

After the 5 month dry season, the Fall Feasts begin with the Feast of Trumpets, followed 10 days later by The Day of Atonement and then ending with Tabernacles. As the Spring Feasts are a picture of the beginning of what has been called "The Church Age", so the Fall Feasts are the ending of that age with the second coming. Trumpets have always been blown to announce the coming of a king, and interestingly, ancient rabbis understood this season to be prophetically speaking to us of the coming of the Messiah, His coronation as King of the earth, and the marriage to His Bride. In addition to announcing the coming of a king, there are 5 specific purposes for the blowing of the shofar given to us in Numbers 10:1-10.

#### 1. Calling Leadership to Accountability

Yah is calling for leadership to arise. In this present move, great responsibility is upon leadership. Joel 2 speaks of a time when the ministers must weep and intercede for the people. Those who know they have been called as pastors, apostles, prophets, evangelists and teachers will be held accountable for their spiritual duty in laboring for the flock. 2. Calling the Assembly to Unity

Yah is calling for His people to unite and hear collectively what He is saying. Those who can hear the same trumpet are being gathered as one man. Like the walls of Jericho that came crumbling down by the blast of the shofars, so also the walls that divide the Body are crumbling, but only for the faithful remnant who can hear the sound. Man tries to gather people together with conventions, conferences, rallies, etc. But Yah's ways are different than ours, and those who respond to the sound are uniting in His purposes. 3. Journeying of the Camps-Moving On

In the wilderness, when the cloud moved, the Shofar would sound and the camps would move on. We cannot stay in one place, camp around one truth restored, one phase of our redemption. Restoration began in the 1,500's, but justification by faith is only the beginning. The Pentecostal/Holiness movement began at the turn of the last century, but the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Sanctification do not end the journey. Every fresh move of the Spirit will see those who camp around it, while our Father calls to a remnant with hungry hearts to move on with Him to the next place He wants to take us. When the cloud moves, we must hearken to the sound of the Shofar and prepare to move on! 4.A Call to Warfare

This is what is spoken of on Joel 2:1-2

"Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of YHWH is coming. It is close at hand—a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was of old nor ever will be in ages to come."

This passage speaks of a time of darkness for some, but a time of dawning for others who are prepared. And this army is the Army of YHWH, His people in the final hour. We are warned in Revelation 9 that a hoard of demonic spirits would be bound up until the proper time for them to be released. As many of you are probably aware, the warfare today is intense and it will continue to intensify. We must hear the Shofar and prepare for war! Numbers 10 also says that at the sounding of the Shofar, Yah will remember us. The Shofar reminds Him of His covenant with us, YHWH of Hosts—the warring Elohim. When we begin to do

spiritual warfare, He will fight for us! 5.The Celebration of The Feasts

The Shofar is sounding for us to restore the celebration of the Biblical Feasts for in them, we see the progressive plan of our Father for His people. It begins with Salvation by the blood of the Lamb and ends with Rejoicing at the coming of the Lion of Judah. He takes us from Salvation to Rejoicing, from Redemption to Resting in His kingdom of peace.

After Trumpets, comes the 2nd Fall Feast known as the Day of Atonement. On this one day of the year, the High Priest would enter into the Holy of Holies with the ephod upon his breast representing the whole house of Israel. On several occasions in the history of Israel, a High Priest would die there in the Holy of Holies because he did not properly prepare himself to enter the very presence of the Most High. This is why it was customary for a rope to be tied around the ankle of the High Priest so that in the event that he died, they could simply drag Him back out. This day was nothing to play with and the 10 "Days of Awe" leading up to it were for the High Priest to prepare Himself to meet with Yah. This day and the days leading up to it speak to us, the house of Israel, about preparing ourselves to meet face to face with our King. The priest did not wear his usual priestly garments, but clothed himself in white as John saw the believers dressed in white (Rev.19:8). Purity is required to meet with Him. We are to be renewed by the washing of the water of the Word (Eph. 5:26) and it is absolutely essential that we live holy lives. The Shofar is calling us to prepare for the day when we will see Him face to face and not be ashamed. The Day of Atonement prophetically speaks to us of the day coming when we will be completely cleansed of all leaven from our lives so we can be the Spotless Bride.

Tabernacles, the final Feast, is the greatest time of rejoicing and celebration. Historically, it commemorates Israel's time spent in the wilderness when they lived in tents. Although it was hard to live in the wilderness, YHWH dwelt among them, fed them and comforted them. We too are on a journey in a wilderness. We have not yet arrived to our destination, but He dwells with us, feeds us and comforts us. It is very likely that Yahshua was born at the time of Tabernacles in the Fall. The early believers recognized late December as the time of His conception (more on this later) placing His birth at the season of Tabernacles. The very wording chosen by John in Chapter 1:14 states, "The Word was made flesh and tabernacled with us." Just as in the days of the wilderness journey, He came and took on this tent of flesh to dwell with us, feed us, and comfort us. Also, the ancient rabbis said that this Feast anticipated Messiah's wedding to His Bride. A look at the Ancient Hebrew customs of betrothal and marriage shows a parallel prophetic revelation on this greatest of love stories that began at Passover and ends at Tabernacles.

A man would go to the young woman's home and ask her father for her hand in marriage. (It was customary that he would do this at the time of the month when the moon was full.) The father would ask his daughter if she wanted to be betrothed to this man and if she consented, the man would pay the father the bridal price known as the "mohar". This mohar did 2 things. First, it made the woman his betrothed bride and second, it was the price that set her free from her father's house. Next, the man would return to his father's house and prepare a place for her

there. During this time of separation from his betrothed, communications between them would be carried out by an entrusted friend. This friend at one point in the separation would return with a group of gifts for the betrothed. These gifts, known as the "katan" would be a sealing of their agreement to wed and also served as a foretaste of the life to come after their wedding day. Then, the night of their wedding would come when the Bride would be standing still under a canopy, a tent known as a "hupah". The Bridegroom would make the procession towards her with a man preceding him. This man would be blowing a shofar to announce the coming of the Bridegroom. Then, after a long period of separation from one another, they would stand together under the hupah, say their vows to one another, the veil would be lifted from her face and they would behold each other face to face unveiled. With a kiss, the 7 day wedding feast would begin. Our Bridegroom came when the moon was full on the 14th of the month. He paid the mohar that made us His betrothed and by paying this price, the price of His life, He made us free! Then, He returned to His Father's house to prepare a place for us there. During this time of separation, He has sent the trusted Holy Spirit to help us communicate with Him and with the coming of The Spirit (with whom you were sealed unto the day of redemption-Eph.4:30), we have received a group of gifts and a taste of the heavenly of which we will share forever with Him in His Kingdom. Now, the trumpets are sounding to announce that our Bridegroom is coming. We will see Him face to face and celebrate the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Be blessed!

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