Captain of the Lord's Hosts" enters His possessions, Israel will be the head and not the tail, a holy people (separated to serve, Unleavened Bread) and their land a holy land see Joshua 5:15 and Zech.14:20.

After the people were circumcised the Lord makes a statement;

Jos 5:9 And Jehovah said to Joshua, Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you. Therefore, the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

The reproach of Egypt was rolled away that day (Gilgal means rolling, no trace of the site remains). Reproach means scorn, shame, disgrace and taunt. It seems the Egyptians had engaged in ridicule against Israel since they had been wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. Their God was supposed to bring them into their inheritance and He had endured some of this ridicule as well. My dear readers, when the Lord returns in power and majesty Israel will be no longer be a joke and object of blame around the world, and the expletive use of our Saviour's name will also cease very suddenly. The trumpet will be loud, and the taunting voices quiet, in that day;

Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from all faces. And He shall take away from all the earth the rebuke (*reproach*) of His people. For Jehovah has spoken. 1Cor.15:54

Isa 25:9 And one shall say in that day, Lo, this is our God. We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is Jehovah; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

Isa 54:4 Do not fear; for you shall not be ashamed, nor shall you blush; for you shall not be put to shame; for you shall forget the shame of your youth, and shall not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more.

Isa 54:5 For your Maker is your husband; Jehovah of Hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall He be called.

Our Saviour, Christ Jesus, is the Captain of the Lord's hosts, and when He returns at the last trumpet then the world will know that He is the Lord of all the earth and the reproach He has borne and His people have born will cease once and for all;

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; (*the last Trumpet*) and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (For the earlier trumpets see Rev.8:2, 7, 8, 10, 12. 9:1, 13 & 10:7).

Israel's Feasts were divided into two parts. Passover, Unleavened Bread and Weeks are the Exodus or "way out" Feasts. Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles/Booths are the Eisodus or "way in" Feasts. Trumpets are the beginning of glory for Israel. So far we have seen events associated with the Feast of Trumpets anticipating the following;

1. The glorious entering into Israel's inheritance.
2. The deliverance of Israel by the greater Joshua, Christ Jesus the King of the Jews and the Lord of all the Earth.
3. The effects of Adam negated and new life in resurrection.
4. Israel receives a new heart.
5. The reproach of Israel and her Redeemer removed.
6. Christ dwelling with them.

Israel is approaching Jericho but one last thing needs to be done before they enter their spiritual warfare; they observe Passover and the manna ceases. Then they are ready for the first stronghold of the enemy and next lesson we will look at the Sword the 7 priests, 7 ram's horn trumpets, 7 days and 7 circuits on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. Seven is the number of spiritual perfection and Israel's prophetic number.