

# The Shofar

***Hosea 8:1*** Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.

***Zechariah 9:14*** the LORD GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.



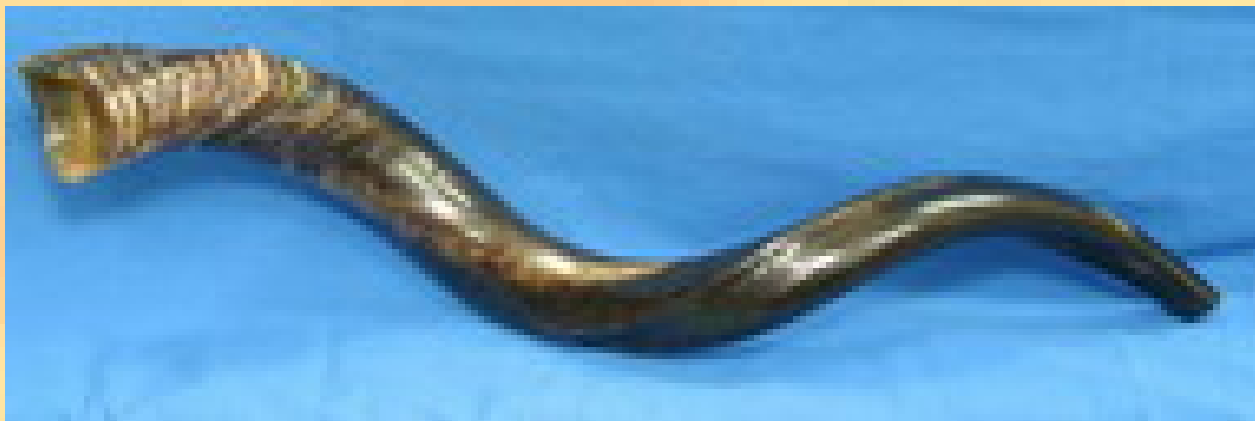
# What is a Shofar & when is it used

- A shofar is an instrument made from the horn of a ram or other kosher animal.
- It was used in ancient Israel to announce
  - the New Moon (Rosh Chodesh) and call people together.
  - It was also blown on Rosh Hashanah, marking the beginning of the New Year, signifying both need to wake up to the call to repentance, and
  - in connection with the portion read on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, the Binding of Isaac (Genesis, chapter 22) in which Abraham sacrifices a ram in place of his son, Isaac.



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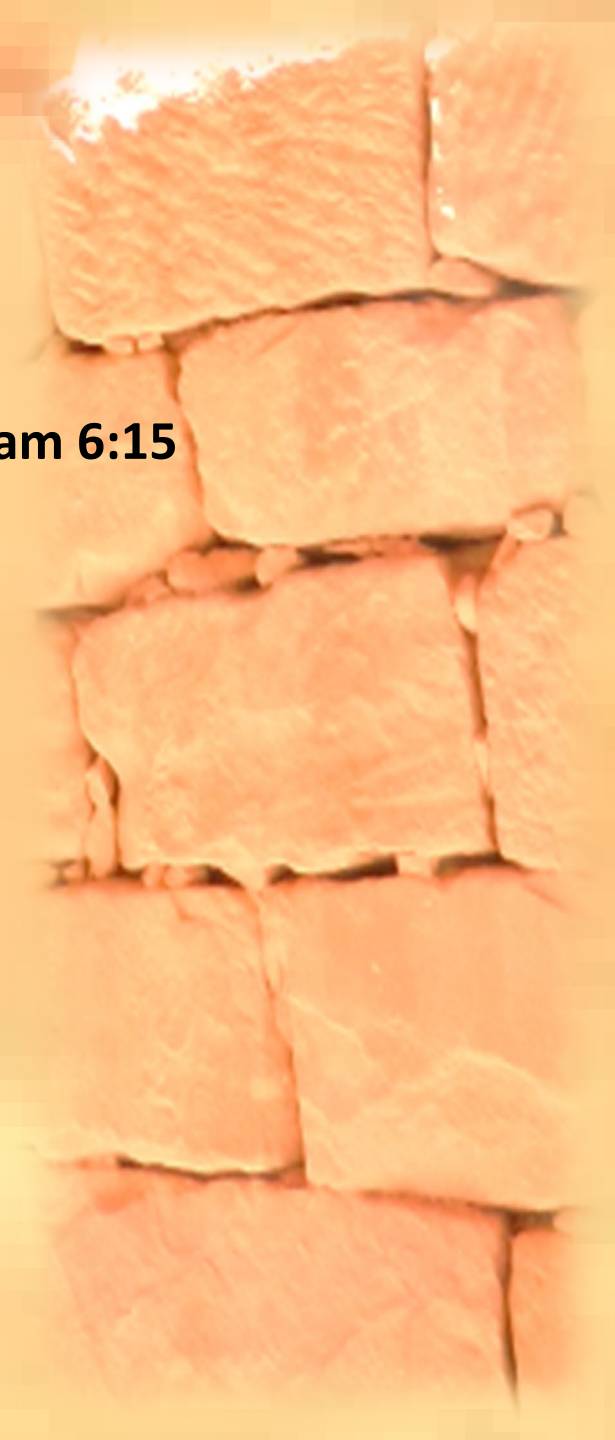
- **SHOFAR** - Hebrew for a trumpet made from a ram's horn.



**Yemenite Shofar**

# BIBLICAL BLOWING OF THE SHOFAR

- A call to gather for worship 2 Ch 29:26-28, Ps 98:6, Ps150:3, 2 Sam 6:15
- Ushers in the presence of the Lord 2 Sam 6:15 1 Chron 15:14
- Make proclamation 1 Sam 13:3
- Symbolizing freedom and liberty Lev 25:9 & 10
- At the giving of the 10 Commandments Ex 19:16 & 19, Ex 20:18,
- Sounds the alarm for war Josh 6:4-20, Joel 2:1, Jer 4:19,21, Jer 6:1,17
- At the coronation of a king 1 Kings 1:34
- As a call to battle and war Numbers 10:9
- To induce fear & confusion in the enemy Judges 7:22



# Blowing the Shofar in the Bible

## Gideon Judges 7

- Gideon's 300 to do battle with a heavily armed enemy that numbered many thousands.
- He instructed Gideon to go out with a pitcher and torch in one hand, and **a SHOFAR in the other hand.**
- At the appointed time, **the 300 blew their SHOFARS** in unity,
- which firstly caused a restlessness in the camp of the enemy,
- caused total confusion to the point of them turning on each other and killing each other with their swords.



# Blowing the Shofar in the Bible

## Battle of Jericho Joshua 6:1-26

- seven priests shall bear before the ark **seven trumpets of rams' horns**
- the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall **blow with the trumpets.**
- when they **make a long blast with the ram's horn**, and when ye hear **the sound of the trumpet**, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat



# Blowing the Shofar in the Bible

## Going to War Num. 10:9

- "And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who attacks you, then **you shall sound an alarm with the SHOFARS**, that you may be remembered before the Lord your God, and be saved from your enemies."

## Heralds the Day of the Lord - Joel 2:1

- **Blow ye 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 cometh, for it is nigh at hand



# Blowing the Shofar in the Bible

## **Announce the 2nd Coming of Messiah - 1 Thessalonians 4:16**

- 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.
- Wherefore comfort one another with these words.





# Blowing the Shofar in the Bible

- **Blown before the dead rise - 1 Corinthians 15:52**
- Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at **the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound**, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
- For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.



# THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS

- The Feast of Trumpets
  - fell on the first day of the seventh month,
  - announced the last three annual feasts of
    - Trumpets or Rosh Hashanah - , (6th September 2021)
    - The Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur (16th September 2021)
    - Tabernacles or Sukkot or Feast of Booths (21st September 2021)
- Still celebrated by the Jews as *Rosh Hashanah*,
  - literally meaning "Head of the Year."
  - The Jews still observe *Rosh Hashanah* as their New Year
  - it marks the beginning of what is alternatively called the "Ten Days of Repentance," or the "Days of Awe."
  - the ten days of preparation for the Day of Atonement



# Blowing the Shofar

## **THE *TEKIAH* SOUND**

- the long, straight shofar blast -- is the sound of the King's coronation.

## **THE *SHEVARIM* SOUND**

- three medium, wailing blasts -- is the sobbing cry of a Jewish heart -- yearning to connect, to grow, to achieve, pray from the bottom of your heart and ask God for the ability to become great

## **THE *TERUAH* SOUND**

- 9 quick blasts in short succession -- resembles an alarm clock, arousing us from our spiritual slumber



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- *Tekiah*
- *Shevarim*
- *Teruah*
- *tekiah gedolah*



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