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GROUP STUDY GUIDE

The Mo'edim: Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets)

TEACHING SUMMARY

Yom Teruah is one of YHWH's appointed times, observed on the first day of the seventh month (Leviticus 23:23–25). It is a day of solemn rest, a holy convocation, and a memorial proclaimed with the blast of trumpets.

Unlike other mo'edim, Scripture does not explicitly state what event Yom Teruah memorializes. However, the Hebrew word *teruah* means a loud shout or trumpet blast and is associated throughout Scripture with movement, warning, battle, judgment, and rejoicing.

Trumpets signaled Israel to move in the wilderness (Numbers 10), to advance at Jericho (Joshua 6), and to warn of the coming Day of YHWH (Joel 2). The trumpet is both a sound of alarm for the wicked and a sound of joy for the righteous.

Prophetically, Scripture connects trumpet blasts with the future Day of the LORD, the return of Messiah, and the resurrection of the dead (Matthew 24; 1 Thessalonians 4; 1 Corinthians 15). Yom Teruah may therefore point forward to the coming judgment and ultimate victory of Messiah.

It is a day to wake up, repent, prepare, and rejoice — because our King is coming.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Yom Teruah occurs on the first day of the seventh month.
- It is a day of rest and trumpet blasts.
- *Teruah* means a loud shout or alarm.
- Trumpets signal movement, warning, and victory.

- Yom Teruah precedes Yom Kippur and calls for repentance.
 - The Day of the LORD will come with the sound of a trumpet.
 - The final trumpet announces resurrection and Messiah's victory.
 - It is both a warning and a celebration.
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Basic

1. Yom Teruah is observed on the _____ day of the seventh month.
 2. The word *teruah* means a loud _____ or trumpet blast.
 3. Yom Teruah is a day of solemn _____.
 4. Trumpets were blown in the wilderness when Israel was to _____.
 5. Yom Teruah comes shortly before Yom _____.
 6. The Day of the LORD will come with the sound of a _____.
 7. At the last trumpet, the dead in Messiah will be _____.
 8. Yom Teruah is both a warning of _____ and a celebration of Messiah's _____.
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Challenging

1. The ten days between Yom Teruah and Yom Kippur are traditionally called the Days of _____.
2. The Day of the LORD is compared to the days of _____ in 2 Peter 3.
3. The Lord will descend with the voice of an archangel and the sound of the _____ of God (1 Thessalonians 4:16).
4. The sting of death is _____, and the power of sin is the _____ (1 Corinthians 15:56).
5. Yom Teruah reminds believers to build their lives on the solid _____ (Matthew 7:24).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Scripture does not explicitly state what Yom Teruah memorializes?
2. How can a trumpet blast represent both warning and rejoicing?
3. In what ways does Yom Teruah prepare us for Yom Kippur?
4. How does the story of Noah connect with the Day of the LORD?
5. What does it mean to be spiritually “awake”?
6. How does the “last trumpet” give hope to believers?
7. How should Yom Teruah affect our daily lives?

ANSWER KEY – GROUP GUIDE

Basic

1. First
2. Shout (alarm)
3. Rest
4. Move (set out)
5. Kippur
6. Trumpet
7. Raised
8. Judgment / Victory

Challenging

1. Awe
2. Noah
3. Trumpet
4. Sin / Law
5. Rock