



Two Silver Trumpets

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Notes

Numbers 10:1-12 (NKJV)

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ² “Make **two silver trumpets** for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps. ³ When they **blow both** of them, **all the congregation shall gather** before you at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. ⁴ But if they **blow only one**, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall gather to you. ⁵ When you **sound the advance**, the camps that lie on the east side shall then begin their journey. ⁶ When you **sound the advance the second time**, then the camps that lie on the south side shall begin their journey; they shall sound the call for them to begin their journeys. ⁷ And when the assembly is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but not sound the advance. ⁸ The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations.

⁹ “When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies. ¹⁰ Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.”

¹¹ **Now it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle of the Testimony.** ¹² **And the children of Israel set out from the Wilderness of Sinai on their journeys; then the cloud settled down in the Wilderness of Paran.**

So far, Numbers has been about the first year in Wilderness (10:11).

- Num. 1-4 Camp set up. Tribes ordered around the Ark of the Covenant.

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- Num. 5:1-4 Physical death (death, discharge or leprosy) exiled from camp.
- Num. 5:5-10 Relational death exiled (Trespass offering includes confession & restitution).
- Num. 5:11-31 Marital death is confronted (marital unfaithfulness).
- Num. 6:1-21 Nazirite Vow provides way for people to draw closer to God.
- Num. 6:22-27 Aaronic blessing builds relationship by placing God's name on people.
- Num. 7 Offerings for initial operation of the Tabernacle are received.
- Num. 8 The light of the lamps and the Levites are arranged.
"You are the light of the world."
- Num. 9 2nd Passover (Pesach Sheni) established (Grace in the Law).
- Num. 10 Pillar of Cloud and Fire describes God's presence.
- Num. 11:1-10 Trumpets for marching are instituted.
- Num. 11:11 Marching begins.

Deuteronomy 24:5 (NKJV) – When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

Psalm 31:15 (NKJV) – My times are in Your hand.

Different kinds of trumpets.

- **Trumpets:** *chatsotsârah*, metal trumpet, "hammered work" (10:2).
- **Shofar:** *shofar* – horn or a ram's horn or the horn of any animal.
- **Qumran trumpets:**
 - Silver trumpets (of Num. 10) were inscribed: "God's mighty deeds to scatter the enemy and to put to fight all opponents of justice and disgraceful retribution to the opponents of God."
 - Qumran also had trumpets called "Triumph of the Camps." Not mentioned in Numbers 10. Used during peacetime. Inscribed: "Peace of God in the encampment of His saints."
- **The Seven Trumpet of Judgment** – Revelation 8-9 & 11:15-19.
- **The Rapture.**
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (NKJV) – ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Revelation 4:1 (NKJV) – And the first voice which I heard was like a **trumpet speaking** with me, **saying, “Come up here,** and I will show you things which must take place after this.”

- **The “Last Trumpet”?:**

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NKJV) – 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**.

➤ **Yom Teruah (Feast of Trumpets)** – Leviticus 23:24 – “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.

➤ **Year of Jubilee and Yom Kippur** – Leviticus 25:9 – Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.

Differences between the Trumpets and the Shofar.

Psalm 98:4-6 (NKJV)

⁴ Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp,
With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

⁶ With **trumpets** and the sound of a **horn**;
Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

- **Trumpets:** *chatsotsârah* (also Num. 10:2) hammered metal.
- **Shofar:** animal’s horn.

Shofars used to:

- **Muster an army** of Ehud against Moab (Judg. 3:27) or Gideon against Midianites (Judg. 6:34)
- **Frighten an enemy**, Gideon against Midianites, (Judg. 7:8-22)
- **Proclaim victory**, Saul against Philistines (1 Sam. 13:3)
- **End a battle**, Joab declared battle against Absalom over, (2 Sam. 18:16)
- **Proclaim rebellion** of Sheba against David (2 Sam. 20:1)
- **Warn of an approaching enemy** (Jer. 4:21; Hos. 5:8; Neh. 4:12-14)
- **Install the ark** in David’s Tent (2 Sam. 6:15)
- **Coronate kings** (God – Psa. 47:5 & 98:6; also Absalom – 2 Sam. 15:10; Jehu – 2 Kings 9:13)

Sounders of silver trumpets versus those who blow the shofar.

- Only priests blow the silver trumpets (Num. 10:8).
- Shofars could be blown by anyone.

What did the silver trumpets look like?



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Silver trumpets had distinct uses.

Numbers 10:3-7 (TLV) – ³ Whenever **both are sounded**, the whole community is to gather toward you at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. ⁴ But if **only one is sounded**, the princes—the heads of the tribes of Israel—are to gather toward you. ⁵ When you **sound the trumpet the first time**, the camp of those camped on the east is to set out. ⁶ When you **sound the trumpet blast the second time**, the camp of those camped on the south is to set out. **Short blasts** will be the signal for their moving out. ⁷ To **gather the whole national community**, you are to sound the **sustained blasts**, but not the short blasts.... ⁹ Whenever you go to war in your own land **against the enemy** who is hostile to you, you are to **sound short blasts** of alarm. Then you will be **remembered before ADONAI** your God and be delivered from your enemies.

- ❖ If both are sounded: Entire community gathers (10:3)
- ❖ If one trumpet is blown: Tribal leaders gather (10:4)
- ❖ Recurring blasts: Sends out waves of the tribes (10:5-6)
- ❖ Short blasts: Community marches out (10:6)
- ❖ Sustained blasts: Community gathers (10:7)
- ❖ Short blasts: Remind God of the enemy (10:9)

Trumpets used at coronations – joy!

Psalms 98:4-6 (See above)

Joash coronated King of Judah with trumpets (2 Kings 11:14).

Silver trumpets used to install ark in David's tent – joy!

1 Chronicles 16:1, 6 (NKJV) – ¹ So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for

it...⁶ Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests **regularly** *blew* the **trumpets** before the ark of the covenant of God.

Trumpets were used at dedication of Solomon's Temple – joy!

2 Chronicles 5:12-13 (NKJV) – ¹² **one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets**—¹³ indeed it came to pass, when the **trumpeters** and singers *were* as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the **trumpets** and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, *saying*:

“*For He is good,*

For His mercy endures forever,”

that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, ¹⁴ so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

Trumpets used to rededicate Temple and the altar – joy!

King Asa's reforms – 2 Chronicles 15:14 (NKJV) – Then they took an oath before the LORD with a loud voice, with shouting (*teru'ah*) and trumpets (*chatsotsârah*) and rams' horns (*shofar*).

Trumpets used at purification of Hezekiah's Temple – joy!

2 Chronicles 29:27 (NKJV) – Then Hezekiah commanded *them* to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD *also* began, with the **trumpets** and with the instruments of David king of Israel.

Trumpets used at laying of foundation of the 2nd Temple – joy!

Ezra 3:10 (NKJV) – When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests stood in their apparel with **trumpets**, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel.

Trumpets used to consecrate Jerusalem's rebuilt walls – joy!

Nehemiah 12:27, 35, 41 (NKJV) – ²⁷ Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings and singing, *with* cymbals and stringed instruments and harps. ³¹ So I brought the leaders of Judah up on the wall... ³⁵ and some of the priests' sons with **trumpets**.

Trumpets used over offerings – joy!

Numbers 10:10 (TLV) – ¹⁰Also at your days of rejoicing, feasts and new moons, you are to **blow on the trumpets over your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings**. They will then be a reminder for you **before ADONAI your God**. I am ADONAI your God!”

“**Reminder for you**”: Cornelius (Act 10:4)

Matthew 6:1-4 (NKJV) – ¹ “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ² Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, **do not sound a trumpet before you** as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, **that they may have glory from men**. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ³ But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Some offerings are to the Lord. Others are before the Lord.

- **Heave offering always to the Lord**. תְּרוּמָה [târumah]
Example: Lev. 7:14.
- **Wave offering always before the Lord**. תְּנוּפָה [tânuwphah]
Example Lev. 7:30.

Trumpets were used during the daily offering (Num. 28:3) – joy

Mishnah 7:3 A & M (describes the process) – When the **high priest wants to burn the offerings**, he would go up ... They **sounded a prolonged sound, a wavering sound, and a prolonged sound**.

Other ancients used trumpets but only Israel used trumpets as instruments of prayer.

Rabbi Josiah said, “It is written, ‘Happy is the people that know the sound of the *teru’ah*.’ But do not the nations know how to sound the *teru’ah*? What a host of horns they have!...What a host of trumpets they have! Yet you say, ‘Happy is the people that know the sound of *teru’ah*.’ **It can only mean that they (Israel) know how to sway their Creator with the *teru’ah*.**” – *Leviticus Rabba* 29:4

When is the shofar not blown?

The shofar is not sounded by Jews on the Sabbath.

Mark your calendar for Havdalah.

- May 12 – Aharon Mendez; Aaron’s Rod & The Tithe, Num. 17-18.
- May 19, 26 & Jun 2 – No Havdalah.
- **WE DO HAVE HAVDALAH** – Jun 9, 16, 23, 30; Jul 7, 14

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- Jun 16 – Ellen Lipscomb; Complainers!; Num. 11; Ps Greg on vacation.
- Jun 23 – Ps Greg; Grain & Drink Offerings, Jewish Communion, Num. 15.
- Jun 30 – Greg Rosenberg; Bronze Serpent, Num. 21; Ps Greg in Mexico City.
- Jul 7 – Ps Greg; Unintentional vs Presumptuous Sin, Num. 15.
- Jul 14 – Ps Greg; The Saddest Day, Tisha B'Av, Num. 13 & 14.
- Jul 22–Sep 8 – No Havdalah.
- Sep 15 – Havdalah starts up again; Turning to God on the Sabbath; It's Shabbat Shuvah, Num. 15:32-36.