

## **Yom Teruah – The Feast of Trumpets**

The Feast of Trumpets or Yom Teruah is a day when the Shofar is blown to awaken Israel to an amazing event. It is also known by eleven different names or idioms and in this writing we will endeavor to briefly Leviticus 23:23-25

23 YHWH said to Moses,<sup>24</sup> "Say to the Israelites: 'On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts.<sup>25</sup> Do no regular work, but present an offering made to YHWH by fire.'"

Numbers 29:1-2 " On the first day of the seventh month hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. It is a day for you to sound the trumpets." The feast of Trumpets falls on Tishri 1 (the seventh month) on the Hebraic calendar.

The number seven has great significance according to the word of God. Every seventh year as a "sabbatical" year (Leviticus 25:1-7). All throughout scripture reference is made to the number seven e.g. in the Book of Revelation, Yeshua speaks of seven lamps, seven churches, seven angel, the seven Spirits of God, the seven seals etc. All three fall feast occur in the seventh month of Tishri. The fall feasts (the feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles) are all about the Lord preparing His Bride for His return.

The Feast of Trumpets or Yom Teruah is also known by the following Hebraic names, and idioms, each bearing a greater prophetic significance to God's eternal plan of redemption fulfilled in Yeshua.

***Yom Teruah : (The day of the Awakening Blast or Feast of Trumpets)***

***Rosh HaShanah (The Head of the Year or Birthday of the World)***

***Yom HaDin (the Day of Judgement)***

***HaMelech (the Coronation of the Messiah)***

***Yom HaZikaron (the Day of Remembrance)***

***The time of Ya'akov (Jacob's) trouble or the birthpangs of Messiah***

***The Opening of the gates***

***Kiddushin/Nesu'in (the wedding ceremony)***

***The resurrection of the dead (rapture, natzal)***

***The last trumpet (Shofar)***

***Yom Hakeseh (the hidden day)***

The season of Teshuvah (repentance) begins on the first day of the month Elul and continues for 40 days. Rosh HaShanah falls on the 30th day which ends ten days later on Yom Kippur. This time is known in Israel as the most Holy days of the year, followed five days later by Sukkot or the Feast of Tabernacles. This time is known as the High Holy days or the Days of awe. During this period of 30 days the shofar or ram's horn is blown after every morning service to warn the people to repent and return to God. Psalm 27 is read during the service. Prophetically and spiritually it is a time to be awakened and to prepare our hearts for the King! In the Jewish culture, when the shofar is blown the people understood the significance of hearing the sound of the shofar. The concept around the sounding of the shofar or the literal meaning of Teruah "**an awakening blast**" is to awaken us!

Many references in scripture relates to this theme. The first coming of Yeshua is associated with a shout in Zechariah 9:9

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 the reference to the awakening blast is made, which relates to the coming rapture.

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

It is not a solemn time but a time to celebrate in expectation of that which God has brought forth through Yeshua and will complete in Him. The Feasts of the Lord also signifies the fulfillment of His promises to us!

### **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SHOFAR AND/OR TRUMPETS**

The Use of the Shofar in the Bible

The shofar or ram’s horn, has always held a prominent role in the history of God’s people in the Bible:

The Torah was given to Israel with the sound of the shofar (Exodus 19:19).

Israel conquered in the battle of Jericho with the blast of the shofar (Joshua 6:20).

Israel will be advised of the advent of the Messiah with the sound of the shofar (Zechariah 9:14,16).

The shofar will be blown at the time of the ingathering of the exiles of Israel to their place (Isaiah 27:13).

The shofar was blown to signal the assembly of the Israelites during war (Judges 3:27; 2 Samuel 20:1).

The watchman who stood upon Jerusalem’s walls blew the shofar (Ezekiel 33:3-6).

The shofar was blown at the start of the Jubilee year (Leviticus 25:9).

The shofar is a reminder that God is sovereign (Psalm 47:5).

The ram’s horn, the shofar, is a reminder of Abraham’s sacrifice of Isaac and God’s provision of a ram as a substitute (Genesis 22:13).

The shofar was blown to announce the beginning of festivals (Numbers 10:10). The shofar was blown to celebrate the new moon on Rosh HaShanah (Psalm 81:1-3).

The blowing of the shofar is a signal for the call to repentance (Isaiah 58:1).

The blowing of the shofar ushers in the day of the Lord (Joel 2:1).

The blowing of the shofar is sounded at the rapture of the believers and the resurrection of the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

John was taken up to Heaven in the Book of Revelation by the sound of the shofar (Revelation 4:1).

Seven shofarim are sounded when God judges the earth during the tribulation (Revelation 8-9).

The shofar was used for the coronation of kings (1 Kings 1:34,39).

## **THE DAY OF THE AWAKENING BLAST**

“Blessed is the people that knows the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Jehovah, in the light of

Your face. In Your name they shall rejoice all the day; and in Your righteousness they shall be lifted up.” Psalm 89:15-16

The whole prophetic theme around Yom Teruah is to hear the sound of the shofar thus according to the Word the people will be blessed when they “hear the sound of the shofar”.

Teruah in Hebrew can also be translated as “shout” and “an awakening blast”, and is also mentioned in Isaiah 42:11; 44:23, Jeremiah 31:7 and Zepheniah 3:14. In 1

Thessalonians 4:16;17 the same concept is related to the rapture or natzal.

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

Scripture points to this blessed hope that we have of the natzal or rapture as far back as Isaiah 26:19 which speak of the resurrection.

“Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.”

“These things said he: and after that he said to them, Our friend Lazarus sleeps; but I go, that I may wake him up.” John 11:11

“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.” Romans 13:11

“At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time: and at that time your people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.” Daniel 12:1-2

As we study these scripture the Holy Spirit within us awakens us to the reality of this great and wonderful Day of the Awakening Blast. There is also a prophetic utterance that is going forth through these scriptures, to awake us, the Bride from spiritual slumber. Thus the shofar blast was intended to prepare the people, to bring trembling and a realization to be ready at the Lord’s coming. The passage in Matthew 24 and 25 is a reminder of the day of the Lord’s return as the day and hour that no man knows, and therefore the Bride has to be constantly prepared, watching and praying so that this day will overtake us as “a thief in the night”.

“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.” 1 Thessalonians 5:2

“And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is nigh: So likewise when you shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

(The reference here to the day and the hour that no man knows can also be related to the appearing of the new moon on Rosh Hashanah, usually in ancient times the priest would watch for the first sliver of the new moon to appear, as soon as it appeared the trumpet would be blown a hundred times and fires lit upon the hills to declare that it is Rosh Hashanah.)

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming." Matthew 24:30-40

### **THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT OR YOM HADIN**

In the Talmudic writings this day is described as a day where God would sit in court, three great books will be opened and men will pass before God and will be judged.

We as believers in Yeshua also know from scripture that there is a Day of Judgement coming where we all will appear before the great white throne of God.

"The beast that you saw was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." Revelation 17:8

### **THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OR YOM HAZIKKARON**

Rosh Hashanah is also known as the Day of Remembrance the scripture reference to this day of memorial is Leviticus 23:24 "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, you shall have a Sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.

During this time Israel would reflect on what God has done for them and be affirmed in the love and remembrance that God has for His people.

" And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten." Exodus 13:3

"And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them." Exodus 2:24-25

### **THE CORONATION OF THE KING OR HAMELECH**

" He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth. He hath remembered his covenant forever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations" Psalm 105:7-8.

We can be assured that God does remember us and that in fact that there is a book of remembrance in heaven. "Then they that feared the LORD spoke to one another: and the LORD listened, and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name

" And they shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make them My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him. "Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him." Malachi 3:16-18

"He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels." Revelations 3:5

"And I saw a great white throne and Him who was sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the throne, and books were

opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged from what was written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. And the death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death.” And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Revelations 20:11-15 (The Scriptures).

## **On Rosh Hashanah, the coronation of the Messiah Yeshua as King will happen in**

### **Heaven.**

“ And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, having been sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong messenger proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loosen its seals?” And no one in the heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. And one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Yehudjah, 1 the Root of Dawidj,2 overcame to open the scroll and to loosen its seven seals.” Footnotes: 1Heb. 7:14 2Isa. 11:1 & 10.

And I looked and saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing, as having been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which the seven Spirits of Elohim are sent out into all the earth. And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him sitting on the throne. And when

He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones. And they sang a renewed song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and made us sovereigns and priests to our Elohim, and we shall reign upon the earth.”<sup>1</sup> Footnote: 1Dan. 7:18-27.

And I looked, and I heard the voice of many messengers around the throne, and the living creatures, and the elders. And the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb having been slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and respect and esteem and blessing!” And every creature which is in the heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, “To Him sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb, be the blessing and the respect and the esteem and the might, forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and bowed before Him who lives forever and ever.” Revelation 5:1-14 (The Scriptures) Yeshua will be crowned as King as King over the whole earth as He is coming to reign as King during the Messianic age.

“And He has on His garment, and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” Revelations 19:16

“ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast nor his image, nor had received his mark on their foreheads, nor in their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” Revelations 20:4. In the Book of Daniel, it relates to the same theme of Rosh Hashanah, the Coronation of the King, The Day of Judgement.

“I watched until the thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days sat, whose robe was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool. His throne was like flames of fire, and His wheels like burning fire. A stream of fire went out and came out from before Him. A thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The judgment was set, and the books were opened. Then I was looking because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke. I watched until the beast was slain, and his body was destroyed and given to the burning flame. And the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away. Yet their lives were made longer for a season and time. I saw in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And dominion and glory was given Him, and a kingdom, that all

peoples, nations and languages, should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.” Daniel 7:9-14

The reference to the books in this passage are the books of the righteous, the book of the wicked, and the book of remembrance.

There are four parts that relates to the coronation of a Jewish king.

☐ The giving of the decree

☐ The ceremony of taking the throne

☐ The acclamation of the people

☐ Those in submission to the King coming to visit Him after He has taken the throne

“Yea, I have set My king on My holy hill, on Zion. I will declare the decree of Jehovah. He has said to Me, You are My Son; today I have begotten You.” Psalm 2:6-7

Here God has given His decree and following that is the giving of a scepter or rod – the emblem of a king, by which he rules and reigns. “ I shall see him, but not now. I shall behold him, but not near. There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall strike the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult.” Numbers 24:17

“ And the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that whoever, whether man or woman, shall come to the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his, execution, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter so that he may live. But I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days.” Esther 4:11

“ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; the staff of Your kingdom is a staff of righteousness.” Psalm 45:6

“ But to the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.” Hebrews 1:8 Other references to Yeshua’s ruling and reigning can be found in Isaiah 11:1,4-5.

“He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest. And the Lord God shall give Him the throne of His father David. And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end.”

Luke 1:32-33

The Hebrew word for Christ is Mashiach or “the anointed one”. At His return He will rule and reign as King eternally over all the earth!

## **THE TIME OF JACOBS TROUBLE**

It is also known as the birth pangs of the Messiah or the seven year tribulation period. All throughout scripture we can read of this time and the passage in Matthew 24 refers to this period that will come over the earth.

“But of the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that I write to you. For you yourselves know accurately that the day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety! Then sudden destruction comes on them, as travail upon a woman with child. And they shall not escape. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

The prophet, Jeremiah prophesied concerning this time... “ For so says the Lord, We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask now, and see whether a man is giving birth? Why do I see every man with his hands on his loins, like a woman in labor, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.” Jeremiah 30:5-7

“ And there appeared a great sign in the heavens, a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head, and having a babe in womb, she cries, being in travail, having been distressed to bear.” Revelations 12:1-2

Jacob refers to Israel and it is a time of great trouble that will be in the earth and in the nation of Israel, but the Lord promises that He will deliver her out of this trouble! During their trouble they will seek the Lord. The prophet Zechariah prophesied that two of every three inhabitants of Israel will perish during this time, with a remnant that will be saved.

“ And it shall be in all the land, says Jehovah, two parts in it shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left in it. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried. They shall call on My name, and I will answer them; I will say, It is My people; and they shall say, Jehovah is my God.”  
Zechariah 13:8-9

The word re-assures us that all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved! We can be assured that through the power of the Holy Spirit the Lord will save those who call upon His name during this time.

### **THE OPENING OF THE GATES**

“ Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord into which the righteous shall enter.” Psalm 118:19-20

### **THE WEDDING OF MESSIAH**

Yeshua is our bridegroom and He is coming for a pure and spotless bride, a bride which

He is preparing to be married to for all eternity. God so ordained and established the marriage covenant already in Genesis 2:21-24.

“And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept. And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh underneath. And Jehovah God made the rib (which He had taken from the man) into a woman. And He brought her to the man. And Adam said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman because she was taken out of man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife and they shall be one flesh.” Genesis 2:21-24

Adam was a type of the Messiah Yeshua. (He is called the first Adam, being of the flesh, and Yeshua the last Adam, being of the Spirit.) “But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is the type of Him who was to come;” Romans 5:14

Just as God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep (synonymous with death) and formed Eve and presented her to Adam, so we can see the prophetic picture of Yeshua being crucified, shed His blood and raised Him from the death and so is preparing a Bride for His Son.

“He said these things; and after that He said to them, Our friend Lazarus sleeps. But I go so that I may awaken him out of sleep.” John 11:11 “Behold, I speak a mystery to you; we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed; in a moment, in a glance of an eye, at the last trumpet. For a trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and when this mortal shall put on immortality, then will take place the word that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory.” 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

Just as in Adam who fell into a deep sleep (a type of death) and God had to remove a rib from his side (which would have included the shedding of blood), so we see a prophetic picture already in Genesis of Yeshua being put to death, being pierced, hung on a tree, and with bloodshed gave His life for all of humanity.

“But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a lance, and instantly there came out blood and water.” John 19:34

## **THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD**

One of the reasons for blowing the shofar is to proclaim the resurrection of the dead. The scriptures are clear about this very fact, as Paul in the book of Corinthians spoke about this reality.

“Behold, I speak a mystery to you; we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed; in a moment, in a glance of an eye, at the last trumpet. For a trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

If indeed Yeshua did not rise from the dead, then our faith will be in vain.

In the Hebrew mindset there are three trumpets.

☐ The first trumpet

☐ The last trumpet

☐ The great trumpet

Each trumpet refers to a specific day in the Jewish year. The first trumpet is blown on the Feast of Pentecost.

“And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and became very strong, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice.’ Exodus 19:19

The last trumpet is blown on Rosh Hashanah and the great trumpet is blown on Yom Kippur.

Once again scripture points to the trumpet when it relates to the catching away or rapture of the believers.

“For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we shall ever be with the Lord.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

During the 40 day period leading up to Rosh Hashanah at every morning and evening service Psalm 27 is read. Psalm 27:5, says that in the day of trouble, the righteous will be hidden away. I believe this also refers to the New Testament where the Word speaks about the “gathering together” of the saints. (2 Thessalonians 2:1).

## **THE HIDDEN DAY OR YOM HAKESEH**

“For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His shelter, in the secrecy of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me up on a rock.” Psalm 27:5

Yom Hakeseh – the term keshah is from the Hebrew root “kacah”, meaning to “conceal, cover, or hide.” Every day during the month of Elul, a trumpet is blown to warn the people to turn back to God, except for the day before Rosh Hashanah; this day is a silent day. This also points to a prophetic picture found in throughout scripture and relates to something that is hidden, a mystery.

“Blow the ram's horn in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.” Psalm 81:3

This hidden day, ‘which no man knoweth’ is also hidden from satan, the accuser of the brethren. The word says, that satan’s purpose in this world is to “kill, steal and destroy”.

“The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

'But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, which God has hidden, predetermining it before the world for our glory; which none of the rulers of this world knew (for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory).

1Corinthians 2:7-8

Just as he blinded the hearts and minds of those who crucified Yeshua, so this reality of that great day is also hidden from him. The reality of the day of Rosh Hashanah is that no man truly knows on which day it falls, because the day and hour is unknown, as it has to do with the watching for the first of the New Moon to appear, then will it only be known. The hidden prophetic message herein, is that we too, as the Bride of Yeshua, need to "watch and pray" for we do not know what time or day, the Bridegroom might come to fetch His bride, but that she has to be ready, and prepared and expectant at all times. I believe this is the Father's heart for us, to be expectantly awaiting the return of the Bridegroom, Yeshua, at any given moment, according to the time markers, the seasons, as He has set it out for us to observe, according to the Feasts of the Lord.

"But of that day and hour no one knows, no, not the angels of Heaven, but only My Father." Matthew 24:36

As we are assured of the times that we are living in, the time before the coming of Messiah Yeshua, we have to be ready, continuing always in the faith, be ready in season and out of season to give a reason for this hope that is within us. As the days grow darker upon this earth, we are assured of the Light of His glorious presence in our midst and the assurance of Holy Spirit in us to lead us and guide us in these times in all truth. As we are in the greatest battle of time, we can be assured that at the appointed time we will hear (if our hearts are so sanctified and set-apart by His set-apart Spirit, Ruach Ha Kadesh) the trumpet sound!

And so we celebrate this time with great expectancy and joy. Usually on Rosh Hashanah, apples are dipped in honey and shared, this signifies the goodness and the sweetness of His presence and fellowship. It is also to signify the sweet and blessings and goodness from God for the New Year (Rosh Hashanah).

In closing, I would like to share this prophetic word given by the Lord to Jill Shannon, as it blessed me tremendously, and I so believe it is a word in season as to showing us the Lord's heart for this feast. I pray that the Holy Spirit will so awakening each and every heart to the truth and prophetic significance of each and every feast of the Lord. May the blessing of the Lord be upon you, may knowledge and wisdom be released to you by the Holy Spirit, as you study the Feasts of the Lord, and as you are taught by the Holy Spirit, Our greatest comforter, friend and teacher.

The battle cry has gone out and must be sounded. My people do not  
Understand the concept of a memorial blast before the Lord, being heard  
By My ears and causing Me to remember them in their hour of adversity.  
When you sound the horn, then keren yishi (horn of my salvation), you  
Are raising a piercing and penetrating cry for help, which I cannot help  
But respond to. My heart is deeply moved when I hear the sound of My  
People who love Me and fear Me and are called according to My Name.

When I hear them raise the battle sound, that desperate alarm,

"Help me, Adonai," that is how I heart it with My ears.

I remember them and come and save them from My enemies. And  
When they sound the blast of remembrance on My feasts and new moons,  
It is a sound of joy and gladness, it is the voice of the Bridegroom and  
The voice of the Bride, mingled together in a cry of love, in a shout

Of passion!

Get ready, for your Bridegroom comes! Sound the horn and blow the

Trumpet; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold Your God."

Say to the Bride, "Behold Your Bridegroom."

I will remember you when you blow the trumpet blast of remembrance.

I will come to you when you cry out to Me to save you from your

Enemies; when I hear the sound of your cry, I will remember.

That is why this day is called the "Memorial of Blasting."

It is true that you are remembering Me by obeying this command,

But your memorial is rising up to Me! It causes Me to remember you.

That is why I do not explain this feast, as saying, "When you

Celebrate this feast, you are commemorating such-and-such, an

Event I have done for your." No! This holiday is a fire drill!

You are practicing sounding the alarm so that I will remember you

In the day of trouble. You are releasing the trust that will need

To come when you are in the life-and-death battle with your enemy,

And you will need to learn how to sound the battle cry and raise the alarm.

You will need to know, from past experiences that were not life and death,

That I came to you rescue; I heard and responded to your battle cry.

I came and remembered you because your memorial of blasting has

Come up before Me many times, and I will remember you in your

Final life-and-death battle.

My people need to sound the memorial blast and be silent before Me.

Then they need to cry out to Me with their voices, to cry out and call

Upon Me to come and save them, to rescue them from the fangs of

The fierce lion that is already waiting to devour My people.

A great slaughter is being prepared. Learn to blow the trumpet in Zion

And teach each other to sound a literal alarm on My holy mountain.

Thus you shall be saved from your enemies, and thus says your God.

I AM the Lord your God.

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And so the Spirit and the Bride says, "Come Yeshua, Come."