

Numbers 10:10 HCSB You are to sound the trumpets over your burnt offerings and your fellowship sacrifices and on your joyous occasions, your appointed festivals, and the beginning of each of your months. They will serve as a reminder for you before your God: I am the LORD your God."

Sound the trumpets. Trumpets are significant in our culture. As in most other cultures, they were used in war,¹ or in order to warn of danger.²

Trumpets...joyous occasions. They were used at the Jubilee;³ at Jehoshaphat's victory;⁴ the dedication of Jerusalem's wall;⁵ the dedication of the First Temple;⁶ the foundation of the Second Temple;⁷ the anointing of kings;⁸ and in worship.⁹ Small wonder that the return of our King will be to the tune of trumpets!¹⁰

Beginning of each of your months. The trumpets were blown on the first day of every month, which in Israel's culture began with each "new moon".

- **Psalms 81:3 HCSB** Blow the horn during the new moon and during the full moon, on the day of our feast.

The reason the trumpets were to be blown was to remind the people of their religious duty to the Lord. Note that the sounding of the trumpets was associated with burnt offerings and fellowship offerings? The practice of monthly sacrifices is more fully explained in:

- **Numbers 28:11-15 HCSB** "At the beginning of each of your months present a burnt offering to the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, seven male lambs a year old--*all* unblemished-- (12) with six quarts of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering for each bull, four quarts of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering for the ram, (13) and two quarts of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering for each lamb. It is a burnt offering, a pleasing aroma, a fire offering to the LORD. (14) Their drink offerings are to be two quarts of wine with each bull, one and a third quarts with the ram, and one quart with each male lamb. This is the monthly burnt offering for all the months of the year. (15) And one male goat is to be offered as a sin offering to the LORD, in addition to the regular burnt offering with its drink offering.

¹ Numbers 31:6; Joshua 6:4-20; Judges 3:27; 6:34; 7:8-22; 1 Samuel 13:3; 2 Samuel 2:28; 15:10; 18:16; 20:1, 22; 2 Chronicles 12:12, 14; Nehemiah 4:18, 20; Job 39:24-25; Jeremiah 4:19; 6:1, 17; 42:14; 51:27; Ezekiel 7:14; Amos 2:2; 3:6; Zephaniah 1:16; 1 Corinthians 14:8

² Ezekiel 33:3-6; Joel 2:1

³ Leviticus 25:9

⁴ 2 Chronicles 20:28

⁵ Nehemiah 12:35, 41

⁶ 2 Chronicles 5:12-13; 7:6

⁷ Ezra 3:10-11

⁸ 1 Kings 1:34, 39; 2 Kings 9:13; 11:14

⁹ 1 Chronicles 15: 24; 16:42; 25:5; Psalm 81:3-4

¹⁰ 1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 10:7; 11:15