

THE
VOICE
OF THE
SHOFAR



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Revelation 3:22

²² If you have ears, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. (CEV)

²² “Let the person who is able to hear, listen to *and follow* what the Spirit proclaims to all the churches.” (The Voice Translation)

²² The one whose heart is open let him listen carefully to what the Spirit is saying now to the churches. (Passion Translation)



What is a shofar?

1. The shofar of Rosh Hashanah may not be constructed of an artificial instrument.
2. It must be an instrument in its natural form and naturally hollow, through whom sound is produced by human breath, **which God breathes into human beings.**
3. The **most desirable shofar** is the bent horn of a ram. The ram reminds one of Abraham's willing sacrifice of that which was most precious to him. The curve in the horn mirrors the contrition of the one who repents.



What was the purpose of the shofar in the Jewish culture?

“The Jewish people understood that there are three primary trumpets (shofar) that mark major events in the redemptive plan of God. These three trumpets...associated with days in the biblical calendar...are known as the **first trump**, the **last trump**, and the **great trump**.”

1. The First Trump is associated with and was blown by God on the Feast of Pentecost when God gave the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:19).

2. The Last Trump is associated with and is blown on Rosh HaShanah. The biblical name for Rosh HaShannah means “**the day of the awakening blast.**”

3. The Great Trump is associated with and is blown on Yom Kippur – the Day of Atonement.



What is the spiritual significance of the shofar in our times?

“The shofar releases, symbolically, **God's voice**,” according to shofar expert **Robert Weinger**. *“We are waking up our spirituality to return to God and to actually cleanse ourselves in preparation for His return.”*



What are some of the VOICES of the shofar?

The trumpet, specifically the **shofar** played an extremely important part in the life of the children of Israel:

1. The shofar is to be blown at the time of the in gathering of the exiles around the world (Isaiah 27:13).
2. The sound of the shofar was a signal to assemble for war (Judges 3:27; II Samuel 20:1).
3. The shofar was a continual reminder to all Israelites of Isaac's near sacrifice by Abraham and God's provision of a ram stuck in a thicket by its horns (Genesis 22:13).
4. The shofar is a constant reminder that God is sovereign (Psalm 47:2, 5).
5. The shofar was a signal for the call of repentance (Isaiah 58:1).
6. The shofar is to sound forth at the advent of thē Messiah (Zechariah 9:1a, 14).
7. The shofar is to be used to usher in the day of the Lord (Joel 2:1).



Where is the word Shofar mentioned in the Bible?

Josh 6:5 And when they make a long sound of jubilee with the horn so that ye hear the voice of the **shofar**, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat.

Job 39:25 for the blasts of the **shofar** fill him with courage.

Psalms 150:3 Praise him with the sound of the **shofar**.

Jeremiah 4:19 O my soul, the sound of the **shofar**, the alarm of war.





Nehemiah 4:2 Jubilee Bible

**In whatever place that
you hear the voice of
the shofar, join us
there; our God shall
fight for us.**

Matthew 25: 1-13 The Voice Translation

Parable of Ten Virgins

Jesus: *Or picture* the kingdom of heaven *this way*. It will be like ten bridesmaids who each picked up a lantern and went out to meet a certain bridegroom. ²⁻⁴ Five of these women were sensible, *good with details*, and remembered to bring small flasks of oil for their lanterns. But five of them were flighty, *too caught up in the excitement of their jaunt*, and forgot to bring oil with them.



⁵ The bridegroom did not turn up right away. Indeed, all the women, *while waiting*, found themselves falling asleep. ⁶ And then in the middle of the night, they heard someone call, “The bridegroom is here, finally! Wake up and greet him!” ⁷ The women got up and trimmed the wicks of their lanterns *and prepared to go greet the groom*. ⁸ The five women who had no oil turned to their friends for help.

Ill-prepared Bridesmaids: Please give us some of your oil! Our lanterns are flickering and will go out soon.

⁹ But the five women who’d come prepared with oil said they didn’t have enough.



Prepared Bridesmaids: If we give you some of our oil, we'll all run out too soon! You'd better go wake up a dealer and buy your own supply.

¹⁰ So the five *ill-prepared* women went in search of oil to buy, and while they were gone, the groom arrived. The five who stood ready *with their lanterns* accompanied him to the wedding party, and *after they arrived*, the door was shut. ¹¹ Finally the rest of the women turned up *at the party*. They knocked on the door.

Ill-prepared Bridesmaids: Master, open up and let us in!

Bridegroom (refusing): ¹² I certainly don't know you.

¹³ **So stay awake;** you neither know the day nor hour [when the Son of Man will come].



Revelation 11:15 (CJB) ¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his *shofar*; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah, and he will rule forever and ever!”



What should I do to be prepared?

1. **Increased Word = Increased Awareness** of the VOICE of God and areas where repentance is needed.
2. **Increased Prayer = Increased Fellowship** with God and planning of strategies for daily victory to stubbornly refuse to return to our past areas of sin.
3. **Increased Worship = Increased Submission** to God's perfect will.
4. **Increased Accountability = Increased Strength** to stand against our weak areas and the schemes of the wicked one.
5. **Increased Holiness = Increased Victory.**
6. **Increased Preparation = Increased Anticipation.....He's coming!**





THE LORD SAID:

IT ISN'T TOO LATE.

YOU CAN STILL

RETURN TO ME WITH

ALL YOUR HEART.

JOEL 2:12

Psalm 144:1-2 NLT

Rescue Me

(King David's poetic song as he stood before Goliath)

¹ Praise the Lord, who is my rock. He trains my hands for war and gives my fingers skill for battle.

² He is my loving ally and my fortress, my tower of safety, my rescuer. He is my shield, and I take refuge in him. He makes the nations (peoples, enemies) submit to me.



Psalm 51:1-4 NLT

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

² Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

³ For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

⁴ Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight.



Psalm 32: 1-3; 5 NLT

¹ Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!

² Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

³ When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.

⁵ Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.



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