

This lesson we return to our survey of the Feasts given to Israel. If you would like the earlier lessons in this series please email. Since it has been some time since the last lesson this could be repetitive for some readers.

Here is the Feasts' chart if you don't already have a copy:
<http://www.bibleunderstanding.com/feasts.htm>

The annual Feasts of Israel are outlined in Leviticus 23 which also includes the weekly Feast held every Saturday, called the Sabbath. The command regarding the Sabbath was not given to the Church which is His Body. Here is a plain Scriptural statement regarding the weekly Sabbath, see all of Ex.31:13-17.
[Exo 31:16](#) Therefore the sons of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant.
[Exo 31:17](#) It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever. For in six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.

The annual feasts were set into two groups, the first celebrated in the early months of Israel's festive year approximating around our March through May, and the later group occurring around our September/October. The first group included Passover, Unleavened Bread and Weeks (Pentecost), and the final set of feasts was Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles/Booths.

The first group of Feasts was Israel's typical Exodus (the way out); the second group of Feasts is Israel's typical Eisodus (the way in). Salvation is of two parts and it is sad that many Christians spend all their lives clinging to the cross without any knowledge of the inheritance promised today.

Trumpets is the Feast before us today, and it is Trumpets which heralds this final group of Feasts.

Israel's national beginnings gave them and us some incredible pictures of their future greater deliverance by Jehovah their Saviour and Lord, Christ Jesus. Here is a very brief revision.

PASSOVER. [Lev.23:5](#). [Gen.12:1-14](#).

Israel was delivered from bondage; the firstborn sons of Egypt died and the gods of Egypt were judged. The blood was around the door outside while the Lamb was consumed inside.

UNLEAVENED BREAD. [Lev. 23:6-8](#). [Ex.12:15-20](#).

For seven days beginning the night they were delivered (Gen.12:14-17). Israel were set free and marched out of Egypt; separated to serve God and they had to separate sin from their lives. In the future Kingdom on the earth, sin will not be tolerated (Psalm 5:4-6 cp Acts 5). Note; there is a first fruit in this Feast which points to Christ in resurrection, Lev.23:10 and 1Cor.15:20, 23.

WEEKS – PENTECOST. [Lev.23:15-21](#). [Ex.19](#) et al.

Approximately 50-60 days later Israel arrived at Mt Sinai where they experienced a typical Pentecost or Feast of Weeks. The Law was given on tables of stone, Israel entered into a covenant and supernatural gifts were given. We are yet to fully examine this event and we will return to Mount Sinai soon. The first fruit in this Feast is leavened bread and points to Israel and includes those supernatural gifts poured out in Acts 2, Lev.23:17.

THE GAP. Lev. 23:22. [Numbers 13](#) and [14](#), also [Deut.1:2](#), [21](#), [26](#), [27](#), and [32](#).

Israel failed at their test of faith. They were marched straight from Mt Sinai to the southern border of their land. Instead of believing they were afraid and were turned back into the wilderness. Trumpets could have happened 40 years earlier. Israel also failed in the Gospels and Acts period. Had they faith in the Lord as their Messiah the last trumpet of revelation would have sounded nearly 2000 years ago and Christ would have returned to restore the Kingdom to Israel. Rev.11:15, Acts 1:6.

TRUMPETS. [Lev.23](#). [Joshua 3-6](#).

Trumpets is the beginning of glory after suffering. The Lord brought Israel around to the east side of the Promised Land to enter across the river Jordan. There, Moses died and was buried by the Lord, see [Deut. 34:1-6](#). Moses led Israel out but only the Lord Jesus Christ will lead them in and so Joshua comes to the fore.

Joshua was commanded to lead the people into their promised land;

Jos 1:2 My servant Moses is dead. Now, therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people to the land which I give to them, to the sons of Israel.

Jos 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, I have given that to you, as I said to Moses.

Jos 1:4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even to the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border.

Here is the first and very important point linked with the Feasts of Trumpets; the nation of Israel entered into their Kingdom. Joshua means "saviour, deliverer" and he is a type of Christ, the true Saviour and Deliverer of Israel. This looks forward to the great return of Christ to the earth to save and gather His people into this very same Promised Land;

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 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

Please note that the cloud and the fire are no longer mentioned and the Ark of the Covenant is the only visible presence of God; Christ alone delivers Israel. Note His title;

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

Please compare this verse in Revelation when the last trumpet sounds:

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded. And there were great voices in Heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ. And He will reign forever and ever.

(For the earlier trumpets see Rev.8:2, 7, 8, 10, 12. 9:1, 13 & 10:7).

Please note that just as Israel passed through the sea as on dry land when they came out of Egypt, so they passed through Jordan on dry land. Ex.14:22, 29, Jos.3:17 and note the third day, Jos.3:2.

When the Priests bearing the Ark stepped into the overflowing river, the fuller and wider waters were held back to Adam (Jos.3:15-16). Friends, the enemy will be raging against Israel in the Day the Lord but will be defeated when His feet stand upon the Mount of Olives. (Zech.14:4, 9). But wait, there's more. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ will all be made alive" and this includes Israel (1Cor.15:22). Israel's resurrection into the Kingdom is foreshadowed in the lifting of rocks and carrying them across into the inheritance;

Jos 4:1 And it happened when all the people had completely passed over the Jordan, Jehovah spoke to Joshua saying,

Jos 4:2 Take twelve men for you out of the people, a man out of every tribe,

Jos 4:3 and command them saying, Take twelve stones from here, out of the middle of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm. And you shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the place where you shall stay tonight.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians about resurrection at the last trumpet; the seventh trumpet in Revelation 11:15. This trumpet they eagerly expected in their lifetime, the "we" includes Paul;

1Co 15:51 Behold, I speak a mystery to you; we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed;

1Co 15:52 in a moment, in a glance of an eye, at the last trumpet. For a trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 But when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and when this mortal shall put on immortality, then will take place the word that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory.

1Co 15:55 O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?"

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the Law.

1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Don't forget to read Isaiah 25 and Hosea 13. These OT passages have nothing to do with the Church which is His Body. You and I rejoice that, should we fall asleep in Christ, we shall enjoy resurrection but not to the Kingdom of God on the Earth in the Promised Land. Our inheritance is in the heavenly Places.

So far we have seen Trumpets associated with 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.

Types and shadows are not nicely packaged in one Scripture passage and next lesson we shall look at other significant elements of the Feast of Trumpets including the fall of Jericho, Jubilee which is the day of Israel's national cleansing, the liberation of captives and the restoration of the inheritance.