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### Some Thoughts about the Feast of Trumpets

- 1. It is the only feast without a real name.
- 2. Also referred to as the Feast of Trumpet Blowing. (Shofar)
- 3. Today it is the New Year for the Hebrew people.
- 4. Rosh Hashanah means the "head of the year."
- 5. It is a day of preparation for cleansing.

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- 1. For calling the people of God together.
  - "And in that day a great trumpet will sound. Those who were perishing in Assyria and those who were exiled in Egypt will come and worship the LORD on the holy mountain in Jerusalem." Isaiah 27:13
- 2. To prepare the people for a journey.
  - "Make two trumpets of hammered silver, and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out." - Numbers 10:2

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"Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming. It is close at hand" - Joel 2:1

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"Oh, my anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain. Oh, the agony of my heart! My heart pounds within me, I cannot keep silent. For I have heard the sound of the trumpet; I have heard the battle cry." - Jeremiah 4:19

#### 5. For days of gladness.

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"Sound the ram's horn at the New Moon, and when the moon is full, on the day of our Feast" - Psalm 81:3

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"There have Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel. Blow the trumpet and shout, 'Long live King Solomon!'" - I Kings 1:34

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