

— A SEASON OF *Teshuvah* —

40 DAYS

— RETURN TO ME —

REPENT. RETURN. ROOT.



JOEL 2:12-13



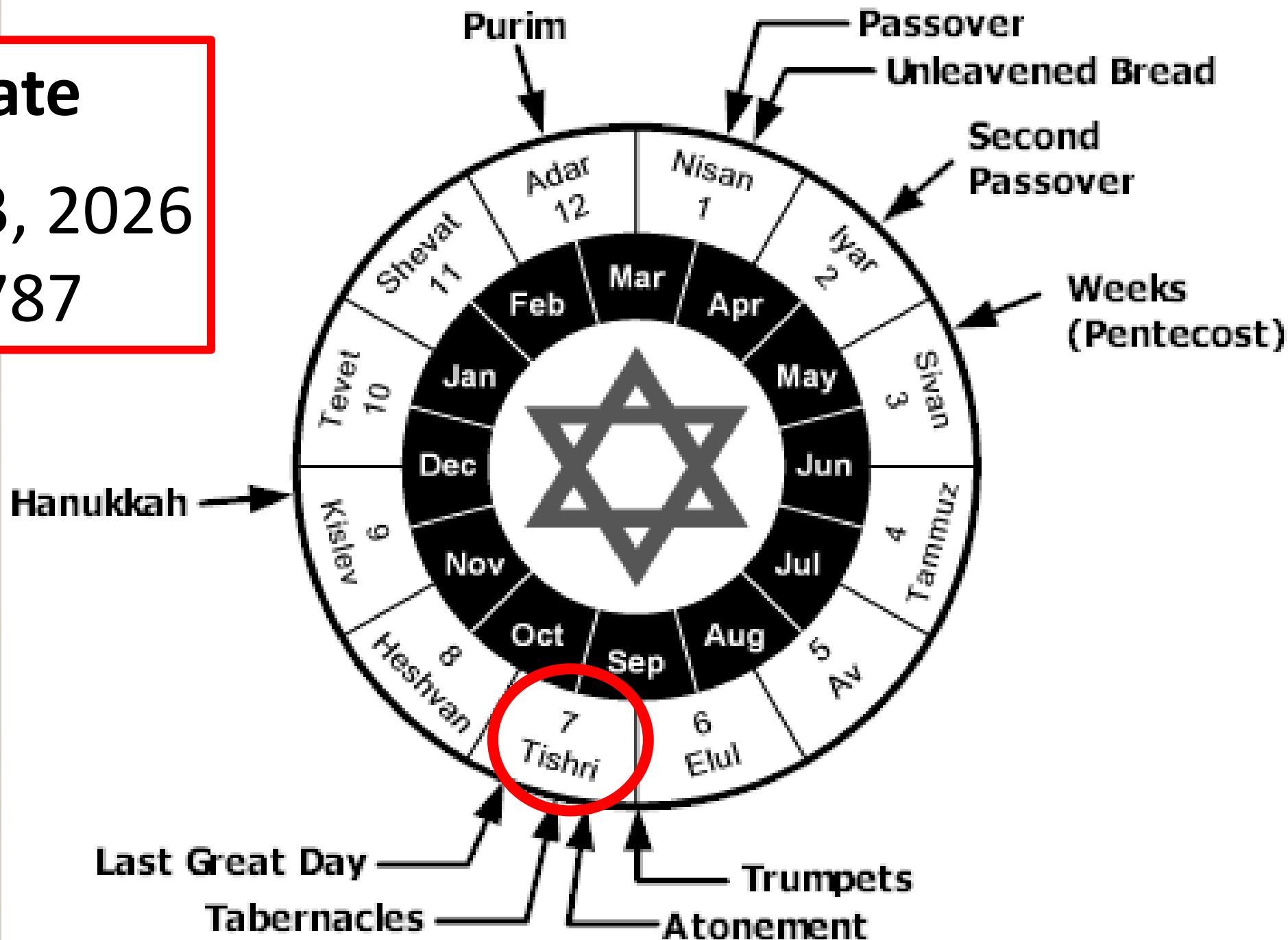
“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “**Return**
[שׁוּב *shuv*] to Me with all your heart, and with
fasting, weeping and mourning; and rend
your heart and not your garments. Now
return [שׁוּב *shuv*] to the Lord your God, for
He is gracious and compassionate, slow to
anger, abounding in lovingkindness and
relenting of evil.” ” Joel 2:12-13



Today's date

September 13, 2026

2 Tishri 5787



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SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Rosh Hashanah	12 Rosh Hashanah
13 Rosh Hashanah	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Yom Kippur	21 Yom Kippur	22	23	24	25 Sukkot	26 Sukkot
27 Sukkot	28 Sukkot	29 Sukkot	30 Sukkot	1 Sukkot	2 Sukkot	3



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Biblical Holiday

Rosh Hashanah ראש השנה literally means “head of the year”

The Bible does not refer to this holiday as Rosh Hashanah;
it describes the holiday as

Yom Hazikaron יום הזְכָרוֹן (Day of Remembrance) or

Yom Teruah יום תְּרוּעָה

(Day of the Blasting).



Scripture does not tell us if Yeshua/Jesus observed Yom Teruah in the Temple. But the Gospels show us that Jesus was no stranger to the Temple. He taught there and He worshiped there.

We can assume that Jesus celebrated these biblical feasts every year of His earthly life, as did His disciples.

<https://www.chosenpeople.com/site/the-high-holy-days-in-the-time-of-messiah/>



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What is the correct name for the holiday?

- The term “Rosh Hashanah” to mean the Jewish new year on the calendar did not appear until the term was included in the Mishnah, a foundational text of Jewish law compiled by Rabbi Yehudah ha-Nisi (Judah the Prince) in about 200 AD
- Rabbis developed this name as a way to commemorate the Creation of the universe... this is why people enjoy apples and honey on this holiday
- So, Yeshua would not have used the name Rosh Hashanah
- Yeshua would have called this holiday Yom Teruah



Why should New Testament believers celebrate Old Testament holidays like Rosh Hashanah / Yom Teruah?

Believers in Messiah Jesus have freedom to celebrate these holidays or not to do so. Celebration of these festivals is a great way to draw attention to our Messiah, as each of the appointed festivals in Leviticus 23 points to Jesus. We remember His first coming and looking forward to His return.



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Source: Chosen People Ministries

Leviticus 23



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Again the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘In the **seventh month** [*Tishrei*] on the **first of the month** you shall have a rest [*shabbaton* שַׁבָּתוֹן], a reminder [זִכְרוֹן *zikron* memorial] by **blowing** [*teruah* תְּרוּעָה] **of trumpets**, a holy convocation. You shall not do any laborious work, but you shall present an offering by fire to the Lord.’ ” Leviticus 23:23-25

- Today’s date on the Hebrew calendar is the 2nd day of Tishrei



The Biblical Observance of Yom Teruah

Rosh Hashanah/Yom Teruah is the only biblical holiday occurring on the first day of the month, when the moon appears as a thin crescent.

Just as the seventh day and the seventh year are holy according to Mosaic law (Exodus 20:8-10; Leviticus 25:4), so is the seventh month, *Tishrei*, the Sabbath of months.

Jews in ancient Israel announced the new moon with short blasts of a trumpet, but the new moon of *Tishrei* was announced with long blasts, setting it apart.

<https://oncedelivered.net/2008/08/04/jesus-in-the-feasts-of-israel-trumpets-rosh-hashanah/>



Numbers 29



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‘Now in the seventh month [*Tishrei*], 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 [*Yom Teruah* יוֹם תְּרוּעָה] **trumpets.**’ Numbers 29:1

**Yom Teruah* יוֹם תְּרוּעָה literally "day of blasting"

*Unlike other biblical holidays, there is no explicit reason given in the Torah for its observance other than to rest and offer sacrifice.

*The number seven always signifies holiness. The seventh month is to the year what the Sabbath day is to the week. – Rabbi Jonathan Sacks



Nehemiah 8

About 1,000 years after the Book of Numbers



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And all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the Water Gate, and they asked Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law [torah] of Moses which the Lord had given to Israel. **Then Ezra the priest brought the law [torah] before the assembly of men, women and all who could listen with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month.** He read from it before the square which was in front of the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of men and women, those who could understand; and all the people were attentive to the book of the law [torah]. Ezra the scribe stood at a wooden podium which they had made for the purpose... Nehemiah 8:1-4a



Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord the great God. And all the people answered, “Amen, Amen!” while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, explained the law [torah] to the people while the people remained in their place. They read from the book, from the law [torah] of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading. Nehemiah 8:5-8



On the first day of the seventh month

Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law [torah]. Then he said to them, **“Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”**

Nehemiah 8:9-10



So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, “**Be still, for the day** [the first day of the seventh month] **is holy; do not be grieved.**” All the people went away to eat, to drink, to send portions [to the poor or needy] and to celebrate a great festival, because they understood the words which had been made known to them.

Nehemiah 8:11-12



How do you celebrate Yom Teruah?

- Turn to God (*teshuvah* - repentance)
- Turn to others we have harmed or offended (*mechilah* - forgiveness)
- Turn to those in need (*tzedakah* - charity)

All Hebrew prayers during this special holiday are prayed in the PLURAL (we, us, our), emphasizing that we are all interconnected spiritually.

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. 1 Corinthians 12:26-27



Yom Teruah is the Day of Blasting the Shofar

In the Bible...

**Why do you sound the shofar?
When do you sound the shofar?**



Trumpets in the Scriptures

- Then the Lord will appear over them, and His arrow will go forth like lightning; and the Lord God will blow the trumpet [שׁוֹפָר *shofar*], and will march in the storm winds of the south. Zechariah 9:14
- How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound [תְּרוּעָה *teruah* - shout or blast]! O Lord, they walk in the light of Your countenance. In Your name they rejoice all the day, and by Your righteousness they are exalted. For You are the glory of their strength, and by Your favor our horn is exalted. For our shield belongs to the Lord, and our king to the Holy One of Israel. Psalm 89:15-18



Sounding the Shofar as an Alarm

“Blow the **trumpet [shofar]** in Zion, and **sound an alarm** in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: **for the day of the Lord comes**, for it is close at hand; a day of darkness and gloominess.... Tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn to the Lord, your God; for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and relents from sending calamity.”

Joel 2:1–2, 13

Sounding the Shofar to Call an Assembly

“Blow the **trumpet [shofar]** in Zion! Sanctify a fast. **Call a solemn assembly.**” Joel 2:15



The Shofar in Warfare

The Bible contains many references to the shofar being used in battle. Joshua and his Israelite army took the enemy city of Jericho with the sounding of the *shofarot* (plural of *shofar*).

“So the people shouted, and the priests blew the trumpets [*shofarot*]. It happened, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet [*shofar*], that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.” Joshua 6:20

In the Book of Judges, Gideon and his small band of men blew their trumpets [*shofarot*] and gained a victory over the Midianites (*Judges 7:19–25*).

“When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords.” Judges 7:22



The Shofar of Impending Judgment

In the Book of Revelation, **judgment begins with the blast of the *shofar*** and the earth is struck with plagues reminiscent of those in Egypt:

“The first angel sounded his **trumpet**, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.” Revelation 8:7

The blasts of the *shofar* will also herald the return of Yeshua (Jesus) and the resurrection of the dead. **Jesus will return with a shout and the "*shofar* call of God" at the event known as the rapture of the Church.**

“For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with **the trumpet [*shofar* call] of God**, and the dead in Christ [Messiah] will rise first.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16



The Shofar Hailing King Messiah

Jesus Christ (Yeshua the Messiah) will be hailed as King with the sounding of the seventh and final trumpet (shofar), an event known as His Second Coming.

“The **seventh angel sounded**, and great voices in heaven followed, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Messiah. He will reign forever and ever!’”

Revelation 11:15

“Blow the **trumpet** in Zion, and **sound an alarm** in my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord comes, for it is close at hand.” Joel 2:1



**Do the biblical holidays have
prophetic significance?**

**Does the holiday of Yom Teruah
have prophetic significance?**

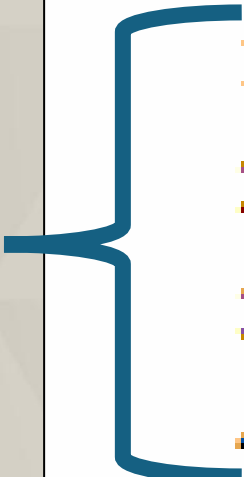


- The term “feasts” [*moedim* מועדים] in Hebrew literally means “appointed times” and in Scripture the feasts often are called “holy convocations.” They are times God has appointed for holy purposes.
- **While there are many religious celebrations in scripture, seven are most significant: Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles/Booths.**
- God established the timing and sequence of these feasts to reveal to us a special story about the work of the Messiah in the redemption of mankind and the establishment of His Kingdom on earth.
- The number seven is significant in Scripture. It is tied to completeness or fullness. God rested on the seventh day after creation, not because He was tired but because His work was complete and He was fully satisfied in it. The cycle of the seven-day week provided the basis for much of Israel’s worship. The seventh month features four of the seven feasts; the seventh year and the 50th year (the year of Jubilee, following seven cycles of seven years) also are significant.

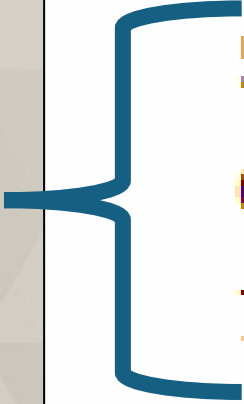


It was on Mount Sinai that God gave Moses the dates and observances of the seven feasts. Here are their names:

Spring Feasts

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1. Passover (*Pesach*) - *Nisan 14-15*
 2. Unleavened Bread (*Chag Hamotzi*) - *Nisan 15-22*
 3. First Fruits (*Yom habikkurim*) - *Nisan 16-17*
 4. Pentecost (*Shavu'ot*) - *Sivan 6-7*

Fall Feasts

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5. Trumpets (*Yom Teru'ah*) - *Tishri 1*
 6. Atonement (*Yom Kippur*) - *Tishri 10*
 7. Tabernacles (*Sukkot*) - *Tishri 15-22*



The Spring Feasts (fulfilled @ Jesus' first coming)

Passover	Unleavened Bread	FirstFruits	Pentecost
Crucifixion Of Jesus	Burial Of Jesus	Resurrection Of Jesus	Coming of the Holy Spirit
Nisan 14	Nisan 15-22	Nisan 17	Sivan 7
Exodus 12 Matt 26:17-27	Lev 23:6-8 I Cor 5:7-8	Lev 23:9-14 I Cor 15:20-23	Lev 23:15-22 Acts 1 & 2

Feast Gap Period (fulfilled by Church Age)

The Autumn (Fall) Feasts (fulfilled @ Jesus' second coming)

Trumpets	Atonement	Tabernacles
Rapture & Resurrection Of Believers	Second Coming Of Jesus	Messianic Kingdom Age
Tishri 1	Tishri 10	Tishri 15-22
Lev 23:23-25 1 Cor 15:51-52	Lev 23:26-32 Matt 24:29-30	Lev 23:33-44 Rev 20:1-6

———— 'The Days of Awe' ————
Time of Jacob's trouble

<https://jesusplusnothing.com/series/post/FeastsIntroduction>

The number of feasts – seven – relates to the Biblical number for completion. The full work and revelation of Messiah/Christ is pictured in the seven feasts. All seven feasts are found in Leviticus 23; additional passages in the Old and New Testaments also address the feasts.

“These seven feasts of the Lord are God’s appointed times during which He will meet with men for holy purposes. When completed, these seven special holidays will triumphantly bring an end to this age and usher in a glorious ‘Golden Age.’”

<https://oncedelivered.net/2008/09/25/jesus-in-the-feasts-of-israel-download-free-bible-study/>

BIBLICAL HOLIDAYS

SPRING HOLIDAYS

Passover

Jesus' Death

First Fruits

Resurrection

Pentecost

Holy Spirit

Unleavened Bread

Burial

← 50 Days →

FALL HOLIDAYS

Trumpets

Tabernacles

Day of Atonement

← Historically fulfilled during Jesus' first coming →

← The Church →

← To be fulfilled during the second coming of Jesus →



Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the **trumpet will sound**, and the dead will be raised imperishable [rapture of the Church], and we will be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

- Since Rosh Hashanah/Tom Teruah is the “Day of the Sounding of the Shofar” it looks forward to the moment when we hear the great sound of the shofar during the last days. At this time, God will transform the bodies of believers who have died, giving them new, immortal bodies. The sounding of the shofar thus encourages us to remember that our present bodies are only temporary, but we look forward to our eternal bodies, in which we will see the Lord face to face and be with Him forever. - Chosen People Ministries



For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the **trumpet of God**, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up [rapture of the Church] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

*The Rapture of the Church is the next event on God's prophetic calendar. We are waiting to hear the trumpet!



Rosh Hashanah/Yom Teruah reminders for Followers of Yeshua



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1. The Lord God is King of all the earth

For the Lord Most High is to be feared, a great King over all the earth. Psalm 47:2

2. Preparation for Yom Teruah reminds us to be ready for the soon appearance of King Jesus when He comes for His bride, the Church

Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent and believe in the gospel.**” Mark 1:14-15



Occasions to Blow the Shofar (Trumpet)

In the Biblical times of Israel, the shofar was blown:

1. To **mark** the arrival of a new moon
2. To **celebrate** a simcha (joyous occasion)
3. To **proclaim** liberty to the captives
4. To **hail** a king at his coronation
5. To **warn** of impending judgment
6. To **gather** troops to battle
7. To **sound** an alarm
8. To **call** a sacred assembly and time of fasting
9. To **confuse** the enemy camp
10. To **draw** God's attention



Why Should We Sound The Shofar Today?

- To **mark** the arrival of a new moon THREE DAYS AGO, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
- To **celebrate** a **simcha (joyous occasion)** THE NEED AND DESIRE OF OUR NATION
- To **proclaim** liberty to the captives FREEDOMS ARE IN JEOPARDY AROUND THE WORLD
- To **hail** a king at his coronation PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR REAL LEADERSHIP
- To **warn** of impending judgment WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS
- To **gather** troops to battle AMERICA IS IN A SPIRITUAL BATTLE RIGHT NOW
- To **sound** an alarm BELIEVERS AROUND THE WORLD ARE PRAYING FOR REVIVAL
- To **call** a sacred assembly and time of fasting WILL WE SEE A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING?
- To **confuse** the enemy camp WHO SEEMS TO BE WINNING AND GAINING POWER NOW?
- To **draw** God's attention WE NEED GRACE, HEALING, HOPE, DIRECTION, AND JOY



Followers of Jesus are fighting a spiritual battle today and need joy

God's promise in the Book of Numbers to deliver His people when they blow the *shofar* in battle is still applicable:

“When you go to war in your land against the adversary who oppresses you, then you shall **sound an alarm with the trumpets [*shofarot*]**. Then you will be remembered before the Lord your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.”

Numbers 10:9





Sound The Shofar Today

Sound the shofar

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JSnXmFq8lM>

