

Greetings all!

Chodesh 7 is here! Happy **Feast of Trumpets!**



What an extraordinary day this is [Sept. 9, 2002] in the plan of God for His family! From the sounding of the trumpet for declaration of the chodesh the evening before to the sounding for the gathering of the congregations and ultimately of the prophecy of the final gathering at the King's return, the trumpet [shofar] has long stood as the instrument as is His and the saints custom.

An excerpt from [The Trumpet's Message](#), a message from the [The Sacred Calendar Book](#).

### 1. THE TRUMPET

The Hebrew word '*shofar*' is translated '*trumpet*' more often than not in the Old Testament. Like the two '*silver trumpets*' mentioned in Numbers 10, the '*shofar*,' or ram's horn trumpet, was also used on numerous occasions by the prophets and people of Israel.

The Almighty's Sabbaths, we know are:

Sacred convocations which all believers are commanded to attend.

Memorials of Salvation.

Times of Instruction.

Times of Feasting and Rejoicing.

Times of Warning!

### 2. THE TRUMPET'S MESSAGE

As explained in our article on [The Shofar](#), its message is extremely meaningful. The sound of the **shofar** calls to mind:

The giving of the law at Mount Sinai.

The call to worship on Jehovah's Sabbaths.


The destruction of Jericho, which prefigures the collapse of all the cities of the world.

The return of the **Ark of the Covenant** to Jerusalem.

The anointing of king Solomon, which prefigures the anointing of **Yeshua, the King of Kings** - One infinitely greater than Solomon.

The dedication of the Temple.

And the final warnings from the Almighty detailed in the **Seven Trumpets** of Revelation.

A link for a **free download** is at the end of this months chodesh report which contains the sound of the **shofar** and of a **familiar voice** which warms my heart as it probably will yours stating "*cry aloud ... like a trumpet*" he says. This requires an mp3 media player of which I might recommend these free downloads: [Realplayer](#), [MusicMatchbox](#), [Microsoft Windows Media Player](#) or [Winamp](#). The latter is the smallest and easiest to install. You must also have a sound card and speakers to use this application on your PC's of course. No other special or large amounts of hardware or memory are required - with perhaps the exception of Windows Media Player requirements. Try  lately?

But first, **the data**.

**The data:**

On **September 8, 2002** at around 6:30 PM Jerusalem, Israel should see a 1.6 day old chodesh [new moon] with a 4% illumination. Around the globe that same day the chodesh should appear at about 6:30 PM - Western USA time. The 1.9 day old chodesh will have about a 5% illumination by the time it gets to the Western States.

This chodesh 7 begins Biblical calendar month "seven". Why is it month 7 and not 6 or 8? For answers to this question and more please see a helpful bible study titled [Calendar Studies - Abib](#). A complete booklet with answers to all your biblical calendar questions may be found at "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)", <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html> Data this month is from [Xplns](#) software for Unix and Linux operating systems. This is an open source and free software package and is available to you at: <http://www.astroarts.com>

Actual new moon sightings list for the last 2-3 years dates can be seen at the monthly new moon chart at: Calendar Info <http://home.earthlink.net/~dwlacey/faq/calendar/nmcalchart.html>

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## **Names of the Month**

### **The Roman calendar month September**

Middle English septembre

Latin September

Latin septem "seven" + -ber (adj. suffix)

Latin september mensis "seventh month"

September had 30 days, until Numa when it had 29 days, until Julius when it became 30 days long.

While around March 21<sup>st</sup> is the vernal equinox at which time the sun's orbit seems to cross over the equator to the Northern latitudes at midday, September 21<sup>st</sup> is the reverse and is called the autumnal equinox.



### **SEPTEMBER....**

From the Latin word septem meaning seven,  
which was the seventh month of the Roman calendar  
September has 30 days.

### **September Song**

Oh, it's long, long while  
From May to December,  
But the days grow short,  
When you reach September

Oh, the days dwindle down  
To a precious few ...  
And these few precious days  
I'll spend with you

Maxwell Anderson 1888-1959

### **The Jewish calendar month Tishri [or Tishrei]**



חֹדֶשׁ "ChodeshTishri," the Month of Tishri.

**Strong's Hebrew 2320 - chodesh** kho'-desh from 2318; the new moon; by implication, a month:--month(-ly), new moon; and Abib means green ears of grain.

Months	Weather	Crops & activity
Elul (Aug/Sep)		Date harvest / summer figs
Ethanim*/Tishri (Sep/Oct)	First rains	Ploughing begins

"Ethanim or Tishri" is the Seventh Month of the year, counting from the abib - or "Nisan."

\* From **Eastons** Bible dictionary:

ETHANIM the month of gifts, i.e., of vintage offerings; called Tisri after the Exile; corresponding to part of September and October. It was the first month of the civil year, and the seventh of the sacred year (1 Kings 8:2).

**1 Kings 8:2** And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

Note from the author: The differences of the traditional Hebrew calendar, the Biblical and the Roman calendars reveal much regarding the histories and customs of their respective authors. We today use the civil Roman calendar for our commerce and governments with almost global acceptance. However, for the Bible student it should be noted that there are several factions among each of the faiths thus the sometimes confusing and differing names of the months, seasons, beginning of years including sometimes even the **Holy Days**.

For further reading see **"The Sacred Calendar Book"**.

**Leviticus 23:24** 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.

**Numbers 29:1** And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you.

**Nehemiah 8:2** And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.

**9** ... all the people wept, when they heard the words ...

**Comment from JFB :**

**1 Kings 8:2 - 6** ... at the feast in the month Ethanim ... The public and formal inauguration of this national place of worship did not take place till eleven months after the completion of the edifice. The delay, most probably, originated in Solomon's wish to choose the most fitting opportunity when there should be a general rendezvous of the people in Jerusalem; and that was not till the next year. That was a jubilee year, and he resolved on commencing the solemn ceremonial a few days before the feast of tabernacles, which was the most appropriate of all seasons. That annual festival had been instituted in commemoration of the Israelites dwelling in booths during their stay in the wilderness, as well as of the tabernacle, which was then erected, in which God promised to meet and dwell with His people, sanctifying it with His glory. As the tabernacle was to be superseded by the temple, there was admirable propriety in choosing the feast of tabernacles as the period for dedicating the new place of worship, and praying that the same distinguished privileges might be continued to it in the manifestation of the divine presence and glory. At the time appointed for the inauguration, the king issued orders for all the heads and representatives of the nation to repair to Jerusalem and take part in the august procession [1\_Kings\_8:1]. The lead was

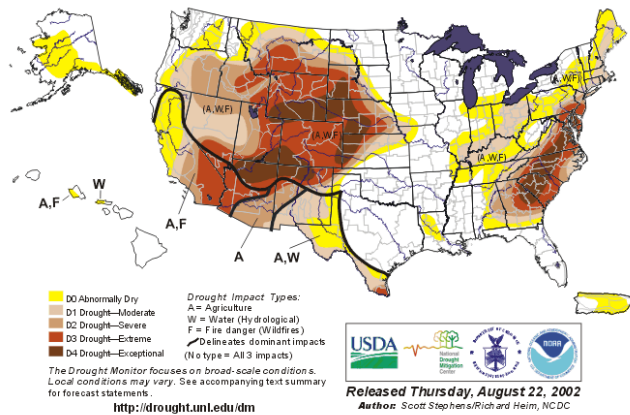
taken by the king and elders of the people, whose march must have been slow, as priests were stationed to offer an immense number of sacrifices at various points in the line of road through which the procession was to go. Then came the priests bearing the ark and the tabernacle--the old Mosaic tabernacle which was brought from Gibeon. Lastly, the Levites followed, carrying the vessels and ornaments belonging to the old, for lodgment in the new, house of the Lord. There was a slight deviation in this procedure from the order of march established in the wilderness (Num\_3:31; Num\_4:15); but the spirit of the arrangement was duly observed. The ark was deposited in the oracle; that is, the most holy place, under the wings of the cherubim--not the Mosaic cherubim, which were firmly attached to the ark (Ex\_37:7,8), but those made by Solomon, which were far larger and more expanded.

Other Biblical references to chodesh [new moon or month] seven [KJV]: Genesis 8:4, Leviticus 16:29, Leviticus 23:24, Leviticus 23:27, Leviticus 23:34, Leviticus 23:39, Leviticus 23:41, Leviticus 25:9, Numbers 29:1, Numbers 29:7, Numbers 29:12, I Kings 8:2, II Kings 25:8, II Kings 25:25, I Chronicles 27:10, II Chronicles 5:3, II Chronicles 7:10, II Chronicles 31:7, Ezra 3:1, Ezra 3:6. Ezra 7:8. Nehemiah. 7:73. Nehemiah 8:2, Nehemiah 8:14, Esther 2:16, Jeremiah 28:17, Jeremiah 41:1, Ezekiel 20:1, Ezekiel 30:20, Ezekiel 45:20, Ezekiel 45:25, Haggai 2:1, Zechariah 7:5, Zechariah 8:19

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**Drought Info:**

Here is a graphic of the current drought as given from NOAA and the others whom comprise the Drought Monitor:

**U.S. Drought Monitor** August 20, 2002  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



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**Historic Happenings September 9**

- 701 St Sergius I ends his reign as Catholic Pope
- 1513 Battle of Flodden Fields; English defeat James IV of Scotland
- 1739 Slave revolt in Stono SC led by Jemmy (25 whites killed)
- 1776 Continental Congress renames "United Colonies," "United States"
- 1817 Alexander Lucius Twilight, probably 1st black to graduate from US college, receives BA degree at Middlebury College
- 1830 Charles Durant, 1st US aeronaut, flies a balloon from Castle Garden, NYC to Perth Amboy, NJ
- 1839 John Herschel takes the 1st glass plate photograph
- 1841 Great Lakes steamer "Erie" sinks off Silver Creek NY, kills 300
- 1850 California becomes 31st state
- 1850 Territories of New Mexico & Utah created

1862 Lee splits his army & sends Jackson to capture Harpers Ferry

1867 Luxembourg gains independence

1875 Lotta's Fountain (Kearny & Market) dedicated  
1880 President Hayes visits SF  
1892 Almalthea, 5th moon of Jupiter, discovered by EE Barnard at Lick  
1895 The American Bowling Congress formed (NYC)  
1904 Boston Herald again refers to NY baseball club as Yankees, when it reports "Yankees take 2,"  
Yankee name not official till 1913  
1908 Orville Wright makes 1st 1-hr airplane flight, Fort Myer, Va  
1911 1st airmail service (British Post Office)  
1912 J Verdrines becomes 1st to fly over 100 mph (107 mph/172 kph)  
1913 Assn for Study of Negro Life & History organizes in Chicago  
1914 Boston Brave George Davis no-hits Phila Phillies, 7-0  
1919 Boston's police force goes on strike  
1922 St Louis Brown Baby Doll Jacobson hits 3 triples beating Tigers 16-0  
1926 National Broadcasting Co created by the Radio Corporation of America  
1927 Tony Lazzeri Day at Yankee Stadium  
1928 Silvio Cator of Haiti, sets then long jump record at 26' -"  
1932 Frank Crosetti ties record, strikes out twice in 1 inning  
1936 Yanks clinch 8th pennant  
1942 1st bombing on continental US soil, Mount Emily Or (WW2)  
1943 Italy surrenders to the Allies  
1944 Allied forces liberate Luxembourg  
1944 Bulgaria liberated from Nazi control (often referred to as the invasion of Bulgaria by Russia)  
(National Day)  
1945 Japanese in S Korea, Taiwan, China, Indochina surrender to Allies  
1945 Jimmie Foxx hits his 534th & final HR  
1945 Phila A's Dick Fowler no-hits St Louis Browns, 1-0  
1948 Bkln Dodger Rex Barney no-hits NY Giants, 2-0  
1948 People's Democratic Republic of Korea proclaimed  
1950 1st use of TV laugh track-Hank McCune  
1956 Elvis Presley appears on national TV for 1st time (Ed Sullivan)  
1957 Nashville's new Hattie Cotton Elementary School dynamited  
1958 Pirate Roberto Clemente ties record of 3 triples in a game  
1960 4th American Football League plays 1st game (Denver 13, Boston 10)  
1963 Landslide into Vaiont Dam emptys lake, kills 3-4,000 (Italy)  
1965 Sandy Koufax pitches his 4th no-hitter, a perfect game vs Cubs (1-0)  
1965 Tibet is made an autonomous region of China  
1966 John Lennon meets Yoko Ono at an avante-garde art exposition  
1967 1st successful test flight of a Saturn V  
1968 1st US Open, held as an "open" (Arthur Ashe-wins)  
1968 Minn Tommy Kramer passes for 6 touchdowns vs Green Bay (42-7)  
1969 Allegheny 853 collides with Piper Cherokee above Indiana, kills 82  
1971 1,000 convicts seize Attica, NY prison  
1971 John Lennon & Yoko Ono appear on the Dick Cavett Show (ABC-TV)  
1971 John Lennon releases the "Imagine" album  
1971 NHL great Gordie Howe retires  
1975 Viking 2 launched toward orbit around Mars, soft landing  
1977 1st TRS-80 computer sold  
1978 3rd game of the Boston Massacre; Yanks beat Red Sox 7-0  
1978 Balt Orioles pull their 7th triple play (5-4-3 vs Toronto)  
1979 John McEnroe beats Vitas Gerulaitis, for the US Open Tennis title  
1979 Sid Bernstein offers \$« billion for a Beatle reunion  
1979 Yusef Islam (Cat Stevens) weds Fouzia Ali at Kensington Mosque  
1981 Vernon E Jordan resigns as president of National Urban League

1982 Columbia mated with SRBs & external tank in preparation for STS-5  
1982 Conestoga 1, 1st private commercial rocket, makes suborbital flight  
1983 Challenger returns to Kennedy Space Center vi

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## Born on September 9:

Birthdates which occurred on your SELECTED date of September 09:

1585 Cardinal A Jean de Plessicide de Richelieu Louis XIII chief minister  
1754 William Bligh nasty ship's captain (HMS Bounty)  
1828 Leo Tolstoy Russia, novelist (War & Peace, Anna Karenina)  
1850 Harishchandra India, poet/dramatist/father of modern Hindi  
1853 Frederick R Spofforth Australia, cricketer (Demon)  
1868 Mary Austin Ill, feminist/nature writer (Land of Little Rain)  
1877 Frank Chance baseball player/manager, Tinkers to Evers to Chance  
1880 Viking Eggeling Sweden, artist/film maker (Diagonal Symphony)  
1887 Alfred Landon (R-Ks) pres candidate (1932, 1936)  
1890 Harland Sanders Kentucky Fried Chicken founder/colonel  
1898 Frank (Fordham Flash) Frisch NYC, baseball player (NL MVP 1931)  
1899 Neil Hamilton Lynn Mass, actor (Commisioner Gordon-Batman)  
19-- Nick Ramus Seattle Wash, actor (Gus-Falcon Crest)  
19-- Randy Stumpf Belleville Ill, actor (Joey Dee-Flatbush)  
1900 James Hilton hotel magnate (Hilton Hotels)  
1907 Pinky Tomlin Eureka Springs Ark, singer/actor (Tip-Waterfront)  
1908 John Haeton US, bobsled (Olympic-silver-1928, 48)  
1912 Kurt Sanderling Arys Germany, conductor (E Berlin Symph 1960-77)  
1919 Jacques Marin Paris, actor (Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo)  
1919 Jimmy "the Greek" Snyder gambler/sportscaster (lay you 5 to 1)  
1924 Jane Greer Wash DC, actress (Prisoner of Zenda, Clown)  
1924 Nino Bibbia Italy, bobsled (Olympic-gold-1948)  
1925 Cliff Robertson La Jolla Calif, actor (Charly)/spokesman for AT&T  
1932 Sylvia Miles NYC, actress (Midnight Cowboy, Farewell My Lovely)  
1935 Chaim Topol Tel Aviv Israel, actor (Fiddler on the Roof)  
1941 Les Braid England, bass (Swinging Blue Jeans-You're No Good)  
1941 Otis Redding Georgia, rocker (Sitting on the Dock of the Bay)  
1942 Inez Foxx Greensboro NC, rocker (Mockingbird, Hi Diddle Diddle)  
1943 Roger Waters rocker (Pink Floyd-The Wall)  
1946 Billy Preston singer/pianist, the 5th Beatle (David Brenner Show)  
1947 Lynn Fitzgerald marathoner (ran 133 miles 939 yards in 24 hrs)  
1949 Joe Theismann NFL QB (Redskins)  
1949 John Curry England, figure skater (Olympic-gold-1976)  
1950 Tom Wopat Lodi Wisc, actor (Luke Duke-Dukes of Hazzard)  
1951 Michael Keaton Pitts Pa, actor (Gung Ho, Batman)  
1951 Robert Desiderio Bronx NY, actor (Det Kennedy-Heart of the City)  
1952 Angela Cartwright England (Make Room for Daddy, Lost in Space)  
1952 Dave Stewart rocker (Eurhythmics-Here Comes the Rain Again)  
1966 Brenda Epperson actress (Ashley-Young & Restless)  
1966 David Bennet Lausanne, actor (Tin Drum, Legend)  
1969 Scott DeFreitas Newton Mass, actor (Andy Dixon-As the World Turns)

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## Deaths on this Day

1087 William I The Conqueror, King of England, & Duke of Normandy, dies  
1817 Paul Cuffe entrepreneur/ civil rights activist, dies at 58

1962 Pat Rooney vaudevillian, dies at 82

1971 Billy Gilbert (Great Dictator, His Gal Friday), dies at 76

1975 John McGiver actor (Patty Duke Show, Jimmy Stewart Show), dies at 61

1976 Mao Tse-Tung Chinese communist party chairman (1949-76), dies at 82

1990 Samuel K Doe Liberian president, killed by rebels

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### *This week in Christian history:*

**September 8**, 1157: Richard I (Lion-Heart) of England, leader of the Third Crusade, is born (see issue 40: The Crusades).

1565: Settlers form the first Roman Catholic Parish in America is formed in St. Augustine, Florida.

1636: Massachusetts Puritans found Harvard College, America's first higher education institution, a mere six years after arriving from England. They founded the college to train future ministers (see issue 41: American Puritans).

1845: English clergyman John Henry Newman converts to Roman Catholicism. Newman had been a leading member of the Oxford Movement, which aimed to reform the Church of England, but he became convinced that the Anglicans had lost their episcopal moorings and had wrongly severed themselves from apostolic succession.

**September 9**, 1087: William I, "The Conqueror" of England in 1066 and founder of several monasteries, dies.

**September 10**, 422: Celestine is elected pope. During his tenure, he convoked the Council of Ephesus to combat the Nestorian "heresy" (this belief, that Christ had two natures and two persons, was probably more semantic overstatement than heresy) and reportedly sent Patrick to Ireland as a missionary (see issue 60: How the Irish Were Saved).

1718: Founded in 1701 by Congregationalists who feared Harvard was straying from its Calvinist roots, The Collegiate School at New Haven, Connecticut, changes its name to Yale.

1869: A Baptist minister invents the ricksha in Yokohama, Japan.

**September 12**, 1729: John W. Fletcher, early Methodist theologian, is born. During the Calvinism-Arminianism controversy within Methodism in the mid-eighteenth century, Fletcher became the chief defender of evangelical Arminianism. John Wesley hoped Fletcher would be his successor, but Fletcher died six years before Wesley (see issue 2: John Wesley and issue 69: Charles and John Wesley).

1788: Alexander Campbell, one of the founders of the Disciples of Christ and the Church of Christ, is born in Ballymena, Ireland (see issue 45: Camp Meetings and Circuit Riders).

1922: The American Episcopal church votes to excise the words "to obey" from its wedding service's marriage vows.

**September 13**, 1541: John Calvin returns to Geneva, where he will spend the rest of his life trying to establish a theocratic society at the request of city authorities who banished him three years earlier (see issue 12: John Calvin).

1635: The Massachusetts General Court banishes Roger Williams, 32, for, among other things, his outspoken advocacy of a separation of church and state. Williams went on to found Rhode Island and the first Baptist church in the American colonies (see issue 41: The American Puritans).

1931: Pentecostal preacher Aimee Semple McPherson marries unknown vaudeville performer David Hutton. McPherson's third marriage, it ended in divorce in 1934 (see issue 58: Pentecostalism).

**September 14**, 258: Cyprian, bishop of Carthage, is beheaded during the persecution under Roman Emperor Valerian (see issue 27: Persecution in the Early Church).

407: Early church father John Chrysostom, the greatest preacher of his age, dies in exile when, in

poor health, he is forced to travel on foot in bad weather (see issue 44: John Chrysostom).  
1321: Dante Alighieri, author of The Divine Comedy, dies (see issue 70: Dante Alighieri).  
1741: George Frederick Handel finishes composing "The Messiah," begun only 24 days earlier.  
1814: Francis Scott Key, Episcopal layman and cofounder of the American Sunday School Union, is inspired to write "The Star-Spangled Banner" during the bombardment of Fort McHenry during the war of 1812. The song didn't become the national anthem until 1931.  
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## Holidays September 9

Note: Some Holidays are only applicable on a given "day of the week"

Bulgaria, Luxembourg : Liberation Day (1944)

California : Admission Day (1850)

Italy : Salerno Day-Allied landing (1943)

North Korea : National Day

US : National Grandparents' Day - - - - ( Sunday )

Afghanistan : National Assembly Foundation Day (1964) - - - - ( Wednesday )

Scotland : Fisherman's Walk Day - - - - ( Friday )

## Religious Observances September 9

Ang : Commemoration of Constance & her companions

Christian : St Gorgonius, martyr

RC-US : Memorial of Peter Claver, priest

## This Day in Religious History - September 9

1561 The Colloquy of Poissy convened near Paris. Comprised of both French Catholic prelates and reformed Protestant theologians led by Theodore Beza, the council led to a 1562 edict offering a greater measure of freedom to French Protestants.

1598 A celebration was held for the newly completed Catholic church at San Juan de los Caballeros -- the first church erected in (what is today the state of) New Mexico. The town, founded this year by Juan de Onate, was a former Indian pueblo in the Chama River Valley.

1833 The first tracts of the Oxford Movement (which sought to purify the English Church) were released. The series was forced to close in 1841, however, when Tract 90 was published, because it interpreted Anglicanism's "Thirty-Nine Articles" in too strong of a Roman Catholic direction.

1863 Dwight Moody's future song evangelist, Ira D. Sankey, 23, married Fanny Edwards, daughter of a Pennsylvania State Senator. Their marriage of 45 years bore two sons, one of whom -- Ira H. Sankey -- became a songwriter like his father.

1952 The religious program 'This is the Life' premiered on Dumont (later ABC) television. This long-running series was produced under the auspices of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church.

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## Tips from the "Old Farmer's Almanac"

Seems that many things we may see and hear remind us of those customs and things of the scripture, and so does the moon.

**Q Question:** Can you please tell me where I should go to see the "horns" of the Moon pointing up?



**A Answer:** Around 18 to 28 degrees north latitude, the **horns** of the Moon at times point directly up. This happens just after sunset in the west, near the horizon, for a waxing Moon and just before sunrise in the east, near the horizon, for a waning moon. The same is true at around 18 to 28 degrees south latitude--just exchange east and west. A beautiful picture of the Moon with its **horns** pointing upward (but not straight up) is visible over a much wider area. In the United States, southern Florida is a great place to see this. (Guest Expert: Dietrich Gudzent, Mount Pleasant, Ohio)



### Well That Explains it!!

Ever wonder what the difference is between a horn and an antler? Or which weighs more, a bird or its feathers? Me neither, but here's the answers anyhow in case anyone you know should ask.

- » Antelopes don't have antlers, they have horns that grow throughout their lives.
- » Antlers and horns are not the same. Horns grow throughout an animal's life and are found on both the male and female of a species. Antlers, composed of a different chemical substance, are shed every year.
- » Giraffes are the only animals born with horns. Both males and females are born with bony knobs on the forehead.
- » Horned lizards eat ants. They wait in areas where ants are working and when one passes by, they flick out their tongue, catch their prey, and swallow without chewing. Apparently their digestive tract is immune to bites and stings.
- » If the great horned owl were to be totally stripped of its feathers, the naked bird would weigh less than its feathers.
- » Rocky Mountain bighorn rams have a double-layer skull. This allows them to absorb the extraordinary impact of head-butting with other rams without suffering brain or head injury. The winner of a head-butting contest gains control of the bighorn herd.
- » The great horned owl can turn its head 270 degrees.
- » The horned lizard of the American southwest may squirt a thin stream of blood from the corners of its eyes when frightened.
- » The horned owl is not horned. Two tufts of feathers were mistaken for horns.
- » The horns of a bighorn sheep can weigh 40 pounds.
- » The pronghorn antelope can run up to 61 miles per hour.
- » The pronghorn antelope is the fastest mammal to be found in North America, and second only to the cheetah as the fastest mammal on the planet.
- » The thorny oyster isn't really an oyster but a member of the scallop family.
- » The water buffalo has the largest horns of all living animals. The largest horns on record were over 13 feet (4 meters) from tip to tip.
- » The world's longest-lived birds are: the Andean condor at 70 years, the eletus parrot at 50 years, the bald eagle at 30 years, the great horned owl at 20 years, and the peregrine falcon at 10 years.
- » Turtles, tortoises and terrapins do not have teeth. They have hard, horny jaws that are able to cut and tear food.
- » What do bats' wings, elephants' ears, flamingos' legs, rabbits' ears, goats' horns, and human skin all have in common? They radiate heat to providing cooling for the animal.
- » Disney's Matterhorn was the first roller coaster to run on steel tubes, which made the ride smoother while allowing Disney to build longer-lasting coasters faster and cheaper.
- » The Matterhorn at Disneyland in southern California is actually a perfect 1/100 model of the real Matterhorn in Switzerland. The ride was inspired by Walt Disney's love for Switzerland and its majestic mountain. The Disney adventure movie Third Man on the Mountain (1959) about a Swiss youth, played by James MacArthur, who is determined to climb the Matterhorn (called the Citadel in the film), was also inspired by Walt's adoration of the Swiss mountain.

## Signs in the lights of the heavens?

For current biblical calendar information please see the articles [Calendar Info](#) and [Calendar of the Saints II](#).

Further reading of "[The Sacred Calendar Book](#)" can also be seen at:

<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/sbs777/saccal/calbook/index.html>

### What are the harvest times in Israel?

[From SBS "[Calendar Book](#)" question 4.]

## Answer

The agricultural year in Israel begins in the autumn (after the harvest festival of Tabernacles) with ploughing and sowing. Harvests in Israel begin in spring in the month of Adar (February/March). The following harvest times in ancient Israel are obtained from the Readers Digest book entitled **Jesus and His Times**, pages 100-101.

Months	Weather	Crops & activity
Tishri (Sep/Oct)	First rains	Ploughing begins
Heshvan (Oct/Nov)		Ploughing / grain planting
Kislev (Nov/Dec)		Grain planting continues
Tebeth (Dec/Jan)	Main rains	
Sebat (Jan/Feb)		
Adar (Feb/Mar)	Spring rains	Almond in bloom / flax harvest
Abib (Mar/Apr)		<b>Barley harvest begins</b>
Zif (Apr/May)		Barley harvest completed
Sivan (May/June)	Dry season	<b>Wheat harvest begins</b>
Tamuz (June/July)		<b>Wheat harvest completed /</b> first figs
Ab (July/Aug)	Summer heat	<b>Vintage (grape harvest) begins</b>
Elul (Aug/Sept)		Date harvest / summer figs

From the above, one can see that the harvest season in ancient Israel began in Adar (Feb/March)

and continued by stages into autumn. The barley harvest began in March-April: the first sheaf being cut and waived in the middle of Abib, which could be any time between 21st March and the middle of April. It is the same in modern Israel. Concerning the wheat and grape harvests, the **Westminster Dictionary of the Bible** says this:

*"In Palestine wheat was sown in November or December, after the rains began. The harvest was in April, May or June in Palestine varying according to the locality and the weather at the time."* (page 635)

*"The vintage began in the middle of September and continued into October. It was a season of festivity. In the vineyards there were singing and joyful noise, and the treaders in the press kept time by shouting as they trod the grapes."* (page 629)

These details concerning harvest times in Israel are vital when determining the start of a year in the sacred calendar and the sacred Festivals in it.

### Scriptural Reading

**Numbers 10:1** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,  
**2** Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

**3** And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

**4** And if they blow *but* with one *trumpet*, then the princes, *which are* heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee.

**5** When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

**6** When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

**7** But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.

**8** And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

**9** And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppreseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

**10** Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

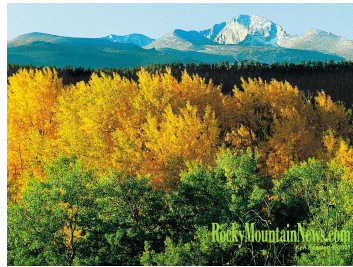


And finally ...

The fruits and colors of the harvest season.



The lulav, fruit [has tasty fruit (dates) but no smell] of the palm tree. Used in observance of Yom Teruah ( *Rosh Hashannah*).



Fall colors below the Rocky Mountains.



Colorful pumpkins and corn.

### Recipe....Pumpkin Bread

- # 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- # 1/2 tsp ground cloves
- # 1 cup fresh or canned pumpkin puree
- # 3 eggs
- # 1 cup flour
- # 2 tsps ground cinnamon
- # 1/2 cup raisins
- # 2 1/3 cups Bisquick
- # pinch of ground nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9x5-inch loaf pan. Mix all ingredients together with wooden spoon. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 45 minutes. Test with knife, if the knife comes out clean the bread is done. If it is not done put back in oven for 10 minutes. Cool before removing from pan.

Store in plastic bag.  
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