

Israel's Feasts unfolded as they were delivered from Egypt and taken into their promised land. What happened way back then pictured what would and will happen when the Feasts are fulfilled in the future redemption of Israel.

We have seen that the original Passover and Unleavened Bread occurred in Egypt. About 50-60 days later the original Pentecost occurred around Mt Sinai but we leave an examination of that situation to a future lesson. Today we move forward into the final Feasts which occurred as Israel entered their promised land. This looks forward to a greater entry for them one day.

The Final set of Feasts was;
Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles/Booths.

TRUMPETS.

Trumpets is the first Feast in the seventh month bringing in the second set.

Israel used Trumpets to gather people together (Neh.4:20, Jer.4:5, Joel 2:15); to herald something important (Lev.25:9); in war (Jos.6:5); to worship their God (Ps.150:3), and to announce the entry of the King (Ex.19:13, 16). Psalm 47 is a great prophecy looking forward to the fulfilment of this Feast when Israel's God is King of all the earth. You may already be thinking of the book of Revelation.

The first Feast of Trumpets for Israel was when they entered their Promised Land and this could have been experienced very early in their history if they had faith.

Israel spent about a year around the base of Mt Sinai after being delivered from Egypt and when all things were ready they were marched straight to the southern border of their land arriving there in eleven days;

[Deu 1:2](#) eleven days from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea

Twelve is a number associated with Israel, 12 tribes and 12 apostles etc. etc., so perhaps on the twelfth day Israel could have entered their inheritance but unfortunately and very sadly, they lacked faith to do so;

[Deu 1:21](#) Behold, Jehovah your God has set the land before you. Go up. Possess it, even as Jehovah, the God of your fathers has said to you. Do not fear, neither be troubled.

[Deu 1:26](#) But you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of Jehovah your God.

[Deu 1:27](#) And you murmured in your tents and said, Because Jehovah hates us, He has brought us forth out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

[Deu 1:32](#)in this thing you did not believe Jehovah your God,

If you read the rest of Deut.1 you will find that the people changed their mind and tried to enter the Land, but they were defeated by the Amorites because God was not with them. To read the fuller account see Numbers 13 and 14. Israel was turned away from their Promised Land and wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. During this time, all those who had rebelled at Kadesh-barnea died;

[Deu 2:14](#) And the days in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we had come over the brook Zered were thirty-eight years; until the end of all the generation. The men of war were destroyed from the midst of the camp, as Jehovah swore to them. (See Deut.1)

Why did God lead Israel around in the wilderness for forty years after Kadesh-barnea?

First of all Israel needed to learn that Jehovah would provide:

[Deu 2:7](#) For Jehovah your God has blessed you in all the works of your hand. He knows your walking through this great wilderness. Jehovah your God has been with you these forty years. You have lacked nothing.

[Deu 8:4](#) Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell, these forty years.

See also Neh.9:21-23.

When Israel arrived at Mount Sinai, they received the Commandments of God, but they were a murmuring faithless bunch of slaves too quick to forget how powerfully God had brought them out of Egypt. At their first real test of faith at Kadesh-barnea they failed, rebelling and disobeying their God. What would happen the second time they were commanded to go up and possess their inheritance?

Israel had to learn to fear God's Word and respond, in other words, they had to have faith in what God said;

Deu 8:2 And you shall remember all the way which Jehovah your God led you these forty years in the wilderness in order to humble you, to prove you, to know what is in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

Deu 8:3 And He humbled you and allowed you to hunger, and then He fed you with manna, which you did not know, neither did your fathers know *it*, so that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every *word* that comes out of the mouth of Jehovah man shall live.

Israel was God's son, His firstborn and this son had to learn by punishment what it was like to belong to God, the King of all the earth. When God spoke, He was to be obeyed:

Deu 8:5 And you have known with your heart, that, as a man chastens his son, so Jehovah your God chastens you.

Deu 8:6 And you shall keep the commandments of Jehovah your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

The forty years wandering was a period of chastisement and learning; a preparation for the kingdom;

Deu 8:11 Beware that you do not forget Jehovah your God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you today,

Deu 8:12 lest *when* you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and lived in *them*,

Deu 8:13 and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied,

Deu 8:14 then your heart might be lifted up, and you might forget Jehovah your God who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves.

What about you and me dear readers? Do we believe what God has said, or could it be that we are in such sufficiency that we leave our personal Bible study and prayer time behind the things of this life. Let us all resolve to take a lesson from this wilderness experience of Israel, let us firm up our faith to believe the rightly divided Word of Truth and resolve not to let the cares of this world choke the good Word of God.

The time has come for Israel to experience the Feats of Trumpets, the battle cry of war as they enter their promised land.