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# Church Literature: Feast of Trumpets

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Here are brief summaries of articles from the Church's publications about the Feast of Trumpets.

## The Good News

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"Seven Holidays of the World Tomorrow" by John A. Halford (*GN*, 10-11/86, p. 8) shows that "with the Feast of Trumpets, God's Holy Days move from commemorating things that have already happened into the realm of events that are going to happen." "This day looks ahead to a day, not far in the future, when Jesus Christ will return to earth to rule for a thousand years."

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"Are You Ready to Be Born Again?" by Thomas M. Damour (*GN*, 10-11/86, p. 27) shows the analogy between the fetus being able to hear and respond by the seventh month of development, and Christians being able to hear the truth and respond. "In ancient Israel, trumpets were blown to warn of impending battle. Those who heard the warning were prepared to defend themselves, while those who ignored it perished." The Feast of Trumpets is in the seventh month.

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"What God Wants Most Right Now" by Norman L. Shoaf (*GN*, 10-11/87, pp. 31-33) relates typical news stories to show what God sees when He looks down on earth. All the bad news points to the need for Christ's return. Page 32 mentions that the Feast of Trumpets "pictures the return of Christ to this earth to put down all opposition to God's government and set up the Kingdom of God."

"Are the Holy Days to Be Kept Today?" by K. Neil Earle (*GN*, 9/85, p. 11) shows how the Feast of Trumpets "is obliquely referred to in Colossians 2:16, where Paul counsels gentile Christians to ignore critics accusing them of misconduct on 'a festival or a new moon or sabbaths.' The outstanding 'new moon' of the Jewish calendar was the first of Tishri, the beginning of the Jewish civil year.... This new moon was a vital key to calendar computations in Judaism, and still is."

"Ministry: The Feast of Trumpets Shows Why Christ Must Return" (*GN*, 6-7/83, pp. 23-24) describes this fourth annual festival as a "pivotal event in God's plan. It not only pictures the coming of Christ to resurrect the firstfruits from the dead, it also pictures the terrible time of world war just ahead and the intervention of Jesus Christ to save the living from total annihilation and to establish the Kingdom of God on earth."

"The Feast of Trumpets and Your Future" by George Kackos (*GN*, 8/82, pp. 11-13) shows how the Israelites were "familiar with the use of trumpets in correlation with momentous events in their lives! God continued to

associate trumpet blasts with important events after that era as well — and He does so for us today."

"God's Holy Days: The Master Builder's Blueprint" by L. Leroy Neff (*GN*, 8/80, p. 9-11) gives a description of the Feast of Trumpets, the "Day of Blowing," on page 11. "This day was marked by a blowing of horns or 'trumpets.' The book of Revelation and certain prophecies of the Old Testament speak of trumpet blasts in a prophetic sense. Revelation's seven last trumpets signal dire plagues that come on the earth as a result of God's intervention in the affairs of this world."

## The Plain Truth

"Seven Proofs of God's True Church: Proof Six: What and Why the Church?" by Herbert W. Armstrong (*PT*, 9/79, p. 44) says the Feast of Trumpets "pictures and reminds the Church yearly of the Second Coming of Christ to reign over all the earth."

"God's Annual Holy Days: Sneak Preview of Your Future!" by John R. Schroeder (*PT*, 3/79, p. 19) discusses the Feast of Trumpets as picturing "perhaps the greatest event in the history of this world: the Second Coming of Jesus Christ."

## Booklets

*Pagan Holidays or God's Holy Days — Which?* "Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement" by Herbert W. Armstrong (current edition, pp. 27-28) points out that "unless Christ returns to resurrect the dead, we would never gain eternal life." Mr. Armstrong asks, "Could it be possible, that, unless we are observing the Feast of Trumpets, as the first-century Church of God was observing Pentecost, that we shall not be ready, or caught up to meet Him?" The Second Coming of Christ is also the time Israel will be regathered (Isaiah 27:13).

## Correspondence Course

*The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course*, Lesson 12, "Christianity Is a Way of Life" has a six-page section on the Holy Days. Pages 15-16 discuss the Feast of Trumpets. "There is a parallel between trumpets sounding alarms of warning in ancient Israel and the function of the Church of God today (Isaiah 58:1). There is also a relationship between the angelic trumpet blasts signaling the imminent return of Jesus Christ, and the...witness being given by God's Church today.... The successive angelic trumpet blasts and accompanying catastrophic events on a worldwide scale just prior to Christ's return will serve as final warnings to a heedless, sin-ravaged world!"

Lesson 23, "Why Christians Should Keep God's Holy Days!" (pp. 11-12) shows that the Feast of Trumpets "not only pictures the coming of Christ to resurrect and change the firstfruits, it also pictures the terrible time of world war just ahead and the intervention of Jesus Christ to save humanity from total annihilation, as well as to establish the Kingdom of God on earth."

Lesson 28, "Feast of Trumpets — Why World Won't End in Cosmocide" is an entire lesson about the Feast of Trumpets. Its major sections include: 1) Christ's intervention in world affairs, 2) the meaning of trumpets, 3) catastrophic world war, 4) the seventh trumpet announcing Christ's return and 5) the firstfruits being harvested at the last trumpet.

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## The Day of the Lord and the Return of Christ

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Here are brief summaries of articles about prophecy related to the Feast of Trumpets.

### The Good News

"Why the Christian Life?" by K. Neil Earle (*GN*, 1/83, pp. 9-13) explains why the Church exists today. "The No. 1 thing on God's mind right now is the imminent return of Jesus Christ to set up the Kingdom of God!... Do we have a part in that? Absolutely. Dozens of scriptures reveal that a real Christian is actually in training during this physical life for divine rulership in the Kingdom of God (Luke 22:29-30, Revelation 2:26, 3:21)."

"Ministudy: Qualifying to Rule With Christ" (*GN*, 1/83, pp. 19-20) shows how and why service to God entails rulership. "A deeply converted Christian will want to help change this world and teach others God's wonderful way of life. This is, in fact, what the return of Christ and the establishment of His ruling government on earth are all about."

"Ministudy: Prelude to the 'Day of the Lord'" (*GN*, 10-11/81, pp. 27-28) covers the fifth and sixth seals of Revelation 6.

"Ministudy: The 'Day of the Lord' Begins" (*GN*, 12/81, pp. 21-22) shows how the "Day of the Lord" is the focal point of all prophecy.

"Ministudy: The 'Day of the Lord' Continues" (*GN*, 1/82, pp. 21-22) covers the seventh trump and the seven last plagues.

### The Plain Truth

"Just What Do You Mean... 'Armageddon'?" by Keith W. Stump (*PT*, 6/85, pp. 33-36) focuses on the climactic events surrounding the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

"Increase Your Bible IQ: How Humanity Will Learn Its Lesson" (*PT*, 4/83, pp. 44-45) is about the Second Coming of Christ.

"Increase Your Bible IQ: What Do You Mean... 'Day of the Lord'?" (*PT*, 2/83, pp. 13-14) is about God's direct

intervention in human affairs and the year-long punishment that precedes and culminates in the 24-hour day of Christ's return.

"Ten Reasons Why Christ Must Return!" by Roderick C. Meredith (*PT*, 12/63, pp. 7-10, 28-32, 42-45) gives these points: 1) increase in man's destructiveness, 2) drought, famine and starvation, 3) disease epidemics, 4) atomic fallout, 5) earthquakes and weather upheavals, 6) man's "last hope for peace" has failed, 7) soon-coming slavery for modern Israelites, 8) race wars to come, 9) increasing mental illness and 10) Satan's wrath must be stopped.

### Booklets

*The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last!* by Herbert W. Armstrong (current edition, pp. 32-38) discusses the symbolic meaning of the seven trumpets and the Second Coming of Christ at the last trump.

*The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* is a basic introduction to the subject.

*The Middle East in Prophecy* brochure discusses near-future events on pages 31-36, including the "king of the North," the "men of the East" and Christ's return.

*Where Are We Now in Prophecy?* brochure, especially the 11-page article by Mr. Armstrong "What Lies Ahead Now in Prophecy?" gives details of the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord.

### Correspondence Course

*The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course*, Lesson 2, "World Peace Coming in Our Time!" discusses scoffers, wars, famines, epidemics, earthquakes and the abomination of desolation.

Lesson 3, "The Dramatic Return of Jesus Christ!" discusses the "rapture," *parousia*, Armageddon and the great "Battle of God Almighty."

Lesson 28, "Feast of Trumpets — Why World Won't End in Cosmocide" discusses the seven trumpets of Revelation, including details about the major moves of World War III.