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## How To Celebrate The Feast Of Trumpets For Christians

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Did you know the Feast of Trumpets, Rosh Hashanah, is all about Christ and the Second Coming? That's right, thousands and hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world are wondering how do you celebrate these from a Christian perspective? That's exactly what we're going to talk about. I'm going to show you how to do it right after this.

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Hello everyone and welcome to this week's broadcast. I'm Jim Staley with **Passion for Truth Ministries**, and we are going to be getting into an exciting topic. The fall feast days are upon us. That means the Second Coming of Jesus, the Messiah, those ordained feast days, that calendar, it's here, and the memorial of it is upon us, and that's what we're going to talk about. How do we keep these? There are hundreds of thousands, if not millions of Christians around the world that are coming into learning the feast days and God's prophetic calendar. They're coming out of Catholicism calendar. They're coming out of the Protestant calendar. They're realizing that the deep and rich, powerful curriculum that God gave us in His word is wrapped around this exciting calendar that's made up of seven feast days, four in the spring that all have to do with His First Coming, and three in the fall that have to do with His Second Coming. That's what we're going to talk about. The Feast of Trumpets is the beginning of the end. As a matter of fact, it's really when the rapture happens. If you want to learn all about the Feast of Trumpets, I encourage you to click on **this link** or go to **our website** or our YouTube channel and go to that playlist of all about the Feast of Trumpets, and you'll learn all about the fall feast days and the Feast of Trumpets.

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Today, we're going to talk about how do you actually do it? What's it look like for your family? What happens if you're single? What happens if you are a senior? What happens if you are married and have lots of kids? We're going to give you lots of ideas. This hopefully will be a one-stop shop, or at the very least, it'll be a good place to start from where you can begin the process of putting together a curriculum for your own family. What does it look like on Tishrei 1 on the Hebrew calendar? What's it look like on the Feast of Trumpets, or better known in today's language, Rosh Hashanah, where many people believe that these are Jewish? They're simply not. They are all from God. They're His calendar. If you go back to Leviticus chapter 23, when He begins the process of telling us all about these feast days, you know what He said? Well, let's just go there and you can read it for yourself. It is absolutely fascinating. For all of these hundreds of years, we've been told that these are Jewish, but in fact, God says this. Let's go back over and look at it real quick. Before we get into the practical, let's just settle this once and for all.

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It says, *"<sup>1</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses saying, <sup>2</sup> 'Speak to the children of Israel and say to them,'"* by the way, the children of Israel or anyone that's attached to His people, *"the feast of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations. These are My feast."* That's right. They're not Jewish. Their Jewish nation didn't even exist when this was given. This is all 12 tribes of Israel, the base of Mount Sinai. These are His feasts. They are for anyone that wants to be in rhythm with Him. And I want to be in rhythm with Him for sure, especially when you find out these are all about Christ. But enough said, let's get over to the practical application. This is when it gets fun. All right, let's begin and see what we can do. First of all, it's important to know that it is a Sabbath. It's called a high Sabbath. This is all about rest. It's a holy convocation, which means you're supposed to get together with others if you can. If you have a local congregation that does this, great. If not, invite some friends over. If you can't and it's just you and your family, so be it. There's your church right there. You can read [Leviticus 23:23-25](#). That's all about the Feast of Trumpets and also [Numbers 29:1-6](#).

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Now I will tell you upfront, I'm going to be giving you a lot of information. I encourage you to write it down, take notes or take screenshots and write it down for yourself later. In the meantime, before we keep going here, if this is the type of content that you're looking for, you want to learn how to do Bible things in Bible ways. You're looking to go deeper in the word of God. You're wanting to understand the Bible from the original Hebraic perspective. And if we're in the New Testament, that Hebraic perspective is flat out going to be Jewish. If we don't understand Judaism of the first century, the culture, the language, it's just going to be difficult for us to really understand what the Bible is trying to say. These authors were Jewish. And if we don't know their backdrop, we're going to read into it our own backdrop. And that's going to be the 21st century Western

perspective, not the first century Jewish perspective. That's right. We want to learn the Bible the way that it was written from the original intent. Why? Because we do what we believe, ladies and gentlemen. So if we believe wrong, we're going to do wrong. And whether we want to or intend to, it doesn't matter. God's perspective is doing the right thing from what He desires. He's the bridegroom. We're the bride. We should be out to please our bridegroom.

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All right, here we go. The theme of the Feast of Trumpets is kingship. This is in ancient Israel when every king was inaugurated, whether that they came into their kingdom in the beginning of the year, middle of the year, it was this day that every knee would bow, and every tongue would confess that that particular king was king. This is the moment that Yeshua will be crowned as king. He returns as king of the earth. Absolutely amazing, fulfilling the prophecy of ancient Israel when kings were inaugurated. It's the theme of remembrance. It's a theme of repentance for the last 60 days during the, especially the last 30 days leading up to the Feast of Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets, better known as Rosh Hashanah, is the month of Elul. It's the time of repentance, really getting ready for the final 10 days of awe, which happened from the time of Feast of Trumpets to Yom Kippur, which is Judgement Day. It's when repentance gets even more significant. We begin the process of really doubling down. But this is an exciting day because this is the day that we recognize that Jesus is king for those of us that believe that Yeshua is Messiah. It's also a time of awakening of God's voice. This is when He's going to put that shofar to His mouth. It's why the scriptures say that the dead in Christ will rise at the sound of the trumpet. That's this time right now.

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So why do we talk about a ram's horn? Well, that's what they used back then to open up your ears. And if you ever heard one, it definitely will wake you up. It's what it's designed to do is to wake you up. It's a wake-up call to repentance, to proclaim that God is king in our messianic circles. It's also a rehearsal for the Messiah's return because **1 Thessalonians 4:16** talks about that, as well as **1 Corinthians 15:52**, for those that are taking notes or taking screenshots for later. Well, when we talk about the ram's horn, one of the most popular things to do is get the family together like we do each and every year, and we blow the ram's horn. Everybody takes a turn, and we are recognizing that our voice matters, but our voice is designed to go through that ram's horn or that kudu horn for the purpose of creating a perfect, beautiful sound that other people that are listening would turn and go, what is that sound? Now, I will be honest, there are some of us that struggle in playing the ram's horn, and the sound that comes out still produces the ability for people to turn and go, what is that sound? So it doesn't have to be perfect, but it reminds us, and part of the teaching that I give my family is that our voice is a ram's horn. It is a shofar for us every single day of the year. Everything we say matters. People pay attention to what you say.

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So it's important, and one of the things you can do is read some of those New Testament passages about the blowing of the trumpet. You can also sing songs about Yeshua. Have your own personal worship service. Pull out some kingship songs and sing those. Turn on YouTube and do some YouTube video worship. That's something that our family loves to do. There are some other traditional themes that deal with the Feast of Trumpets. One is kingship, and that is **Psalm chapter 47** or **Psalm 93-99**. You can go through there, pick out a few that you really like, and you can read those and have different members of your family read them. There are also chapters on remembrance because that's another theme, is remembering. God remembers His own covenant. That's **Genesis chapter 8 verse 1**, **Leviticus 26:42**, and **Jeremiah 31** where He talks about the new covenant. Of course, the theme of the trumpets that the shofar wrote is important. **Exodus chapter 19**, the prophetic day of the Lord, **Isaiah 27:13**, and **Joel chapter 2**. These are all just ideas, scriptures. For those of you that like to read scriptures on a day like this, this is a beautiful time for those that are believers in Christ. Traditional messianic readings go to the New Testament, **Matthew chapter 24:31**, **1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**. Of course, the dead in Christ will rise first, **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**, and **Revelation 11:15**. I'll let you read those on your own, but they're amazing. In **Nehemiah chapter 8:1-12**, this is when they read the Torah. Absolutely classic festival reading for those of you that like to read.

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There's also things that you can do like traditional lighting of the candles, just like you would on a Friday night. For those of us that celebrate the Sabbath each and every week, when the Shabbat comes upon us, we light those two candles, one representing Yeshua Himself as the perfect light of the world, the other candle representing us. We are lit from His candle, creating the image of Christ. Both candles look alike, that is exactly the symbolism of what we're supposed to do. We're supposed to look like Christ. On this day, when the Messiah comes, we will be glorified with Him, and we will finally look like Him. Here's a million dollar question. How many of you love to eat? There are some actual traditions that are connected to the Feast of Trumpets that revolve around food. This is a major league festival. Think of Thanksgiving, but more connected to fruit and to these festival foods. What are they? First of all, for those of you that make bread, round challah bread is traditional. It's a round, almost like a wreath, and it's the connection to the cycle of the year or eternity, that this is when eternity begins. For believers, it's absolutely a beautiful thing. Every week, we have a single loaf of bread, a single challah bread that is braided from three different strands, representing the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, husband, wife, children, God, like anything that you wanted to make it representative and symbolic of. Each and every week, that represents Christ. We connect it to the Last Supper and the bread of life that's coming from Him. The reason why on Yom Teruah it's in a circle is because this is when the bread

of life comes and this is when eternity begins. It never ends, the cycle and the circle of life.

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One of the other traditional foods that are connected to the Feast of Trumpets is apples dipped in honey. Apples come, some say, all the way from the garden, but if it's dipped in honey, which is the scriptures, the following of God's Word, it becomes sweet and it is another connection to eternity. It reminds us that God gives us all of our blessings, that every blessing we have comes from above. There's a traditional prayer that God may we be blessed this coming year more than the previous year. It's all in this symbolism of the apples dipped in honey. It's a sweet new year. In Judaism, Rosh Hashanah is the new year. It is the new year in the civil sense, but it's the seventh month on God's calendar. It's the first month on the civil calendar, just like you have the school year. There's a religious year that starts around the time of Passover and then the civil year starts here, which is why they have the traditional new year. It's a civil government, so they're following the civil calendar. At the end of the day, at the end of the year, we always give the blessing, may we be the head and not the tail. There's honey cakes and also fish heads, which is where the idea and the concept and the prayer comes of, may we be the head and not the tail. Well, you may not want to have fish heads at your Rosh Hashanah party, but it is the concept that we're blessing each other. One of the things that we do that I think is amazing tradition that you can incorporate in your family, if you have children or just your spouse, is to take the time and truly lay hands on them and bless them for this coming civil year. Bless them to be a part of God's covenant people, that they would be the head and not the tail. That's something, a blessing that I pray for my children almost every night. But this is a special time where you should have a special blessing, thinking ahead before you do it, maybe even written down a blessing for each one of your children or your spouse.

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This brings us to one of my favorite customs and traditions that Judaism came up with. We borrow it for sure. It's amazing. It's called Tashlikh. It's the casting off. What you do is, you take a piece of paper and you write down your struggles, your sins, your vices, and you go to a creek or any place, a river, flowing water, and you symbolically cast your sins into the water. The idea is, I'm not going to do those anymore. I'm going to let those go and dissolve into the water. The water is the water of the Word. It's the Word of the living God that cleanses us from all sin. The more word that we know, the more we fear God, the more that we don't want anything to do with our sins. This is not a small ceremony. This is a deep, beautiful, traditional ceremony. It's kind of like in the Christian ceremony of taking your piece of paper, write on your sins, and then nailing them to a particular cross. If you've ever done that, I have. It's a beautiful ceremony. In this particular one, you're putting it into the Word of God, and it dissolves it, eats it up, and the piece of paper is gone, never to be seen again.

You can adapt this if you don't have a river inside of a bowl of water, and you can dissolve the same paper for those sins. Some other things that you can do is acts of service, acts of charity. Tzedakah is charity. Acts of teshuvah is returning. It's acts of repentance. What can you do? You can make amends. You can forgive people. You can focus on the things that are really bothering you. You can write those names, and you can write those situations on paper that you can't solve, and just give them to God. Throw them in the water or maybe into fire. You can go to your local food pantry or your local shelter, and you can volunteer for homeless services. That becomes a sweet year for others. I know we did this recently where we went to a homeless shelter in a very difficult part of San Francisco, and it broke my heart of how many people really need the gospel. Sometimes they just need a hot bowl of soup, or they need a smile. This is something that we can do on Rosh Hashanah.

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All right, and something else I think is beautiful is you can wear white. It's very traditional to do this. It's a symbol of renewal, purity. It's the coronation of the king. This is like a wedding. **Isaiah 61 verse 10** says this, *"**I will greatly rejoice in the Lord. My soul shall be joyful in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation.**"* By the way, that word in Hebrew for salvation is Yeshua. He's clothed me in the garments of Yeshua. *"**He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.**"* Now move that all the way over to **Revelation chapter three, verse four and five**, and we see this. *"**They will walk with me in white.**"* This is when the Messiah comes, for they are worthy. *"**He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments. I will not blot out its name from the book of life.**"* What's this all about? He's describing what's going to happen on Rosh Hashanah, on Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets. When He comes, those that are righteous will be given new robes. Just like when you wanted to go up to the Temple Mount in ancient Israel, the very first thing you had to do was you had to go through the pool of Siloam, the pool of Siloam. You had to disrobe, go through the water, casting off your sins. Do you see the connection? Then you came out the other side and the priest would give you a new white garment. It was from there that you would walk up the Ophel, up the stairs, up the side through the city of David, and into the temple forts above. That is a beautiful symbolism of something they did in real life. Two thousand years ago, Yeshua says, I'm going to do it again. When I come, my people will pass through the word, they will pass through the water, they will be given a new robe. That is amazing to me.

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All right, now let's put together a possible order of service for you and your family. Or maybe you have a congregation, you can utilize this as well. First, it's a call of worship. Do some worship. Pick out some songs and sing and open up in praise and worship to your Lord. You might be able to read **Psalms 95** or **100**. This is a welcome to the Holy Spirit inviting Him to come. Maybe have a candle lighting at the sundown eve and talk about this importance of the candles and



the representation of light on the earth, that the light is finally coming. I encourage you to do some scripture readings. The next part might be a shofar blast where everybody does a shofar blast. Maybe a leader explains what the blast means, how it's designed to awaken you. It was blown at every Shabbat. It was blown during the feast days. It was blown when the enemy was coming. It was time for war. The king would blow it and go out in front of the army. This is why the king blows the shofar when he's riding on the white horse and the dead in Christ rise first. It's all connected to ancient Israel and what they did. Maybe after that, there's a short teaching on awakening, returning, repenting, crowning the king. And then there is the Tashlikh part of the service. This can be at any point of the day where you write down your sins, write down things that you want to give up or things you want to just give to the Lord and you put them in a river or a body of water.

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And then maybe after that, you have a time of repentance and a prayer service, intercession for your community, for our country, for your country, for people that are unsaved. Because this is reality, ladies and gentlemen, that the Messiah is going to come. And then there's going to be 10 days of awe where God's wrath will be poured out. That's why there's confusion in the Christian community that, oh, we're not going to be here on earth during the wrath and they believe that the great tribulation is the wrath. No, the great tribulation is tribulation. It's not the wrath of God. The wrath of God is the very, very end. Tribulation is designed to get God's people totally ready for the rapture of the church, if you will. And then the 10 days of awe is when His wrath is poured out on this earth and it is literally going to be hell on earth. And we need to pray for our loved ones that are going to be here for that moment. It's not going to be easy if they survive at all. The prayer and intercession is an important part of that. Then there's a festive meal, apples and honey, round challah, pomegranates. Pomegranates, I forgot to mention that. That is important. That is one of the festival foods. The pomegranates was so important. They were said to have 613 seeds on the inside that represent the commandments of God. And it was the high priest that wore golden pomegranate bells on the bottom of his tallit when he went into the Holy of Holies once a year on Yom Kippur, Judgement Day, the Day of Atonement. We'll talk about how to do that and celebrate that next week. And also honey cake. Anything honey, apple related, any type of fruit represents the Feast of Trumpets. There's also a blessing for the year. You take the time, bless your family. I think that's a beautiful thing to do, like we mentioned earlier. You can also create prayer cards and you can pray over those particular people over the next 10 days. And you can close with **Psalm 27**, which is a traditional psalm to read. That's that Aaronic blessing, close out that service.

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Now let's move on to the fun part, the kids. What do we do for kids? Well, there's all kinds of creative stuff. And this is only a very small list of things that you can do, but you can have a shofar parade. Let them march around your

house or march around the yard and maybe read the story of Jericho and let them know this is how Jericho's walls fell. It was the frequency of the shofar. Evil only prevails when good men do nothing. It's our shofar of our voice. When we stand up and speak the truth in love, that's when the enemy walls fall. You can also do apple and honey tasting. You can give a different kind of apple varieties. You can even have caramel apples and you can vote for which one is the sweetest. You can also do crafts where you can make paper shofars. You can make paper crowns, have them decorate them and see who comes up with the best decoration of the King's crown. You can make a trumpet banner with the Hebrew words Teruah or Melech, which is King. You can also have an act of kindness jar. I think this is a good one. If you have small kids, even adults can do this where you can write small things that they can do this next coming week. Maybe like help a neighbor or share toys or pray for someone. This is where we do extra acts of kindness. You can also have the kids write down their Tashlikh pebbles if you will. They're going to throw into the river of things that they want to change. If you're single and you can still have your own home service, lighting candles, having readings, a 10-minute devotional on kingship, you can still have repentance. There's a lot of things that you can still do. You can do a prayer walk and a Tashlikh, your own Tashlikh, going down to a local creek and throwing your sins into the water. You can also give to the needy, write encouragement notes to your family members, send off cards ahead of time, and bless your family if you're not able to be with them. You can have reflective times.

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I encourage everyone to do this. Have the three returns. There are three returns that are connected to the Feast of Trumpets. One, returning to God. That's through prayer. Second, returning to people. Forgiveness. Call, text them, even if you haven't talked to them in years. Get over the past and look at them the way Christ did in the present, how Jesus looks at them. Forgive them. And then there's the call, the return, the purpose. Sometimes we need a concrete goal. Sometimes we need to get back to what your purpose is in life. It's to glorify God. Think of something this coming year or in the next few months that you can do that will give you purpose and will glorify God in the process. I will promise you the greatest purpose that you can have to glorify God is to lift someone else up. Because the truth is, it's not about us. It never is about us. Anything that happens to you, good, bad, or ugly, it's about someone else. Pass on the life lesson if you made a mistake and encourage someone with the reward that you got for doing the wrong thing. Encourage them to do the right thing. And sometimes just telling someone that God loves them is just enough to give Him glory in that person's life. I can give you story after story of people's lives that were saved, that were going to commit suicide. But just that day someone said, hey, God loves you, or wow, you are beautiful today. That is enough to encourage us. That's what Christ would do. You can also write letters to other ones and bless them. There are so many different things that you can



do, ladies and gentlemen. Use your own imagination. This short broadcast was designed just to do that, to ignite your imagination on how we can honor God through the feast days.

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The enemy for almost 1800 years now, ever since the Roman church kicked out and removed God's calendar and replaced it with its own. Why did it do that? I believe it's very simple. Satan knew the power of God's rhythm. That when we're in rhythm with our bridegroom, we're walking lock and step with Him, powerful things happen. There's rich symbolism in these feast days. They're all about Christ. And when we begin to do Bible things in Bible ways, not out of legalism, but just out of love, God begins to bless us in ways that we couldn't even dream of. We get solutions to problems. We don't even know why. We begin to feel a sense of peace and joy. We don't even know what it's coming from. I can tell you what it's coming from. It's coming from obedience. Once we walk in His ways and do Bible things in Bible ways, with the Spirit uniting the Spirit and truth, we become what John 4 says, become a true worshipper. And that pleases the heart of the Father. And when the Father is pleased, He opens up the doors to heaven. Every category that you didn't even know existed.

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My friends, we've come to the end of this broadcast. Thank you so much for spending time with us. Next week we're going to go over how to celebrate Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the Day of Judgement. That is the Great White Throne Judgement. So make sure that you don't miss out on next week's broadcast. In the meantime, please hit **subscribe**. That's the best way that you can say that you appreciate this channel. And if you're not tithing to a local church and you want to say thank you by **sending us a few shekels** to help us and our international team continue to bring these broadcasts to you to serve you, please do that. Every little bit helps. You can't even imagine how less than one half of one half of one percent of people that watch these videos actually say thank you in that way. And if you're partnering with us that way, we thank you for that. In the meantime, the greatest thing that you can do for us is to pray for us. We're on the front edge of the spear trying to do Bible things, Bible ways, and bring back the power of the first century church. The enemy doesn't like that. We are on the crosshairs and we need your grace more now and ever as we slide day by day into the end days, closer and closer to the time when the Messiah comes, we need to stand. For those of you that already are, thank you so much. In the meantime, I'm Jim Staley with **Passion for Truth Ministries**. I'll see you in the next video.

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