

"The Sound of Trumpets—Part 1"

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Because many of my friends and I will be celebrating the Feast of Trumpets on Tuesday, Sept. 23, there will be only three Wednesday-night Bible studies between last Wednesday and that Feast day.

So, at our Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a three-part series. It was titled "The Sound of Trumpets—Part 1."

Before the study last Wednesday, I placed an article on the front page of our website (churchofgodbigandy.com). The article was posted at the weekly temporary section for "Edifying the Body," which appears on the front page. And next week it will go into the archive section of "Edifying the Body." The title of the article is "Trumpet in the Bible" written by David Cloud. (A version of his article was posted at wayoflife.org on Feb. 24, 2022.)

In the Bible study, I discussed four examples of Old Testament history concerning trumpets.

Exodus 19:10-20

■ Exodus 19:10-15—The Lord told Moses that He was going to meet them at Mount Sinai, and the signal on the third day would be when they heard the trumpet sound.

■ Exodus 19:16—"The sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled."

■ Exodus 19:19—"When the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him by voice."

■ Exodus 19:20—The Lord came down to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain.

Numbers 10:1-10

■ Numbers 10:1-2—The Lord instructed Moses to make two silver trumpets—for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps.

■ Numbers 10:3—When both trumpets were blown, all the congregation gathered at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

■ Numbers 10:4—When one trumpet was blown, the leaders and heads of the divisions gathered.

■ Numbers 10:5-6—When Moses sounded the advance, the camps on the east side began their journey and when Moses sounded the advance a second time, the camps on the south side began their journey.

■ Numbers 10:7—"When the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance."

■ Numbers 10:8—"The Sons of Aaron (the priests) shall blow the trumpets."

In the next two verses, notice the contrast of reasons to blow the trumpet. (It might remind you about scriptures in the book of Revelation.)

■ Numbers 10:9—You shall sound the alarm with the trumpets when you go to war.

■ Numbers 10:10—You shall blow the trumpets in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts and at the beginning of your months, over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

Joshua 6:1-25

■ Joshua 6:1-2—The Lord told Joshua that He was going to give victory over the city of Jericho.

■ Joshua 6:3—The Lord instructed Joshua for the men of war to march around the city one time for six days.

■ Joshua 6:4—The priests were instructed to have seven trumpets of ram's horns, as they walked in front of ark. On the seventh day, they were to walk around the city seven times and to blow the trumpet.

■ Joshua 6:5—The Lord said: "When they make a long blast with the ram's horn and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great voice."

■ Joshua 6:10—Joshua commanded the people: "You shall not shout (or make any noise with your voice), until I tell you to shout."

■ Joshua 6:13—The priests walking in front of the ark (bearing seven trumpets of ram's horn) blew their trumpets—and the rearguard came after the ark while the priests continued blowing the trumpets.

■ Joshua 6:14—They did this for six days.

■ Joshua 6:15—On the seventh day, they marched around seven times.

■ Joshua 6:16—On the seventh time when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said, "Shout."

- Joshua 6:17—Rahab and her family were spared.
- Joshua 6:20—The people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets—when the people heard the sound of the trumpet.
- Joshua 6:25—Rahab and her family were spared.

Judges 7:2-23

- Judges 7:2—The Lord told Gideon that the army was too big and the people might take credit for their victories.
- Judges 7:3—For the first reduction in the army, the Lord told Gideon to offer the men the opportunity to return to their families—causing 22,000 men to leave and 10,000 to remain.
- Judges 7:4-8—For the second reduction in the army, the Lord told Gideon to watch the way the men drank water from a spring—only 300 men scooped the water with their hand.
- Judges 7:9-15—When Gideon heard about a dream among the Midianites, he told his men, and this gave them confidence.
- Judges 7:16—When Gideon divided the 300 men into three groups of 100, he provided them with a trumpet and a clay jar with a burning torch inside.
- Judges 7:17-18—Gideon told the men that when they heard him (and the 300 men with him) blow the trumpet, they should all also blow the trumpets—and yell “The sword of the LORD and of Gideon.”
- Judges 7:19—When Gideon reached the edge of the camp, they blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands.
- Judges 7:20—The rest of Gideon’s soldiers blew their trumpets in their right hand and smashed the jars in their left hand—yelling “The sword of the LORD and of Gideon.”
- Judges 7:22—When the 300 blew the trumpets, a sword fight happened.
- Judges 7:23—Gideon gathered more men and pursued the Midianites.