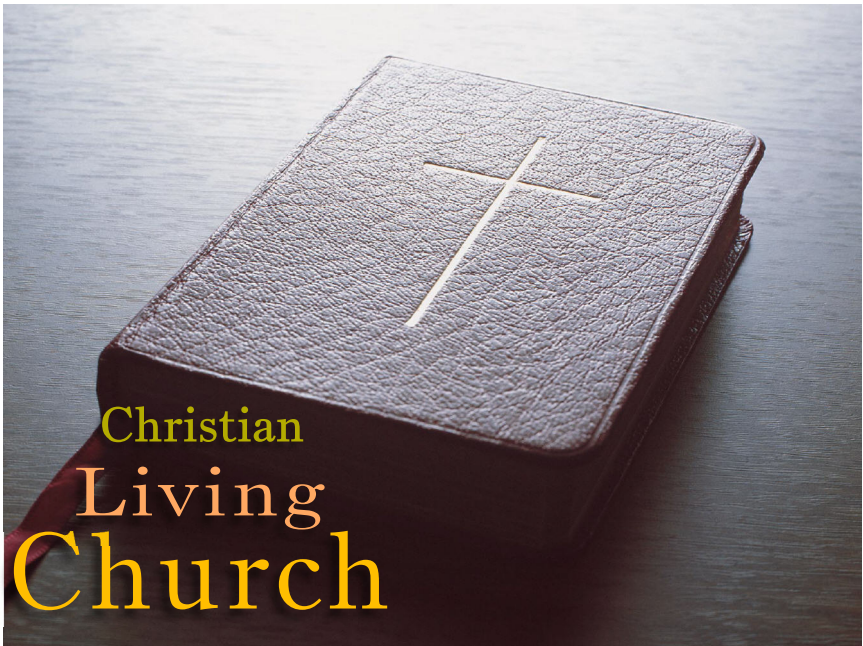


LESSON 16

Feast of Trumpets

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This series of lessons has been designed for private study or classroom presentation. The purpose of this foreword is to explain certain conventions utilized throughout the program. The overall concept is to begin with the basic concepts necessary for the new convert to understand and progress toward more complex doctrine. The lessons are numbered in order to maintain the proper sequence of study.

When Scripture references are encountered in the text, various actions are recommended. When in parenthetical bold (**Genesis 1:1**) the verse is to be looked up and read right away. Frequently, the next textual statement will comment on that verse. Reading verse and text in proper order will enhance one's understanding of the verse. Direct quotes from Scripture will be "*bold italicized and contained in quotation marks*" and, unless otherwise noted, will be from the King James Bible. When the reference is in parenthetical non-bold (Genesis 1:1) it is to provide the Scriptural basis for the statement if confirmation is desired. References in blue [Genesis 1:1](#) will be listed in the lesson section entitled **FURTHER STUDY**.

FURTHER STUDY is the "homework" section. Its purpose is to encourage Bible study at home. The referenced verses have a short summation to assist the student desiring more knowledge about a subject to find what they are looking for.

The **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS** section is primarily for classroom use. Open discussion with the exchange of ideas produces growth for all involved. Most of the time the answer is contained in the referenced Scripture but sometimes the question is offered for open discussion. Even in private Bible study, analysis of the question and the search for its answer can be rewarding.

This work is offered to anyone with a desire to better understand God's Word. It is our hope and prayer that the person studying these lessons will come away with a better understanding of God's will and a closer walk with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Key Verse: 1 Thessalonians 4:16



“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall **rise first**:”

Discussion Question:

What does this Key Verse mean to you?

For nearly 6,000 years, ever since the sin of Adam, God has allowed us humans to reap the consequences of going our own ways. Man now stands poised to destroy all life on this planet. And unless Jesus Christ returns to earth to restore the government of God and put an end to warfare, not a single human being would be left alive!

In God's 7,000-year Master Plan of salvation, the first 6,000 years have been allotted to man to do as he wills. During these 6,000 years, civilizations have developed based on

the way of Satan, who sits on the throne of the earth.

Christ, at His return, will end Satan's rule, and begin 1,000 years of God's rule, the rule of the Kingdom of God on earth. A new civilization based on God's law will grip the earth. Peace, happiness, and prosperity will soon be everywhere!

God begins His annual festivals with the Passover, which reminds us that the Messiah's--Christ's--sacrifice makes it possible for the firstfruits to be forgiven of their sins.

Next comes the Feast of Unleavened Bread, picturing the continual need for God's people--the firstfruits--to put out the "leaven" of sin from their lives and to obey God.

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Then the day of Pentecost, the final spring festival reveals that without the Holy Spirit it is impossible to please God and overcome our sins.

But the firstfruits will not be reaped into God's Family until they are "born again" (**John 3:3-8**)--resurrected and changed into spirit. That will not occur until Christ comes again--and that brings us to the next festival, the Feast of Trumpets!

The Feast of Trumpets is, in a sense, the focal point, the central, pivotal Holy Day in God's plan. It not only pictures the terrible time of misery and war to befall this generation, but also the intervention of Christ to save the living from annihilation and to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. It also pictures the coming of Christ to resurrect the firstfruits from the dead.

As the disciples saw Christ ascend to heaven in A.D. 31, two angels told them that He would come again (**Acts 1:11**).

Christ came more than 2,000 years ago as a humble messenger to announce the good news of the coming Kingdom of God. But this time, when He returns, He will come in all the power and supernatural glory of God's Kingdom! Instead of submitting to death as the sacrificial Lamb of God for our sins, Jesus Christ will return to earth to put an end to sin, forcibly!

Christ's return, announced by the last trumpet, will usher in the Millennium--the 1,000-year period when He and the resurrected saints--the firstfruits--will rule on earth. Then will begin the great spiritual harvest into God's Family.

During the Millennium all mankind will learn God's truth,

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and be offered, freely, salvation and sonship in God's Family. Most will choose to obey God and will be born into the Family of God.

Members of God's Church today rejoice on the Feast of Trumpets because they look forward to the return of Jesus Christ when they will be made immortal, and will rule and reign with Him on the earth.

Then, there will come peace, happiness and joy--worldwide!

But this utopian world tomorrow will not happen immediately. Satan must be put away, restrained from influencing humanity. Only then can the world have peace. This event is pictured by the Day of Atonement. The next lesson tells us all about this festival and what it pictures in God's Master Plan of salvation.



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Discussion Questions:

1. What is the sign that will announce the return of Christ--is it the loud sound of a trumpet? **Matthew 24:30-31**

2. Did Jesus say that the coming Kingdom of God would be established on earth during a time of world war?
Matthew 24:3, 6-8, 21

3. Will this time of world war be the time when man finally has the power to wipe out all life from the face of the earth?
Matthew 24:21-22

4. Did Jesus promise to cut short this time of great tribulation for the sake of a small group of people called the "elect?" **Verse 22**

5. What will happen when the seventh trumpet sounds and the third woe begins? **Revelation 11:14-15** Who will then be given the kingdoms or governments of this world? **Verse 15**

6. What will be the reaction of the nations of this world?
Verse 18

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7. When Christ returns to earth with the shout of an archangel and the trumpet of God, what will happen to those who have faithfully obeyed God's government?

I Corinthians 15:52; I Thessalonians 4:16-17

8. When will this change to immortality occur--will it be at the sound of the last trumpet? **I Corinthians 15:52**

9. What is this change that will take place? Verses **53-54** Who will experience this change from physical human flesh to immortal spirit life?

Verse 52

10. What is said of those who will be in the first resurrection? **Revelation 20:6; 3:21**

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

For a more in depth study of this annual Holy Day see Lesson 4 of the Holy Day Series.

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