

We have seen many times that these feasts were given to Israel, and while there is much in them that is applicable to us, the fact remains they speak of God's plans for His inheritance on the earth, Israel and His Land. The feasts were enacted as Israel was delivered from bondage and that exodus pictured a greater future deliverance for Israel when they will be safely dwelling in God's flourishing land of abundance with the law in their hearts, not on tablets of stone.

To see the chronological order of the feasts don't forget the chart here;
<http://www.bibleunderstanding.com/feasts.htm>

Trumpets heralds the Lord's return to the land of Israel from where He will rule the world. Not only so, at the fulfillment of Trumpets the Lord will re-gather His scattered sheep, Israel, into that land. Remember, our Lord is the only Saviour but He is King Priest of Israel. It is important that when we read about Trumpets in the New Testament that we think of Israel's hope and restoration.

At the last trumpet the kingdoms of this World become the kingdoms of Christ who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, see Rev.11:15, 18. Then He returns, re-gathers Israel and reigns from Jerusalem.

At this re-gathering of Israel the feast of Atonement is fulfilled, and one of the primary features of Atonement is the national humility of Israel. Let us establish this from Leviticus 23;
[Lev 23:27](#) Also, on the tenth of this seventh month, this is a day of atonement. It shall be a holy convocation to you. And you shall afflict your souls and offer a fire offering to Jehovah.
[Lev 23:28](#) And you shall do no work in that same day, for it is a day of atonement, in order to make an atonement for you before Jehovah your God.
[Lev 23:29](#) For any soul who is not **humbled** (to be afflicted, oppressed, to bow down) in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.
[Lev 23:30](#) And any soul who does any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

When unrepentant Israel sees their Messiah in the future day of His return to them, then they begin to understand what He endured and why. At the same time they will fully appreciate their own derision and rejection of Him. This is how they will be humbled. Let us see this feature in the New Testament and some Old Testament prophecies which spoke of this day.

In Matt.24, when the Lord's descends out of heaven we read the "tribes of the earth (or land) shall mourn". The tribes of the earth are not the church which is His Body; the tribes of the land are the tribes of Israel. In the day of His return, Israel will look upon the One they pierced and realize who He is and what they had done to Him.
[Mat 24:29](#) And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from the heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.
[Mat 24:30](#) And then the sign of the Son of Man shall appear in the heavens. **And then all the tribes of the earth (land) shall mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of the heaven** with power and great glory.
[Mat 24:31](#) And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Here is another Trumpets and Atonement combination in the prophecy of Revelation showing His return and the humility that follows;
[Rev 1:7](#) Behold, He comes with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, and **those who pierced Him will see Him, and all the kindreds** (tribes as in Matt.19:28, and Matt.24:30) **of the earth** (land as in Matt. 2:6, 20 and "earth" as in Matt.24:30) **will wail because of Him.** Even so, Amen.

The word for "wail" in Rev.1:7 is the exact same original word "mourn" in Matthew 24:30.

Revelation is about those who are to be a kingdom of Priests and they will be ruled by Christ the Priest King on the earth. This is not about the church which is His Body which is seated in Heavenly Places;
[Rev 1:4](#) John to the seven churches which are in Asia. Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming; and from the seven spirits which are before His throne;
[Rev 1:5](#) even from Jesus Christ the faithful Witness, the First-born from the dead and the **Ruler of the kings of the earth** (land). To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
[Rev 1:6](#) **and made us kings and priests to God and His Father,** to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Here are some expressive Old Testament prophecies about this future fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets and then Atonement. The following are prophecies about Israel, not the church which is His Body.

If we ignore the chapter break between Isaiah 52 and 53 then we have Christ on the earth in chapter 52

which is the fulfillment of Trumpets. Please read all of Isaiah 52 noting such verses as 6-9, 12 and these;

Isa 52:13 Behold, My Servant shall rule well; He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

Isa 52:14 Just as many were astonished at You (so much was the disfigurement from man, His appearance and His form from the sons of mankind);

Isa 52:15 so He sprinkles from many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for they will see that which was not told to them; yea, what they had not heard, nor understood.

Then follows chapter 53 which the humility of Israel, the fulfillment of the feast of Atonement. When you read this passage please imagine that you are an Israelite standing before the Lord on that future day when He returned to save you and your nation;

Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed (or saved).

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Here is another great prophecy regarding this future Day of Atonement when Israel shall mourn before Him, the One they had pierced. Once again you will notice that Christ has returned to defend His inheritance;

Zec 12:8 In that day Jehovah shall defend around the people of Jerusalem. And it will be, he who is feeble among them at that day shall be like David; and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of Jehovah before them.

Zec 12:9 And it shall be in that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Zec 12:10 And I will pour on the house of David, and on the people of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of prayers. And they shall look on Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be bitter over Him, as the bitterness over the first-born.

Zec 12:11 In that day shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddo.

And look at this gem of prophecy;

Zec 13:6 And one shall say to him, What are these wounds in your hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of those who love Me.

Yes friends, when the Lord returns to the earth unrepentant Israel will mourn for Him when they see the One they pierced. On them the Lord will pour out the spirit of grace and prayers.

Please note this very important difference, only the nation of Israel which had not turned to Him would be mourning. Those Israelites who believed in the Lord during the Gospels and Acts periods would not mourn at His return, they will be reigning with Him. Here are some passages to consider regarding these faithful believers;

Jud 1:24 Now to Him being able to keep you without stumbling, and to set you before His glory without blemish, with unspeakable joy;

1Pe 4:12-13 Beloved, do not be astonished at the fiery trial which is to try you, as though a strange thing happened to you, but rejoice according as you are partakers of Christ's suffering, so that when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy.

We shall look at the other fulfilment passages about the Day of Atonement next lesson.