

New Year's greetings friends, from sunny, humming bird Ecuador, the land of majestic mountains, blue skies and a variety of wonderful fruits.

I am so excited about this year and full of confidence that the Lord will do incredible things in our life and I hope you expect the same things. Our God is powerful and works among us by His Holy Spirit, so let us all anticipate the good and uplifting things in spite of the TV news.

Here are some praiseful passages encouraging us to rejoice in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for He is worthy of our praise:

[Psa 89:5](#) And the heavens shall praise Your wonders, O Jehovah, Your faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

[Psa 89:6](#) For who in the sky can be ranked with Jehovah? Who among the mighty is like Jehovah?

[Psa 89:7](#) God is greatly to be feared in the congregation of the saints, and to be adored by all around Him.

[Psa 89:8](#) O Jehovah, the God of Hosts, who is a strong Jehovah like You? And Your faithfulness is round about You?

And:

[Eph 1:3](#) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ;

[Eph 1:4](#) according as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him

Faithful servants through all dispensations have offered praises to Him because of who He is and for what He has done and we should follow their example. Please my friends, this year will be an incredible one if we heed this advice;

[Phi 4:4](#) Keep on rejoicing in the Lord at all times. I will say it again: Keep on rejoicing!

[Phi 4:5](#) Let your forbearing spirit be known to all people. The Lord is near:

[Phi 4:6](#) Never worry about anything, but in every situation let your petitions be made known to God in prayers and requests, with thanksgiving.

[Phi 4:7](#) Then God's peace, which goes far beyond anything we can imagine, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

[Phi 4:8](#) Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is fair, whatever is pure, whatever is acceptable, whatever is commendable, if there is anything of excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy-keep thinking about these things.

This lesson we resume our look at the Feast of Trumpets.

For previous lessons on the Feasts, please email and new readers should check out our Feasts chart on this link;

<http://www.bibleunderstanding.com/feasts.htm>

Israel's early history is prophetic; they acted out the very steps God would take to bring in a greater deliverance for them. Israel experienced the Feasts typically, that is, Israel acted out their own future history as they were lead out of Egypt into their promised land. The Feasts were stages of this deliverance and pictures of future stages. Here is a very brief overview of all the Feasts.

Passover brought judgment on the gods of Egypt and deliverance from bondage for Israel.

Unleavened Bread brought separation from the ongoing bondage of the enemy, and typified the removal of sin from the pilgrimage to glory. Israel were separated from the enemy and separated to God. There was a firstfruit in the days of Unleavened Bread (once Israel entered their land) and this showed forth Christ in resurrection. What a day of separation it will be when Israel, like their blessed Saviour, will be resurrected into the Kingdom and truly separated from the reproach of the world and serving Christ/Messiah with the law in their hearts. The Egyptians also gave gifts and perhaps this ooked to the time of reward, payment for services rendered, see 1Cor.15:58.

Weeks or Pentecost, was a Feast of anticipation. It involved 50 days, a foretaste of Jubilee celebrated on the 50th year. Jubilee was the national year of deliverance from debt and was the year when the inheritance was restored by redistribution. Pentecost had a firstfruit as well but was of leavened bread and typified something wonderful in the future for Israel. Pentecost was a time of equipping for service in the kingdom. Approximately fifty days after leaving Egypt, Israel were stationed at Mt Sinai and there supernatural gifts were given so the Priest's attire and Tabernacle could be made. The Law was also given as a guide for life under God, and an agreement or Covenant was made between Israel and God. Pentecost is a preparation for the Kingdom on the earth and anticipates the powers that will be fully manifested when Christ reigns.

Trumpets, This Feast heralds the beginning of the Kingdom, when Israel entered their inheritance and took possession under the guidance of the greater Joshua. A trumpet was used to gather Israel, used in war and it will Herald the great return of Christ/Messiah to the Promised Land from Heaven.

Atonement. This Feast was the national day of Israel's cleansing and affliction. They had to be cleansed and humble themselves. It looks to the day when Christ will return and Israel will look upon Him whom they have pierced and will mourn for Him. Christ will purify and remove ungodliness from Israel.

Tabernacles/Booths. This concurring Feast reminded Israel of God's provision in the wilderness, where their shoes did not wear out and food was supernaturally provided. This Feast looks forward to the Lord's provision for Israel when He reigns among them. Their storehouses will be full in those days and they will lend to many nations, Deut 15:6.

Last lesson on the Feast of Trumpets we saw Israel being prepared to face the enemies of God within their inheritance. They had to observe the Passover, see Jos. 4:19, Ex.12:3, 21-27, and they were circumcised the second time, see Jos. 5:2. Circumcision was a covenant given to Israel and associated with this land of Canaan, see Gen 17:7-8.

Inside the border of their inheritance, Joshua met the Lord, the "Captain of the Lord's hosts":

[Jos 5:13](#) And it happened, when Joshua was beside Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold, there stood a Man in front of him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, Are You for us, or for our foes?

Joshua and Israel were not alone and neither are we. This visitation came after Israel had obeyed God by observing the Passover and circumcising themselves. Encouragement after prompt obedience is the testimony of Scripture. Meditate upon this passage please; Col.1:9-10.

Jericho fell this way. Please read Joshua 6.

The armies of the Israelites marched around the city for 7 days.

[Jos 6:3](#) And you shall go around the city, all the men of war. Go around the city once. So you shall do for six days.

This is how they were arranged. At the front were the armed men, behind them the seven priests with seven horns in front of the Ark of the Covenant and behind them were the rest of the people as a rear guard. This is a lovely compact picture of Israel's future day when they will enjoy a greater entry into this same land. War and trouble comes first, then Trumpets, then the rule of Christ in Israel, then the establishing of the people under the Captain of the Lord's hosts who will rule Israel and the world from Zion.

Each day the people were to be silent but the Priests blew on the ram's horns continually. Joshua 6:13.

On the seventh day the routine was observed seven times, and on the last circuit Joshua commanded the people to shout, for God had given them the strongholds of their enemies, see Jos.6:15-16.

Jericho fell in one day and all in it was dedicated to the Lord, however Rahab and her house were saved.

The entry of Israel into their inheritance features the number seven. There were 7 priests, 7 ram's horn trumpets, 7 days and 7 circuits on the 7th day. Seven is the number of spiritual perfection and Israel's prophetic number. Here are the sevens associated with them which also prophecy of the day when Israel will be the Head and not the tail.

The 7th day. Remember the Sabbath day. Ex,20:8-11, 31:13-17.

The 7th week. Seven Sabbaths shall be complete. Lev.23:15, Duet.16:16.

The 7th month the second group of Feasts began. In the 7th month a Sabbath. Lev.23:24.

The 7th year was a Sabbath. Lev. 25:2-5.

The 7x7 years. The 49th year was a Sabbath, so was the 50th year. Lev.25:8-10. (Note Trumpet).

The 7x70 weeks. The prophecy concerning Israel's final years to the coming of Christ. Dan.9:24-27.

The 7x1000 years?

For many more examples of 7 in relation to Israel, see "Number in Scripture" by Dr Bullinger, you can find it online.

There are a few more points to make in Joshua chapter 6 then we shall leave the Feast of Trumpets and begin our examination of the following Feast, Atonement.