

Notes: July 27, 2013

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tovv
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
7. Praise and Worship Songs
8. Message
9. Aaronic Blessing
10. Kiddush
11. Oneg

Children's Blessing:

Introduction: The Uniqueness of Yom T'ruah

Yom T'ruah is different from the other Feasts in that it is the only Feast that happens during a new moon, when the sky is dark.

It occurs during a Rosh Chodesh – head of the month. When the moon is dark.

The importance of this holiday in ancient times should not be underestimated. The entire [calendar](#) was dependent upon these declarations; without the declarations, there would be no way of knowing when holidays were supposed to occur.

Passover and Sukkot begin with the full moon. Yom Kippur occurs 10 days after the new moon so the moon is always present. Shavuot occurs 50 days after First Fruits during the Passover season and based on its calculation of 50 days cannot coincide with a new moon.

Why is this?

Why is Yom T'ruah the way it is?

I can ultimately say that Adonai has a reason and we can see it in scripture.

Lev 23:24 "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'In the seventh month, the first of the month is to be for you a day of complete rest for remembering, a holy convocation announced with blasts on the shofar.

Last week I went over the significance of the shofar and when it is used. I would like to revisit this, to further emphasize the importance and significance of this time for the Jewish community and for all believers:

When is the shofar used? There are at least 5 distinct and specific times when a Shofar is used in scripture.

1. A call to assembly for such things as a Feast.

"Make two trumpets; make them of hammered silver. (chatsotsrah) Use them for summoning the community and for sounding the call to break camp and move on." Numbers 10:2 - 4

2. A call to arms for preparation in battle.

"When you go to war in your land against an adversary who is oppressing you, you are to sound an alarm with the trumpets; then you will be remembered before ADONAI your God, and you will be saved from your enemies" Numbers 10:9

3. During a Feast. - A celebration

"Also on your days of rejoicing, at your designated times and on Rosh-Hodesh, you are to sound the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; these will be your reminder before your God. I am ADONAI your God" Numbers 10:10

4. Coronation of a new King.

This isn't found in Torah, but is later instituted when Israel begins its monarchy period.

"There Tzadok the cohen and Natan the prophet are to anoint him king over Isra'el. Sound the shofar and say, "Long live King Shlomo!" 1 Kings 1:34

5. Year of Jubilee

"You are to count seven Shabbats of years, seven times seven years, that is, forty-nine years. Then, on the tenth day of the seventh month, on Yom-Kippur, you are to sound a blast on the shofar; you are to sound the shofar all through your land; and you are to consecrate the fiftieth year, proclaiming freedom throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It will be a yovel for you; you will return everyone to the land he owns, and everyone is to return to his family." Leviticus 25: 8 - 10

Yom T'ruah prepares Israel for Yom Kippur, a day of judgment for the nation, with the sound of a shofar.

Where else do we see Shofars?

We see in Revelation, beginning in chapter 8, the seven judgments of Adonai – announced by a blast of the shofar.

We are warned that there is a judgment coming.

- The first four shofars are associated with judgments that affected nature directly and man indirectly.
- Shofars 5 and 6 are associated with plagues that affected man directly.
- These judgments resemble the plagues inflicted upon Egypt

However, notice the final trumpet: Revelation chapter 11 and verse 15

Rev 11:15 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 has happened in Revelation 8 through 11?

- There has been judgment against the world and its system
- This is not the same as the wrath that Adonai will pour out of the bowls seen in Revelation

Getting back to the reason why Yom T'ruah is the way it is...

In the case of this seventh shofar in Revelation 11, I believe it will coincide with the feast of Yom T'ruah and the return of Yeshua.

When the sky is at its darkest, any sign of light appears to be quite prevalent. Think of being at a concert or play when they dim the house lights so that all attention will focus on where the light appears on stage. Now relate this type of event with the ultimate event that is yet to happen but is bigger than any play, concert or speech...the return of Yeshua. Matthew chapter 24 and verse 29 through 31:

Mat 24:29 "But immediately following the trouble of those times, the sun will grow dark, the moon will stop shining, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in heaven will be shaken.

Mat 24:30 "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, all the tribes of the Land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with tremendous power and glory.

Mat 24:31 He will send out his angels with a great shofar; and they will gather together his chosen people from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

What will happen? Remembering the significance of the shofar, how and when it was used,

- It is during a feast of Adonai

- It will be a Yovel – a jubilee year
- It is a call to assemble all believers to Messiah
- It will be the King of Israel's coronation, in that He will return in power
- It will be a call to battle in that He will return to establish His throne in Jerusalem.
- It will bring Israel as a people and nation to T'shuvah.

Joh 16:33 "I have said these things to you so that, united with me, you may have shalom. In the world, you have tsuris. But be brave! I have conquered the world!"

When this time comes, you cannot be sitting on the fence.

You cannot be double minded. You cannot “play the odds”

You are either with Messiah or you are against Messiah.

In essence, Yom T'ruah with the blast of the shofar awakens us to the reality that Yom Kippur is only 10 days away.

Lev 23:24 "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'In the seventh month, the first of the month is to be for you a day of complete rest for remembering, a holy convocation announced with blasts on the shofar.

We are told to rest and remember...

For Passover, we are instructed to remember what Adonai did to bring us out of bondage in Egypt. On Sukkot, we are instructed to remember our time in the desert.

Yet here we are instructed to remember but given nothing specific to remember. When we understand the time frame in which everything occurs here, it should become clear to everyone.

We are not to be burdened with anything else in our lives but to focus on remembrance...

If the month of Elul is a football game, Yom T'ruah is the 2 minute warning.

What are we remembering?

What is to happen a short 10 days from Yom T'ruah?

We as believers have open access to the throne of Adonai through Yeshua to return to Him through T'shuvah.

However, when we set a time apart from our regular routine, it becomes more precious and more valuable to us.

We remember everything that was done during Passover. The reality of our atonement.

This is a time where we are to humble ourselves, remembering our transgressions, and making right what we have made wrong.

I have told you about the power in the month of Elul when we intentionally focus on restoring relationships, both with people and with Adonai.

The miraculous can happen and in the case of some of you, has happened.

This time of year should be on every believers calendar.

Yes, I believe the return of Messiah will coincide with Yom T'ruah. However, when that happens, only Adonai truly knows. So, stay focused on the task at hand in conveying the truth of Messiah to the Jew especially and also to the nations.