

## I. GOD AND TIME

- A. God does not live under the control or limitations of time; He transcends time. He created time, stands sovereign over it, and appoints times and seasons according to His will.
- B. Yet God also enters into time and works through the unfolding of history to accomplish the eternal purposes that were in His heart before time began.
  - 1. **“God is not bound by time; time is bound to the purposes of God.”**
  - 2. **God does not merely work in history; He sovereignly directs history toward His appointed end.”**

## II. TIMES AND SEASONS

- A. We often become frustrated and impatient because God's timing rarely aligns with our own. We tend to judge His purposes according to our clocks rather than trusting His divine order. Yet Scripture repeatedly reminds us that God works according to His appointed times and seasons, fulfilling His purposes at precisely the right moment.
  - 1. **“God does not adjust His purposes to our clocks; He orders time according to His purposes.”**
- B. The Bible has a strong theology of “times and seasons.” The central idea is that God sovereignly appoints seasons, changes them according to His purposes, and calls His people to discern them, and respond appropriately.
- C. Jesus did not enter history randomly. He came at the appointed moment, according to God the Father's sovereign will and eternal purpose. The One who inhabits eternity stepped into History exactly at the perfect time.
  - 1. **<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. -Gal 4:4-5**

D. Other biblical references to God using time:

1. ***"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever... He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings."-Daniel 2:20-21***
2. ***"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."-Ecclesiastes 3:1***

### III. RHYTHMS OF CREATION

A. God has placed rhythms within creation including the rising and setting of the sun, the cycles of the moon, days, months, seasons, and years, to mark the unfolding of His purposes.

1. ***<sup>14</sup> Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; -Gen 1:14***
2. ***"He appointed the moon for seasons; the sun knows its going down."-Ps 104:19***

B. Within these rhythms, God established seven sacred appointed times called the Feasts of the Lord. They were not merely religious holidays on Israel's calendar, but divinely appointed gatherings woven into the rhythm of time itself.

C. Each feast occurred at a specific time and season in the biblical calendar, revealing God as the Lord of history, and prophetically pointing to His Son and unfolding plan of redemption.

### IV. THE FEASTS OF GOD

A. God has, and will continue to use seven biblical feasts to accomplish His redemptive purposes. These feasts are not Israel's feasts, but God's.

1. ***"And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts". -Leviticus 23:1-2***

B. The seven feasts included four in the spring season, and three in the fall season. The four in the spring are Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread,

First Fruits, and Pentecost. The fall feasts are, Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Tabernacles.

## V. JESUS IS CENTRAL TO THE FEASTS

1. Jesus is central, and the fulfillment of the seven feasts: In them we discover Jesus, and we see the Father's beautiful and glorious redemptive story.
2. Jesus secured the story on the cross as the unleavened sinless Passover Lamb who died for us, the Firstfruits of the resurrection from the dead, the One who poured out His Spirit at Pentecost, the returning King at the Feast of Trumpets, the great High Priest who made atonement for our sin, and the One who will tabernacles forever with His people.

## VI. LEVITICUS 23:23-25 (FEAST OF TRUMPETS)

1. ***23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 24 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. 25 You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.' "-Lev 23:23-25***
- B. The Feast of Trumpets known as Yom Teruah in the Hebrew, began on the first day (at the new moon) of the seventh month and its name comes from the command to blow trumpets in order to prepare Israel for her ten days of introspection and repentance leading up to the holiest day of on the Jewish calendar, the Day of Atonement.
- C. The ten day period is traditionally devoted to self-examination, repentance (*teshuvah*), prayer, reconciliation, and seeking God's mercy.

## VII. SIGNIFICANCE OF BLOWING THE TRUMPET IN THE BIBLE

- A. Throughout Scripture, the trumpet was used for a variety of significant purposes. Each of these uses carries spiritual application for believers today, and in many cases, has prophetic significance pointing toward an ultimate fulfillment in Christ.
- B. The trumpet was sounded as a call to repentance and awakening, spiritual preparation, a battle cry preparing God's people for war, a summons to

gather in solemn assembly of prayer and fasting, a proclamation surrounding the anointing and coronation of a king, and a joyful sound of praise and worship before the Lord.

## VIII. A CALL TO EXAMINE OURSELVES

- A. For the New Testament believer, this season is extremely important and sacred as well. It is also a time to enter into introspection and examination of our lives and relationship with God.
- B. Both the Old and New Testament calls us to it.
  - 1. **"Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my mind and my heart."**-Ps 26:2
  - 2. **"Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me."** – Ps 19:12–13
    - a) We can have sinful attitudes, motives, habits, and blind spots that we do not recognize in ourselves. Secret faults are sinful areas that are hidden from people but not God.
  - 3. **<sup>s</sup>Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.** -2 Cor 13:5
  - 4. **"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."**-1 Cor 11:28
  - 5. **"For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged."**-1 Corinthians 11: 31

## IX. SEVEN FOLD PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS

- 1. SIGNALS THE RETURN OF JESUS
  - a) **16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God.** -1 Thess 4:16

2. POINTS TO A HOLY CONVOCATION IN THE SKY (RAPTURE)

- a) *<sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.-1 Thess. 4:16-18*
- b) *31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.-Mt 24:31*

3. TIME OF THE RESURRECTED PHYSICAL BODIES

- a) *51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.-1 Cor. 15:51-52*

4. JESUS WILL ENTER INTO JUDGEMENT WITH THE NATIONS

- a) *And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.-Rev 8:2*

5. NATIONAL ISRAEL WILL ENTER INTO NATIONAL REPENTANCE

- a) *10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.-Zech 12:10*

6. WE WILL CORONATE JESUS AS KING OF KINGS

- a) ***15 Then the seventh angel sounded:(7th Trumpet) And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" -Rev. 11:15***

7. SIGNALS THE COMING OF GOD'S GLORY

- a) ***When David brought the Ark to Jerusalem, "all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets and with cymbals."-1 Chronicles 15:28***

X. **THREE WAYS TO APPLY THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS TODAY**

1. AGREE

- a) **Align our lives with His timing and will**

2. ANTICIPATE

- a) ***"Looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God"-2 Peter 3:12***

3. AWAKE

- a) ***<sup>11</sup> And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.-Rom 13:11-14***

