

YOM TERUAH: THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS

*A Family Planning & Liturgical Guide
from a King James Bible Perspective*



“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

— 1 Corinthians 15:52 —

IMPORTANT SPECIAL NOTICE & GENERAL DISCLAIMER

Spiritual Perspective & Purpose:

This resource is designed purely as an educational and devotional guide to help Christian families study and observe the Fall Feasts of the Lord from a historical, prophetic, and scriptural perspective using the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible. It is intended for spiritual enrichment and family fellowship and does not impose legalistic obligations. We encourage you to do your own independent studies and consult with your religious leaders.

Health & Fasting Notice:

The fasting guidelines and alternatives outlined in the Yom Kippur section are for informational purposes only. A complete food and water fast can be physically demanding. Pregnant or nursing mothers, young children, the elderly, and individuals with underlying medical conditions, chronic illnesses, or specific nutritional needs should never attempt a strict fast without consulting a qualified healthcare professional first. Always prioritize medical safety and utilize the provided alternative fasting guide as appropriate.

Safety & Child Supervision:

This guide contains descriptions of outdoor structural construction (building a Sukkah), live candle lighting ceremonies, and children's crafts involving small pieces, scissors, or water.

- **Adult Supervision Required:** All building projects, knife handling during food preparation, and craft activities must be strictly supervised by an adult at all times.
- **Fire Safety:** Never leave burning festival candles or outdoor lanterns unattended. Ensure candles are placed in heavy glass shields on a stable, heat-resistant surface away from wind, flammable decorations, or children's reach.
- **Sukkah Safety:** Ensure any temporary canopy or wooden frame built outdoors is structurally secure, safely anchored against gusts of wind, and that overhead foliage is lightweight and securely attached.

NOTE ON PREPARATION & CURATION

This planning guide was developed in collaboration with artificial intelligence to organize historical context, structure daily timelines, and format household recipes. All content, scripture selections, and theological themes have been intentionally edited and reviewed by the author to ensure absolute alignment with the King James Version (KJV) Holy Bible and a Christ-centered perspective.

Prophetic Theme: The Awakening Blast, the Gathering of the Saints, and the Coronation of the King.

What is Yom Teruah?

- Established in Leviticus 23:24, it is a sacred day of rest commemorated with the **blowing of the shofar** (a trumpet made from a ram's horn).
- **The Purpose:** It serves as a spiritual wake-up call, signaling the start of a ten-day period of self-reflection and repentance leading up to Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement).

Christian Context

- Many Christians refer to it as the **Feast of Trumpets**.
 - It holds prophetic significance as a symbol of the **return of Christ** and the final resurrection, which the New Testament frequently associates with the sounding of a trumpet (1 Thessalonians 4:16).
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KJV Scripture Focus

"Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation." — **Leviticus 23:24**

"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: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." — **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

Decoration Ideas

- **The Theme:** Gold, silver, and trumpet symbols. Bright, celebratory colors representing royalty and the sky.
- **Decorations:** White tablecloth, gold plates or chargers, small decorative horns or trumpets as centerpieces, and scattered table confetti shaped like musical notes or trumpets.

Sample Menu Plan:

- Round challah bread (symbolizing a crown for the King)
- Honey and sliced apples (praying for a sweet season ahead under God's provision)
- Pomegranate seeds (remembering God's abundant blessings)
- Roasted chicken with rosemary and honey-glazed carrots
- Apple crisp or honey cake for dessert

YOM TERUAH DAILY ITINERARY

Print this schedule to keep your household organized and peaceful on the day of the feast.

Preparation:

- **2:00 PM – Feast Prep & Kitchen Hour**
Begin roasting the Honey-Rosemary Chicken, chop the vegetables, and place the pre-coiled Crown Challah in the oven so the sweet aroma fills your home.
- **3:30 PM – Children's Craft Station**
Gather the kids at the table to build their *Trumpets of Royalty* cardstock horns so they are fully prepared for the twilight assembly.
- **4:30 PM – Table Setup & Decoration**
Lay the white linen tablecloth. Set out the gold or silver chargers, place the fresh apples and raw honey in the center, and set up the white candles in their glass shields.
- **5:30 PM – Clean Up & Dress in White**
Have everyone pause, tidy the house, and dress in clean or white festive attire to visually signify readiness for the King.

Twilight Assembly (The Feast Begins):

- **6:15 PM –Gather the family around the prepared table as the sun begins to set.**
- **6:20 PM – Step 1: Feast Lighting Script**
The mother or hostess kindles the candles and reads the opening proclamation and Luke 12 script.
- **6:30 PM – Step 2: Sounding of the Shofar**
The family leader sounds the physical blasts (*Tekiah, Teruah, Tekiah Gedolah*) while the children raise their craft horns.
- **6:40 PM – Step 3 & 4: Welcome & Awakening Prayer**
Read the 1 Thessalonians focus scripture and pray the Awakening Prayer together as a family.
- **6:50 PM – Step 5: Apples & Honey Blessing**
Dip the fresh autumn apples into the raw honey, recite Psalm 119:103, and share them around the table.
- **7:00 PM – The Coronation Harvest Feast**
Serve the main dinner meal together with joy, praise, and family fellowship.

STEP 1: THE FEAST LIGHTING SCRIPT

The mother or hostess strikes a match and kindles two white candles inside glass hurricane shields on the table, gesturing with her hands to bring the light inward.

The Proclamation: "As we light these candles to begin the Feast of Trumpets, we remember that we are commanded to watch and pray. Let these flames remind us to keep our lamps full of oil, waiting expectantly for the glorious appearance of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the true Light of the World."

The Scripture Recitation:

"Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately." — Luke 12:35-36

The Blessing Prayer: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who hast given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this holy convocation. Sanctify our home tonight by Thy presence, and grant that our lights may always burn bright for Thee. In Jesus' name, Amen."

STEP 2: THE SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR

The leader or a designated family member lifts the shofar or trumpet and sounds three distinct blasts to symbolize the Awakening, the Gathering, and the Shout of Victory.

The Proclamation: "The sound of the trumpet is God's alarm clock for the soul! Historically, it called Israel to halt their labor, gather together, and prepare for judgment and the arrival of the King. Prophetically, we blow the trumpet tonight because we are listening for that final, heavenly trumpet blast that will gather the saints from the four corners of the earth!"

The Scripture Recitation:

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." — 1

Corinthians 15:51-52

The Action: Sound one long, piercing blast (*Tekiah*), followed by a series of short, broken staccato notes (*Teruah*), and finish with one final, sustained, maximum-length blast (*Tekiah Gedolah*). *You may also play a recording, if needed.*

STEP 3: THE HOST WELCOME & LITURGY

The family leader stands at the head of the dinner table to welcome the family and guests.

The Host Script: "Welcome, family and friends, to Yom Teruah, the Feast of Trumpets! Tonight marks the beginning of the fall appointments of the Lord. While the spring feasts were fulfilled precisely to the day by Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, the fall feasts point forward to His glorious return. The trumpet has sounded tonight to shake us out of spiritual slumber. Let us examine our hearts, rejoice in our salvation, and live every day as if the King is at the very door."

The KJV Scripture Focus:

"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: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." — 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

STEP 4: THE AWAKENING PRAYER

The whole family bows their heads together.

The Prayer: "Almighty God, Lord of the heavenly hosts, we praise Thee tonight with joyful hearts! Thank Thee for the warning and the promise of the trumpet blast. Wake us up, Lord, from any spiritual laziness, complacency, or worldly distractions. Keep our garments white and our hearts pure. We look forward with unmatched anticipation to that great day when the clouds shall roll back and the last trump shall sound. Until then, protect our family, fill us with Thy Holy Spirit, and help us to be faithful watchmen on the wall. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

STEP 5: THE APPLES, HONEY, & HARVEST FEAST

The Apples & Honey Blessing Tradition

Before passing the main courses, the leader takes a slice of fresh apple, dips it deeply into the raw honey, and holds it up.

The Meaning: The round challah bread we eat tonight represents a crown, celebrating Jesus as our reigning King. The apples and honey are a physical prayer asking God to bless our family with spiritual sweetness, joy, and fruitfulness under His sovereign rule in the days ahead.

The Scripture Recitation:

"How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

— Psalm 119:103

The Action: The leader takes a bite, then passes the plate of apples and a bowl of honey around the table so every family member and guest can dip and eat together.

Children's Activities

Craft: The Trumpets of Royalty

- **Activity:** Give children sheets of heavy gold or silver metallic cardstock. Help them roll the paper diagonally into a cone shape to create a classic royal herald trumpet, securing the seam with heavy-duty tape. Let them decorate their trumpets with jewel stickers, glitter glue, and red ribbons tied to the stem. During Step 2 of the timeline, allow them to lift their homemade trumpets and mimic the sound of the shofar!

Game: "Watchman, What of the Night?"

- *Activity:* One child is the watchman and closes their eyes. The leader hides a small plastic trumpet in the room. The child opens their eyes and must find the trumpet based on the family clapping faster or louder as they get closer.

