

Psalms 81:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed,
on our solemn feast day.

Analysis

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon (תַּקְעֵוּ בְּחֹדֶשׁ שְׁוֹפֵר)—The shophar (ram's horn) announced the chodesh (new moon), particularly the seventh month's new moon (Tishri), the Feast of Trumpets. **In the time appointed** (bakeseh, 'at the full moon') refers to Passover (Nisan 15) or Tabernacles (Tishri 15), both celebrated at full moon.

On our solemn feast day (chag)—the three pilgrimage festivals (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles) when all males appeared before the Lord (Deuteronomy 16:16). The shophar's piercing blast summoned Israel to remembrance, repentance, and renewal—foreshadowing the 'last trumpet' of 1 Corinthians 15:52 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16 when Christ returns.

Historical Context

The Jewish calendar was lunar, with each month beginning at the new moon. The seventh month (Tishri) was especially sacred: Day 1 = Trumpets, Day 10 = Atonement, Days 15-22 = Tabernacles. The shophar connected Israel to the ram caught in the thicket (Genesis 22:13), Sinai's thunder (Exodus 19:16), and Jericho's victory (Joshua 6:4-5).

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do the appointed festivals of Israel point forward to Christ's work and second coming?
2. What does the shophar's alarm teach about spiritual alertness and the urgency of repentance?
3. How should Christians observe sacred rhythms and appointed times to remember God's faithfulness?

Interlinear Text

בְּקָרְבָּן תְּקַרְבָּנָה בְּחַדְשָׁה שׁוֹפֵט רְשָׁעָה בְּכָל־סָהָר לַיְלָה יּוֹם
Blow up in the new moon the trumpet in the time appointed day
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on our solemn feast

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Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 2:4 (Parallel theme): Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.

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