

# Yom Teruah

## The Day of the [trumpet] Blast

A Call to Repentance, Reconciliation, & Return

### **Leviticus 23:24-25**

“Speak to the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month on the first of the month you shall have a rest, a reminder by blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. You shall not do any laborious work, but you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD.”

### **Numbers 29:1**

“Now in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall also have a holy convocation, you shall do no laborious work. It will be to you a day for blowing trumpets.”



## **The shofar was sounded:**

At the giving of the Torah to the people of Israel (Exd 19:8, 19)  
To announce the great sabbatical year of release (Lev 25:9)  
When Israel conquered Jericho (Joshua 6:20)  
To assemble Israel during war (Judges 3:27; II Sam 20:1)  
To announce the coronation of a new king in Israel (I Kings 34:39)  
To warn Israel of impending danger (Amos 3:6; Jer 6:1; Ezek 33:6)  
To announce the beginning of the appointed times (Num 10:10)  
To celebrate the new (renewed) moon or head of the month (Psa 81:1-3)  
It is a call to repentance (Ish 58:1)

## **The shofar will be sounded in the future:**

At the final ingathering of the exiles of Israel (Ish 27:13)  
To announce God's miraculous end-time intervention to deliver the people of Israel (Zech 9:14,16)  
To herald the coming Messianic Age (Matt 24:29-31)  
At the Resurrection (I Thess 4:16, 17)  
To announce God's Judgments (Rev 8-9) and the Day of the Lord (Zeph 1:14-16)  
In connection to the coming of the King Messiah (Rev 11:15-18)

**There are traditionally 10 Remembrances for which the shofar is blown on the Feast of Trumpets or Yom Teruah "The Day of the Blast."**

### **1. CORONATION:** Symbolizing our acceptance of God as King.

Rev 11:15-17 "Then the seventh angel sounded [the shofar]; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever. And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, We give thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign."

**2. REPENTANCE:** Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement is only 10 days away, and this symbolizes the final judgment. Yom Teruah is

the final call to repentance before its too late and brings home the idea of urgency and the fact that time is short and one day God will return to judge the earth.

Isa 58:1 "Cry loudly, do not hold back; Raise your voice like a trumpet, And declare to My people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins."

**3. MT SINAI AND THE LAND OF PROMISE:** The shofar sounded at the foot of Mt. Sinai before God spoke in the hearing of all the people of Israel.

- a. They were a mixed multitude that went up (Exd 12:37)
- b. There is one law in God's economy, he does not play favorites or have special rules for special people (Num 15:14-16; Exd 12:48-49 etc)
- c. God makes the same covenant offering to all people who will accept His Messiah.

Duet 29:10, 13-14 "You stand today, all of you, before the Lord your God...in order that He may establish you today as His people and that He may be your God, just as He spoke to you and as He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Now not with you alone am I making this covenant and this oath, but both with those who stand here with us today in the presence of the LORD our God and with those who are not with us here today."

**4. AS A WARNING:** The shofar was often sounded to remind the people to take warning from the words of the prophets. Today, we must still act as watchmen and warn people lest they stay enemies of the living God and die by the sword that will come when God judges His enemies.

Ezek 33:4-5 "Then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life."

**5. TEMPLE:** The shofar reminds us of the days of the Temple before it was destroyed, and reminds us to pray in anticipation of Isa 2:2-4.

“Now it will come about that in the last days, the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills; and all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, ‘Come let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. That He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths. For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he will judge between nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.” (Ish 2:2-4)

**6. THE BINDING OF ISAAC AND THE RAM:** Blowing the Shofar allows us to remember the significance of the substitute sacrifice of the ram made in Isaac’s place. The Rabbis taught that we should consider it as if we had been bound before God. This is in keeping with the Apostolic Writings which reveal that God considers Yeshua’s sacrifice as a substitute for us, but we are also considered by God to have died along with the Messiah.

**7. FEAR:** The sound of the shofar should inspire holy fear before God. Amos 3:6 “Shall the shofar be blown in the city and people not be afraid?” If Messiah showed up tonight for real, it would inspire holy fear and ‘ah’ of God.

**8. JUDGEMENT:** The sound of the shofar reminds us that The Day of the Lord is very near. Zeph 1:14-16 “Near is the great day of the LORD, near and coming very quickly; Listen, the day of the LORD! The day of wrath is that day...a day of trumpet and battle cry...”

**9: RESURRECTION:** The sounding of the shofar is to recall the past and future resurrection of the dead. Matt 27:52 “the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.”

Acts 24:15 “...that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.”

Rev 20:6 “Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

## 10. The Great Commission:

Matt 28:19-20

“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;** and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

When we observe God’s appointed times, we proclaim with our actions as well as our words the reality of God’s kingdom on earth and the reign of our Messiah today. In so doing, we cause people to consider the gospel message and show that we truly believe the reality of the things written in the pages of our Bibles.

We also fulfill our obligation to observe all that God commanded us in His Word, because we know that Yeshua is the embodiment of the Law given at Sinai. It is His will and wisdom for His people, and when we obey it, we obey our Master and demonstrate with our actions the reality of our love for Him.

**John 1:15** Jesus said, “If you love me you will keep my commandments.”

**John 15:10-11** “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in my love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”

**1 John 5:2-3** “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”