

Greetings all!

Chodesh⁷ is here! Happy **Feast of Trumpets!**



What an extraordinary day this is [**Sept. 28, 2003**] 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 27, 2003 at around 6:00 PM Jerusalem, Israel should see about a 1 day 23 hour old moon with a 3% illumination. Around the globe that same day chodesh should arrive at about 7:40 PM - Western USA time. 2 days 3.5 hours after the molad the moon will have about a 5%

illumination by the time it gets to the Western States Mountain Standard Time [MST].

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.

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 21st is the vernal equinox at which time the sun's orbit seems to cross over the equator to the Northern latitudes at midday, September 21st 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]



^{תשרי} "Chodesh Tishri," 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 :

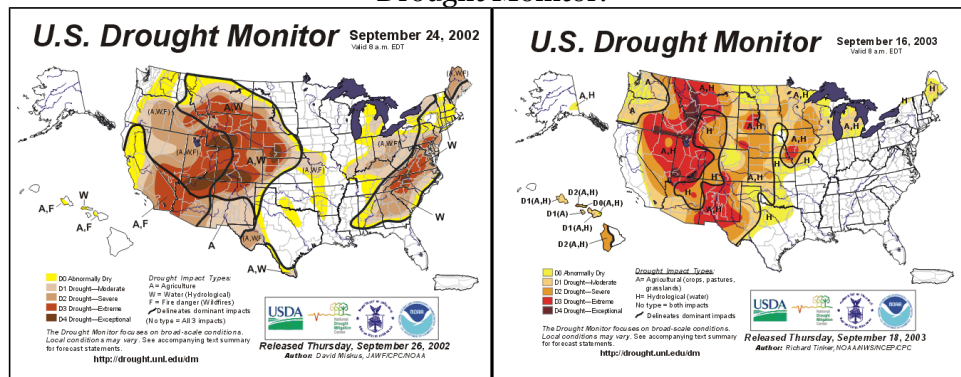
1 Kings 8:2 - 6 ... at the feast in the month Ethanim ... The public and formal inauguration of this national place of worship did not take place till eleven months after the completion of the edifice. The delay, most probably, originated in Solomon's wish to choose the most fitting opportunity when 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

Drought Info:

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



The birthstone for the month of September is the **sapphire**, the color is **blue**, the flower is the **Aster**, meaning *Daintiness Elegance*





Historic Happenings September 28

- 1066** William the Conqueror lands in England
- 1542** Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo discovers California, at San Diego Bay
- 1781** Siege of Yorktown begins, last battle of the Revolutionary War
- 1787** Congress sends Constitution to state legislatures for their approval
- 1829** Walker's Appeal, racial antislavery pamphlet, published in Boston
- 1850** Flogging in US Navy & on merchant vessels abolished
- 1858** Donati's comet becomes the 1st to be photographed
- 1867** Toronto becomes the capital of Ontario
- 1868** Battle of Alcolea, causes Queen Isabella 2 of Spain to flee to France
- 1868** Opelousas Massacre at St Landry Parish Louisiana (200 blacks killed)
- 1879** Sydney Australia inaugurates steam motor tram route
- 1906** US troops reoccupy Cuba, stay until 1909
- 1912** "Kiche Maru" sinks off Japan, killing 1,000
- 1914** German forces move into Antwerp Belgium (WW I)
- 1919** Fastest major league game (51 mins), Giants beat Phillies 6-1
- 1920** 8 White Sox indicted, threw 1919 World Series (Black Sox scandal)
- 1922** Mussolini marches on Rome
- 1923** Yanks slaughter Red Sox 24-4
- 1924** 2 US Army planes end around-world flight, Seattle to Seattle, 57 stops
- 1928** Juan de la Cierva makes 1st helicopter flight over English Channel
- 1928** Yanks clinch pennant #6
- 1930** Lou Gehrig's errorless streak ends at 885 consecutive games
- 1936** Brooklyn & Boston play a penalty free NFL game
- 1937** FDR dedicates Bonneville Dam on Columbia River (Oregon)
- 1939** Soviet-German treaty agree on 4th partition of Poland (WW II) & gives Lithuania to the USSR
- 1940** Michigan's Tom Harmon runs 72, 86 & 94 yard touchdowns
- 1941** Phillies lose club record 111th game
- 1941** Ted Williams assures his .400 avg on last day with 6 hits
- 1942** NY Americans NHL team folded
- 1944** 1st TV Musical comedy (The Boys from Boise)
- 1944** Battle of Arnhem, Germans defeat British airborne in Netherlands
- 1948** WBAP-TV, (NBC affiliate) Fort Worth Texas, begins broadcasting
- 1951** Allie Reynolds' 2nd no-hitter of 1951; Yanks clinch pennant #18
- 1951** Norm Van Brocklin of the Rams passes for NFL-record 554 yards
- 1958** Guinea votes for independence from France
- 1959** Explorer VI reveals an intense radiation belt around the Earth
- 1960** Ted Williams hits his final homer #521
- 1961** "Purlie Victorious," a farce by Ossie Davis, opens on Broadway
- 1961** Syria withdraws from United Arab Republic
- 1961** USN Comdr Forrest S Petersen takes X-15 to 30,720 m
- 1963** Giuseppe Cantarella roller-skates a record 41.5 kph for 440 yds
- 1963** Italy's Giuseppe Cantarella skates a record 25.78 MPH
- 1964** Australia beats US in 1st clay court Davis Cup
- 1965** Jack McKay in X-15 reaches 90 km
- 1965** Lava flows kill at least 350 (Taal Phillipines)
- 1967** Walter Washington elected 1st mayor of Washington, DC

1968 Alberto Giolani of Italy roller skates record 23.133 miles in 1 hr
1968 Atlanta Chiefs beat San Diego Toros 3-0 for NASL championship
1968 Beatles' "Hey Jude," single goes #1 & stays #1 for 9 weeks
1968 Chuck Hixson (Southern Methodist) completes 37 of record 69 passes
1969 Joe Kapp (Minn Vikings) passes for 7 touchdowns vs Balt Colts (52-14)
1970 Intrepid (US) beats Gretel II (Aust) in 22nd America's Cup
1972 Japan & Communist China agree to re-establish diplomatic relations
1974 1st lady Betty Ford undergoes a radical mastectomy
1974 Calif Angel Nolan Ryan 3rd no-hitter beats Minn Twin, 4-0
1974 John Lennon appears as guest dj on WNEW-FM (NYC)
1975 Oakland A's Vida Blue, Glenn Abbott, Paul Linblad & Rollie Fingers, no-hit Calif Angels 5-0
1976 Muhammad Ali retains heavyweight boxing championship in a close 15-round decision over Ken Norton at Yankee Stadium
1978 Israeli Knesset endorses Camp David accord
1979 Larry Holmes (retain championship) KOs Earnie Shavers in 11 rounds
1980 Jaromir Wagner is 1st to fly the Atlantic standing on the wing
1981 Joseph Paul Franklin, avowed racist, sentenced to life imprisonment for killing 2 black joggers in Salt Lake City
1982 1st reports appear of death from cyanide-laced Tylenol capsules
1982 NASA launches Intelsat V
1983 STS-9 vehicle moves to launch pad
1985 NASA launches Intelsat VA
1986 Record 23,000 start in a marathon (Mexico City)
1988 Bronx Museum for the Arts opens
1988 LA Dodger Orel Hershiser sets record for consecutive scoreless inns
1990 Marvin Gaye gets a star on Hollywood's walk of fame
1991 NY Yankees set record of 75 games without a complete pitched game

Holidays September 28

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

California : Cabrillo Day discovery of Calif (1542)

Guinea : Referendum Day (1958)

Kiwanis : Kiwanis Kid Day

Libya : Shawwal 14

Republic of China (Taiwan) : Confucius' Birthday/Teachers' Day

US : Gold Star Mother's Day (Last Sunday in September) - - - - (**Sunday**)

US : Good Neighbor Day (4th Sunday in September) - - - - (**Sunday**)

US : American Indian Day (4th Friday in September) (1916) - - - - (**Friday**)

Religious Observances September 28

RC : Memorial of St Wenceslas, duke, patron of Bohemia, martyr (opt)

Christian-Mexico : Feast of San Miguel

This Day in Religious History - September 28

1704 A statute was enacted by the colony of Maryland, giving ministers the right to impose divorce on "unholy couples."

1774 Anglican clergyman and hymnwriter John Newton wrote in a letter: 'We are always equally in danger in ourselves and always equally safe under the shadow of His wings.'

1808 Andover Theological Seminary first opened in Massachusetts, under sponsorship of the Congregational Church.

1895 At a convention in Atlanta, three Baptist groups merged to form the National Baptist Convention. It is today the largest African-American denomination in America and the world.

1934 The first issue of "The Sword of the Lord" was published. Founded by Baptist evangelist John R. Rice, 39, it became the largest independent Christian weekly for years, and was recognized by liberals as the "voice of fundamentalism."

Source: William D. Blake. *Almanac of the Christian Church, Minneapolis: Bethany House, 1987. Additional information supplied by the author. Contact via E-mail: William D. Blake. (pilgrimwb@aol.com)*

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 eiletus 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)		Barley harvest begins
Zif (Apr/May)		Barley harvest completed

Sivan (May/Jun)	Dry season	Wheat harvest begins
Tamuz (Jun/Jul)		Wheat harvest completed / first figs
Ab (Jul/Aug)	Summer heat	Vintage (grape harvest) begins
Elul (Aug/Sep)		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 oppresseth 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.

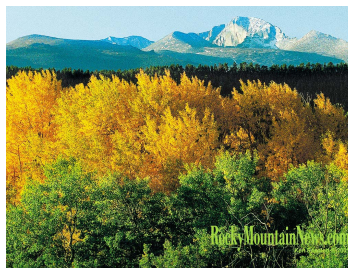
10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

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.

Media Links:

Audio files referred to at intro: [To the Saints Media](#)

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