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**It's time for one of the annual cycle of Feasts.**

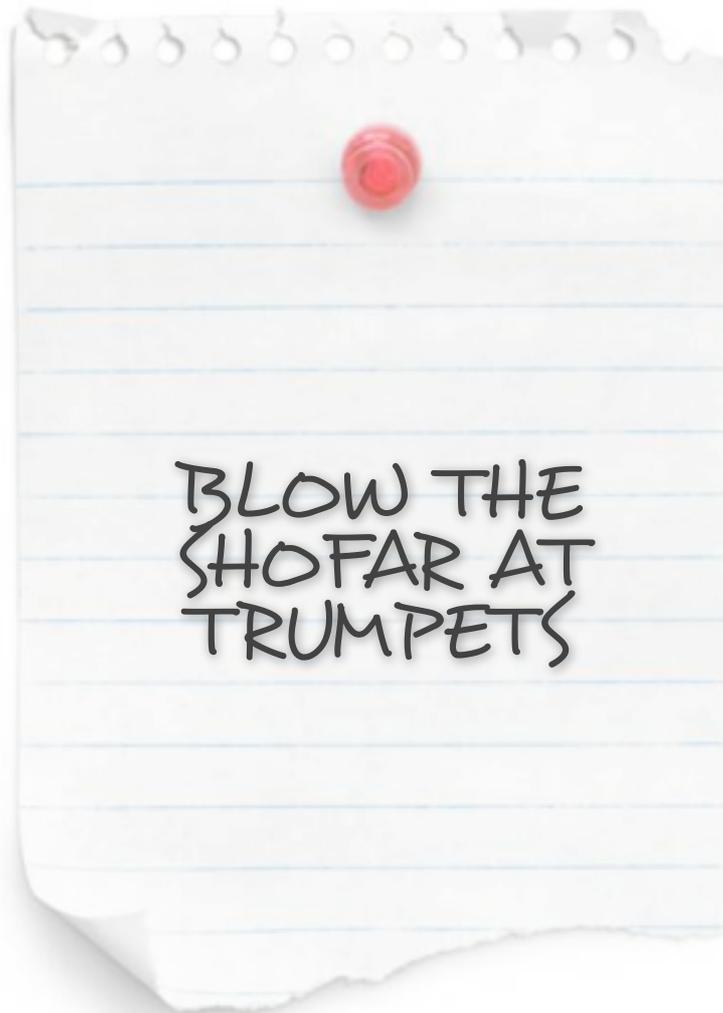
**God destines that man will, in his *worship*, revolve around the Tabernacle during the course of the year being constantly reminded of the basic building blocks of our relationship with Him.**

**The Pesach/Passover allows us to think about our *deliverance* and to annually make sure that we are living as truly "free men".**

**The Shavout / Pentecost allows us to consider whether our diligence to study His Word and listen to the Holy Spirit are still at that level when we can safely say that we hear the Small Still Voice of God**

**This final set of Feasts, Sukkot / Tabernacles reminds us that we are the *Bride*. It is now time to consider whether our wedding robe is pure / unwrinkled and shining. The Feast of Trumpets heralds in this time of INTIMACY.**

**The trumpet is made of pure silver: *is your life reflecting the purity of an expectant Bride?***



BLOW THE  
SHOFAR AT  
TRUMPETS

## **BLOW THE SHOFAR AT TRUMPETS - (Feast of Trumpets 2016)**

It is the end of the harvest season in the Northern hemisphere, it is already autumn - going on towards winter when this Feast of Trumpets takes place.

God, when He takes the children of Israel (remember this is made up of 600,000 sons of Jacob and 400,000 sons of other nations who chose to believe in God), sets up the structure and process which defines how / when we will worship Him.

He defines SPACE as the Covenant / the Tabernacle and the Priestly attire.

He defines the cycle of time by the institution of a series of Feast days, THREE times per annual. Within the three cycles are some sub-feast days that collectively make up the spiritual message that God wants to express at this time of the year.

<b>FEAST</b>	<b>TIMING / SEASON</b>	<b>HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE</b>	<b>PRESENT &amp; FUTURE MEANING</b>	<b>“THE ESSENCE”</b>
Shabbat	Weekly	A weekly memorial to honour God for His Creation and to build a bridge of reconnection between God & man.	We celebrate the Joy of Sacred Moments.	Man is created in God’s Image.
Pesach / Passover Ex. 3:19	Spring	Deliverance from bondage – completed by Christ’s death on the Cross	Appropriation of God’s Gift of Salvation until all men shall know Him.	God created man to be free and to oppose slavery
Unleavened Bread	Spring	Exit from Egypt, completed by the burial of Y’shua (Jesus) for 3 days.	Water baptism and a lifestyle of separation from evil.	Man is in the process of being conformed to the Image of God by Sanctification

First Fruits	Spring	Crossing of the Red Sea fulfilled by the Resurrection of Y'shua (Jesus).	Sanctification, walking a life of holiness.	Man created in the Image of God recognizes that he is in partnership with God and brings his harvest to the True Owner.
Omer / Shavuot / Pentecost	Summer	God empowers us with the means to live a successful life. The Word / Torah and the Holy Spirit.	We who live in obedience to God's Word reaps the fruit of Spiritual Freedom.	Man is expected to take the Word of God and power of the Holy Spirit and grow in Holiness to become a Kingdom of Priests.
Feast of Trumpets	End of Summer / Autumn	The sound of the Shofar declares that God's people and Bride wait for the marriage day.	The Bride of Christ waits for the Messiah's Second Coming	Man must live a lifestyle portraying the Bride of Christ.
Yom Kippur / Day of Atonement	End of Summer / Autumn	The priests intercede on behalf of nations for atonement of sin.	The Body of Christ intercedes for the world (all nations) and waits for Judgment Day	Man created in God's Image leads a fasted lifestyle interceding for all nations.

Succot / Tabernacles	Autumn	God's people enter the promised land, to eat and harvest crops which they had not planted.	We who have followed God with all our strength and spirit, reap the fruit of Spiritual achievements when we rule for 1000 years of peace.	The Bride of Christ will dwell with God in His Presence and will celebrate the Honeymoon of the wedding.
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And it's now the time to celebrate the end-of-season Feasts. The first one is TRUMPETS and this is how we are asked to "keep" the Feast.



The Bible highlights the fact that there are **two dimensions** in the physical domain. These are not expressly stated, or defined—but an analysis of the patterns will clearly highlight them for you.

## **SPACE**

The concept of God's space is described in words such as the Garden of Eden, the Promised Land, and the Body of Messiah. These structures are the physical dimension of where / how we will worship and serve God.

God defines spaces that are a part of His domain and within which He has an expectation that His Will, will reign supreme.

The Covenant is also one such space. If you and I live within the boundary of the Covenant, then we are blessed. If we move outside of that boundary, we will experience consequences.

For many these concepts appear difficult to grasp—so God makes it easy to understand. We have the Word given to us in two forms:

**THE WATER**—provided for all of the years that the people live in the wilderness.

**THE MANNA**—provided DURING every single day of every year that the people live in the wilderness—a continuous supply of daily bread.

The Water and the Manna are practical symbols of the WORD OF GOD in Spirit and Truth.

## **TIME**

As described in words by set days and times (Feast days) that require that we gather together in Jerusalem.

These dimensions stand upon the foundation of the Covenant—the boundary stones that define God's Kingdom.

## **CONSEQUENCE OF THE INTERACTION OF SPACE AND TIME**

These two domains form a repeating pattern of God-designed interaction with man. If we as man, are not in place—either not in the defined space, or we are not in line with God's timetable, we will NOT experience any spiritual growth.

If however we live within the boundary of the Covenant, we will experience the direct guidance in our lives of the CLOUD OF GLORY—in today's terms—we will have the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **PRACTICAL APPLICATION—WITH RESPECT TO THIS FEAST**

**We can now clearly see that every Feast is made up of these two components.**

**We are expected to apply this principle in the physical domain – i.e. we must blow the trumpets, and we must do so on the CORRECT day.**

## SPACE

The space is defined as the action of “blowing the trumpets”.

## TIME

**The date of the Feast is 1<sup>st</sup> day of the seventh month.**

**The Biblical calendar starts in the month in which we celebrate Passover - this will be known as the first month - and would be early spring.**

**We are now at the end of summer...and consequently we are in the seventh month of the year. Also keep in mind that the Biblical / Hebrew calendar would have 28 days—the cycle of a lunar month.**

What we will want to do is understand how these physical actions translate into spiritual actions in the Living Stone Tabernacle of today. As Paul tells us—we are the Body of Messiah, and as priests and kings, must reveal an understanding of the spiritual application of these elements. To merely blow the trumpet on the correct day without insight and without the revelation of its end time purpose, will reveal that we are merely old wineskins with old wine.

***Leviticus 23.23-25** ADONAI said to Moshe, “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. Do not do any kind of ordinary work, and **bring an offering made by fire to ADONAI.**”*

Moses, when he speaks to the people, reminds them that the shofar, is all about:

1. “Remembering”,
2. The ACTUAL sound of the shofar,
3. And the fact that our “peace offering”...

**are a total package, without anyone of these we do not “keep” the Feast. We cannot have one without the other.**

Many people want to blow the shofar...but without bringing a peace offering. We must ask ourselves: do we really think that God would accept it?

Let us read these passages carefully. Consider the impact of the words. Consider also that the trumpet is a sound of war against those who oppress you.

This sound has MEANING.

Are your ears tuned in to hear?

**Numbers 10:8-10** *It will be the sons of Aharon, the cohanim, who are to sound the trumpets; this will be a permanent regulation for you through all your generations. 9 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. 10 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.*

## TWO-PRONGED MEANING OF THE TRUMPET.

The Trumpet is like a **double-edged sword**. So it's important that we delve a little deeper into this instrument's purpose so that we can learn what to do with it.

### **(a) The first side of the Sword---the act of going to war.**

If we go to war, as described in Ephesians, and we blow the trumpet to declare our intention, then **GOD remembers us**. We have a call to war.

It's a part of our very basic purpose in life. The "job" given to **Joshua** is to "**take the land.**"

There are a number of important sub-sections to this job. But critically, it sets out the practical / **physical** dimension of warfare.

If we recall the story of **Jonah** we will remember how it was that he attempted so hard NOT to do that which God had required of him, and so for a period of time, God CHOOSES "not to remember / forgot" Him.

**Ephesians** teaches us the other side of the coin- the act of **spiritual warfare!!!**

We cannot attempt spiritual warfare unless we understand the how / why / when of the taking of the Land conquest. You have to put on the armour—you have to build the army—you have to get ready to go to war....



**Ephesians 6:10-20** *Finally, grow powerful in union with the Lord, in union with His mighty strength! Use all the armor and weaponry that God provides, so that you will be able to stand against the deceptive tactics of the Adversary. For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm. So take up every piece of war equipment God provides; so that when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist; and when the battle is won, you will still be standing. Therefore, stand! Have the belt of truth buckled around your waist, put on righteousness for a breastplate, and wear on your feet the readiness that comes from the Good News of shalom. Always carry the shield of trust, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. And take the helmet of deliverance, along with the Sword given by the Spirit, that is, the Word of God; as you pray at all times, with all kinds of prayers and requests, in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently, for all God's people.*

Let us make a study of **two trumpet war stories**, and see exactly how God helps us and what happens, when the trumpet sounds, to the oppressors that are testing us. These are not Feast of trumpet times - **but Feast of trumpet "space" stories.**

### 1) **The first is the conquering of Jericho.**

There is something critical about this story. The children of Israel are about to embark on their life's purpose – to enter the Land, conquer the enemy, remove the enemy, allocate the land, set up a Godly Kingdom, and build a Tabernacle where God can abide. Every time that we get given a purpose—a Godly goal in life, then we will follow this pattern of "taking the Land".



**\*\*NUGGET!\*\*** The critical lesson is this: if we are faithful in the initial battle, and **we take** that city, we will have a platform to work from.

And as long as **we maintain** that position / platform, we will have ownership of the Tabernacle and God will be in our midst.

If **we relinquish control** over the first battleground, we will struggle to hold onto the Tabernacle

While the Israelites retained control over JERICHO, they retained the Temple Mount / Tabernacle.

And ever since they have left the city of Jericho in other hands, they have struggled to exercise any leadership at the Temple Mount.

**Joshua 6:4-19** *Seven cohanim are to carry seven shofars in front of the ark. On the seventh day you are to march around the city seven times, and the cohanim will blow the shofars. Then they are to blow a long blast on the shofar. On hearing the sound of the shofar, all the people are to shout as loudly as they can; and the wall of the city will fall down flat. Then the people are to go up into the city, each one straight from where he stands. 6 Y'hoshua the son of Nun called the cohanim and told them, "Take up the ark for the covenant, and have seven cohanim carry seven shofars ahead of the ark of ADONAI." To the people he said, "Move on, encircle the city, and have the army march ahead of the ark of ADONAI." When Y'hoshua had spoken to the people, the seven cohanim carrying the seven shofars before ADONAI passed on and blew on the shofars, with the ark for the covenant of ADONAI following them. The fighting men went ahead of the cohanim blowing the shofars, while the rearguard marched after the ark, with incessant blowing on the shofars. Y'hoshua gave this order to the people: "Don't shout, don't let your voice be heard, don't let a single word out of your mouth until the day I tell you to shout; then you will shout." 11 "So he had the ark of ADONAI make a circle around the city, going around it once; then they returned to camp and stayed in the camp. The next morning Y'hoshua got up early, and the cohanim took up the ark of ADONAI. The seven cohanim carrying the seven shofars ahead of the ark of ADONAI went on, continually blowing on their shofars, with the fighting men marching ahead of them and the rearguard following after the ark of ADONAI; all the while the blowing on the shofars was incessant. The second day, they went around the city once and returned to camp. They did the same for six days. 15 On the seventh day, they got up early, at sunrise, and went around the city in the same way seven times. That was the only day they encircled the city seven times. The seventh time, when the cohanim blew on their shofars, Y'hoshua said to the people, "Shout! because ADONAI has given you the city! But the city and everything in it is to be set aside for ADONAI and therefore to be destroyed completely; only Rachav the prostitute is to be spared, she and everyone with her in her house, because she hid the messengers we sent. So you, keep clear of everything reserved for destruction. If you bring a curse on yourselves by taking anything set aside to be destroyed, you will bring a curse on the whole camp of Isra'el and cause great distress there. All the silver and gold, and all the brass and iron utensils are to be separated out for ADONAI and added to the treasury of ADONAI."*

## RUINS OF JERICHO



**Joshua 6:20** *So the people shouted, with the shofars blowing. When the people heard the sound of the shofars, the people let out a great shout; and the wall fell down flat; so that the people went up into the city, each one straight ahead of him; and they captured the city. They completely destroyed everything in the city with the sword — men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.*

### WHAT WOULD THE SPIRITUAL EQUIVALENT MEANING BE?

Simply, you and **I have been given a calling**, and the potential to achieve God's plan for your life.

We will all face unique battles on entering our Land—for some, it's the climbing out of a poverty – mental-model; for others it is overcoming discrimination, for others it is overcoming an introvert personality—and so on.

What ever that first battle is = it is your Jericho, and you will have to hold onto the victory that makes up that foundation, for the rest of your life, If you want to retain the equivalent of the Temple space in Jerusalem in your spiritual life

***Every time that you struggle, and you sound the shofar - God will remember you and send the answer.***

***Psalm 81:3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our Feast day.***

### 2) The second example is the story of Gideon.

The Midianites have been oppressing the Israelites for years. Gideon is chosen as God's candidate as the General of the army.

He will go to war.

1. **Firstly**, he calls all the men together who recognize that something must be done.

All in all, about 32 000 men answer the call and arrived at the camp to fight.

Gideon applies the principles of warfare. He offers them all the option to return home if they are afraid—22 000 leave.

2. **Secondly**, Gideon tests them at the river. By observing the manner in which they drink the water, those who kneel down and drink without keeping watch, numbering some 9 700 men are sent home.

At the end some 300 remain, those who used their hands to scoop up water, while remaining vigilant all the time



**\*\*NUGGET!\*\*** We should be careful what WORD / PROPHETIC WORD we take on board. The 9700 warriors were drinking from the water—(from the Torah), but they did so with very little discernment.

Today we see leaders teaching that “repentance and confession of sin are not necessary” - any warrior that drinks at that stream is drinking polluted water. I suggest that this story’s message is that you and I should be extremely careful where we go to drink, and which leadership we will think to follow. Not everyone who is dressed for battle WILL be a friend in need in the heat of the battle.

At no stage did they (Gideon's men) **act as watchmen** ... On their knees, unable to react to attack, faces in the water without looking up to see what was coming ...

**Judges 7:2** The LORD said to Gideon, "The people with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, '**Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.**'" Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained. **4** And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' shall not go." So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Every one who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set by himself. Likewise, every one who kneels down to drink." And the number of those who lapped, putting their hands to their mouths, was 300 men, **but all the rest of the people knelt down to drink water.** And the LORD said to Gideon, "**With the 300 men who lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hand, and let all the others go every man to his home.**" So the people took provisions in their hands, and their trumpets. And he sent all the rest of Israel every man to his tent, but retained the 300 men. And the camp of Midian was below him in the valley. **9** That same night the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand. But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant. And you shall hear what they say, and afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outposts of the armed men who were in the camp. And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the people of the East lay along the valley like locusts in abundance, and their camels were without number, as the sand that is on the seashore in abundance. When Gideon came, behold, a man was telling a dream to his comrade. And he said, "Behold, I dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and came to the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat." And his comrade answered, "This is no other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given into his hand Midian and all the camp." **15** As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise, for the LORD has given the host of Midian into your hand." And he divided the 300 men into three companies and put trumpets into the hands of all of them and empty jars, with torches inside the jars. And he said to them, "Look at me, and do likewise. When I come to the outskirts of the camp, do as I do. When I blow the trumpet, I and all who are with me, then blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp and shout, 'For the LORD and for Gideon.'" **19** So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!" Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. When they blew the 300 trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. And the men of Israel were called out from Naphtali and from Asher and from all Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian.

## WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL EQUIVALENT?

Only those who are confident in God's **faithfulness**, and those who have the **wisdom** to apply the WORD in today's circumstances, are **qualified to be warriors**.

**When the Trumpet blast sounds**, only those **qualified** will HEAR the sound of the shofar. We must choose our spiritual mentors wisely. Look for wisdom, diligence, compassion, these attributes are far more valuable than the hype and the excitement.

When we allow the TORAH to seep into every portion of our actions / thinking / emotions, we are busy building a Menorah.



As soon as our deeds reflect the Fruit of the Spirit, *we produce pure virgin oil*, which can be used to light up the lamps of the Menorah.

Our 'old man' is reflected in the image of the "jars". When we break down the old man, (***we are breaking down the jars***) and release the light of the Menorah, then God will cause a victory in our lives. Being the least / the meek / the humble is not always nice, BUT it's the position where it's the easiest to release others into their potential, simply because you have all to gain when you see them take to the sky and fly.

***Psalm 47:5*** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**(b) The other side of the Trumpet / Sword ... remind God that we are at peace and follow Him!**

If we keep the Feast, and blow the trumpet to show God that our hearts are circumcised and that we are truly Sons / Daughters of Abraham, **then WE remember / REMIND GOD that we are at peace** with Him.

The story that I associate with Trumpets, even though it is not indicated as such, is Paul's last journey to Rome. We do know that it's the "Yom Kippur" time of the year. The story is about a man of God, and it is also not impossible for us to do as Paul did - after all you and I are also Sons / Daughters of Abraham. All it takes for a Son / Daughter to be restored, is to RETURN to the Father.

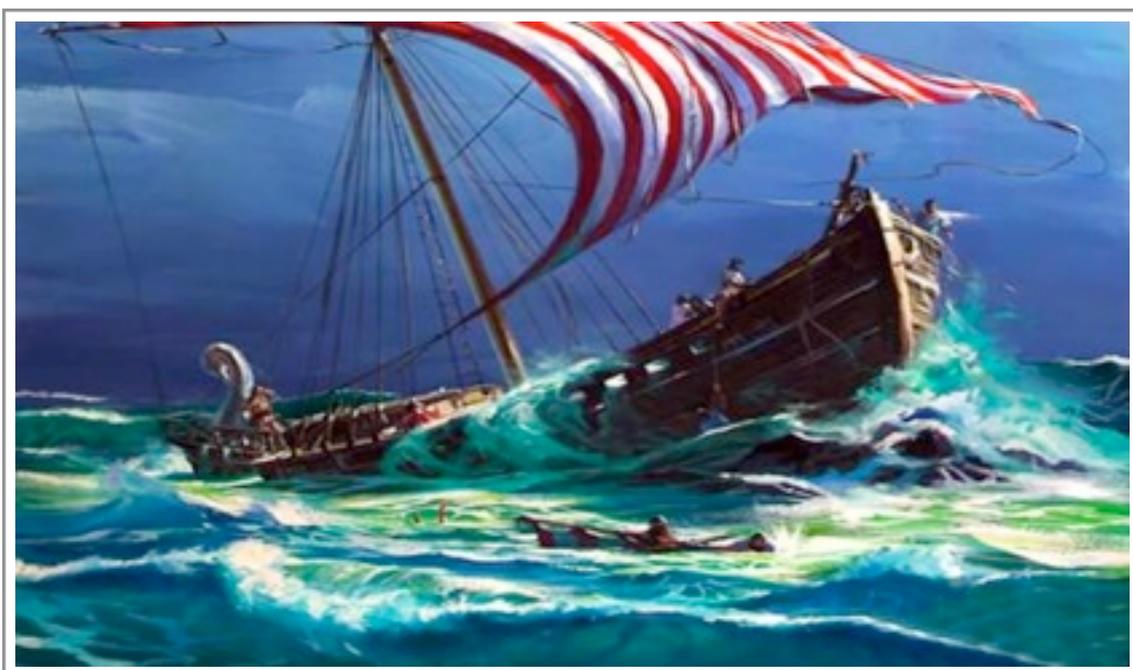
**Acts 27:9** *Since much time had been lost, and continuing the voyage was risky, because it was already past Yom-Kippur, Sha'ul advised them.*

So we know that this trip **started before Trumpets.**

Paul had shown that he was truly Son of Abraham.

It is also clear from his ministry that his heart had been circumcised fully to walk in obedience to God's Will. Paul would have set sail from Caesarea. He would not have been in Jerusalem to hear the sound of the Shofar. Yet as the story unfolds, we will see that God will know where he is, exactly what's happening to him, and will **strive to show Paul that He is at peace with him.**

The journey is difficult from the onset. Making little headway for days, causing them to find shelter every so often. As soon as they think to continue and leave the harbour, they are struck with a full force gale.



In all of that, God speaks to Paul He says: ***"I am at peace with you."***

**Acts 27:23-25** For this very night, there stood next to me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve. He said, 'Don't be afraid, Sha'ul! You have to stand before the Emperor. Look! God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.' **So, men, take heart! For I trust God and believe that what I have been told will come true.**

Once again we have seen God's Kingdom operating:

In **SPACE** (the journey on the sea to Rome) and

In **TIME** (the period of the year around the Feast of Trumpets / Yom Kippur, Tabernacles)

## WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF REMINDING GOD?

**Our spiritual Space** is dominated by the question—when we face trials and tribulations do we:

- 👤 Stand firm and unafraid. (Have HOPE or FEAR in our hearts)

Examples:

- 👤 Encourage others (including non-believers) to “take heart”.
- 👤 Have an expectation that God will provide a sandbar that we can run aground on, to get out of the storm.

OR ...

- 👤 Do we become afraid at the slightest sound of the rocket from Gaza?

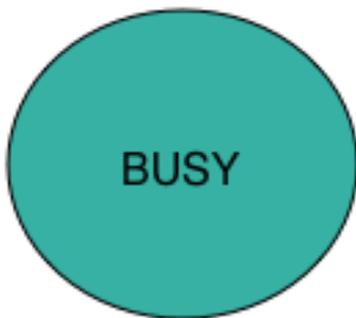


**Our spiritual Time**, is dominated by the question when we face trials and tribulations do we:

- 🕒 Remind God that we heard the sounds of the shofar. The reality is, is that you and I need to have time to “Hear”.

OR...

- 🕒 (Life has a way of keeping us busy. We find things to do, or else the community finds reason to ask us to do things for them. Many of these deeds are works of loving your neighbour and are worthy/good.)



## Summary

**Hope keeps you in God's space and hearing God keeps you in his time!! Hope and Hearing God, keep us at PEACE with Him. Fear and business takes us out of GOD'S space and time!!**

***Isaiah 18:3** All you inhabitants of the world, you who dwell on the earth, when a signal is raised on the mountains, look! When a trumpet is blown, hear!*

## A SPIRITUAL TRUMPET

It's only in the “listening” that that we get revelation, new direction, and most importantly, get to connect our spirits with God so that He will recognize us.

Paul tells us that we have to take the old man and renew ourselves so that the spirit-man can stand tall in God's Presence.

We have been talking about the trumpet—mainly in the physical realm.

## The question arises - how do we become a spiritual Trumpet?



Let us start off by describing some physical properties that we would have to emulate.

The Hebrew word for silver is **Strong's 3700**, with the basic understanding of “desire”/ atonement”.

Verses that give some expression to this are:

**Psalm 84:2** *My soul yearns, yes, faints with longing for the courtyards of Adonai; my heart and body cry for joy to the living God.*

**Job 14:15** *You will call, and I will answer you; you will long to see what you made again.*

**Exodus 30:13-16** *13 Everyone subject to the census is to pay as an offering to Adonai half a shekel [one-fifth of an ounce of silver]— by the standard of the sanctuary shekel (a shekel equals twenty gerahs). 14 Everyone over twenty years of age who is subject to the census is to give this offering to Adonai — 15 the rich is not to give more or the poor less than the half-shekel when giving Adonai's offering to atone for your lives. 16 You are to take the atonement money from the people of Isra'el and use it for the service in the tent of meeting, so that it will be a reminder of the people of Isra'el before Adonai to atone for your lives.*

(1) **Silver is light sensitive.**

Silver is one of the best reflectors known to man and is used in many places where this attribute is needed

You and I are called to be **reflectors** of the Glory of God. We need to have the attributes that reveal only the elements of God, in an exact reflection of His Character.

**Proverbs 27:19** *Just as water reflects the face, so one human heart reflects another.*

**(2) Silver must be refined in order to be pure.**

Silver must be taken through a process to remove all of the impurities and extreme heat, before it can be molded into a single trumpet.

You and I need to deal with all our generational curses, the emotional wounds and hurts, with the inferiorities that we have grown up with. This process of nailing the old man to the cross is necessary in order to produce a pure circumcised heart.

**Psalm 12:6** *The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.*

**Psalm 66:10** *For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.*

**(3) Silver must be regularly polished to remain clean.**

Silver can become tarnished if it is not used and cleaned regularly. You and I will be tarnished by various incidents during the course of life. No one is exempt from getting our robe spotted / bruised / wrinkled. We need to yield to the Holy Spirit daily as we bring these incidents before God and allow the Spirit to renew our Bridal dress. Consider the gift of Mary as she anoints the feet of Y'shua / Jesus ... a work of cleansing of the soul.

**John 12:3-5** *Miryam took a whole pint of pure oil of spikenard, which is very expensive, poured it on Yeshua's feet and wiped His feet with her hair, so that the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But one of the talmidim, Y'hudah from K'riot, the one who was about to betray Him, said, 5 "This perfume is worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?"*

**(4) Silver trumpets always work in unity.**

The silver trumpets are always seen together throughout the Old Testament. They work together, make the same sound together, and have the same result, together.

You and I are called to be connected to the other Living Stones in the Tabernacle. We are part of ONE Body, ONE olive tree, ONE nation. In exactly the same way, it was silver that brought the sons of Jacob back into **unity** again.

**Genesis 44:2** *"And put my goblet, the silver one, just inside the pack of the youngest, along with his grain money." He did what Yosef told him to do.*



(5) **Silver trumpets make a unique loud sound.**

The trumpet can only make the sound if:

The Tongue, the Lips, and the Breath come together in unity. We have the breath of God inside of our spirit-man—as part of creation.

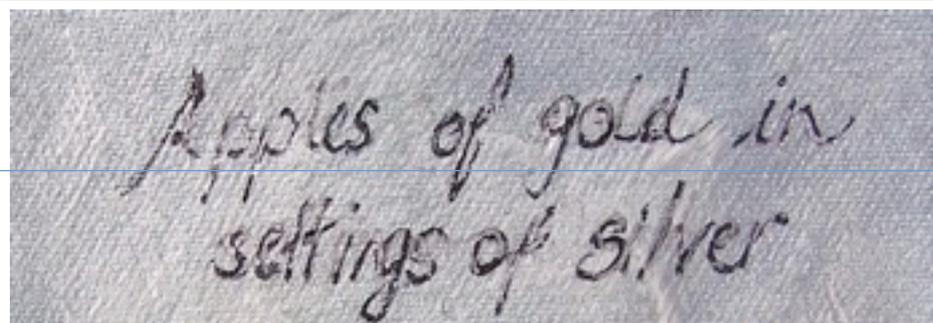
At the moment that I become a Son / Daughter of Abraham, by virtue of the work of Messiah, **then the prophecy of Ezekiel is being relived over and over again as dry bones have new breath pumped into me.**

**Ezekiel 37:5-6** To these bones ADONAI says, “I will make breath enter you, and you will live. I will attach ligaments to you, make flesh grow on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you. You will live, and you will know that I am ADONAI.”

Every single word that you and I **speak becomes a sound that should** be clear, distinct, vibrant, life changing, **a reflector of light and life.**

**Do your words match the principles set out in the verses below?**

**Proverbs 10:20** The tongue of the righteous is like pure silver.



**Proverbs 25:11** Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word appropriately spoken. Like a gold earring, like a fine gold necklace is a wise reprover to a receptive ear. Like the coldness of snow in the heat of the harvest is a faithful messenger to the one who sends him; he refreshes his master's spirit.



**Psalm 12:6** The words of ADONAI are pure words, silver in a melting-pot set in the earth, refined and purified seven times over.

**Isaiah 58:1** Shout out loud! Don't hold back! Raise your voice like a shofar!

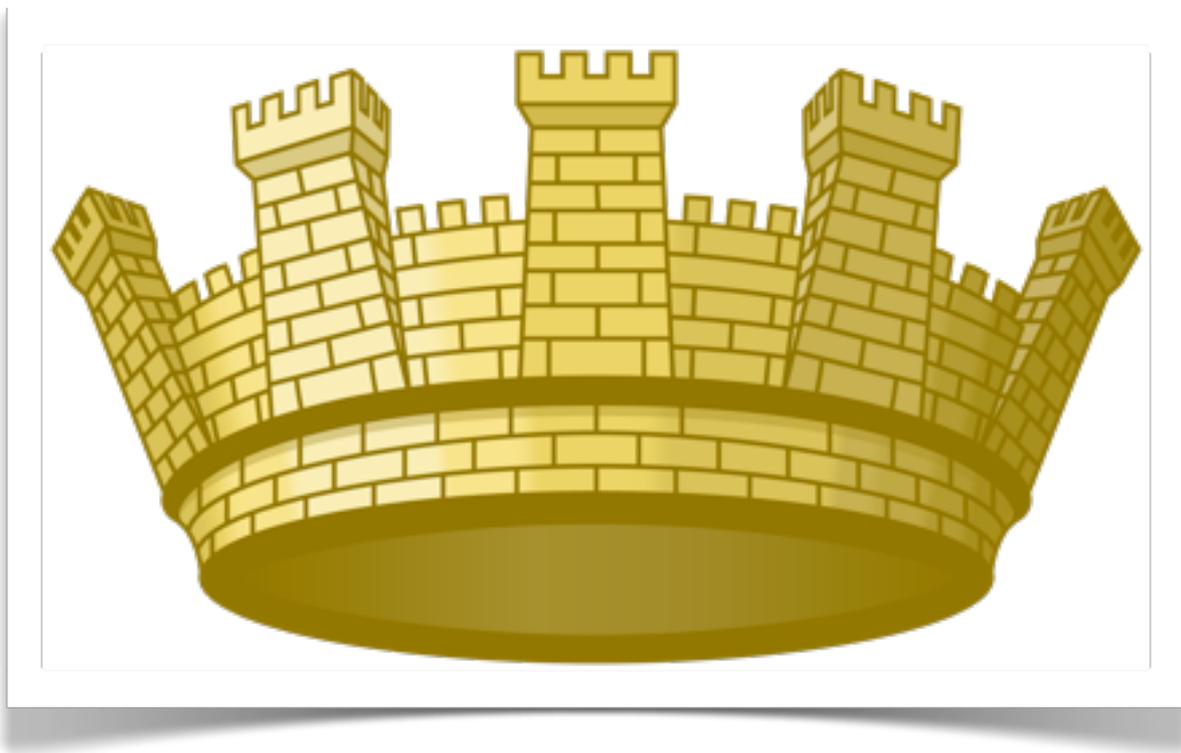
**SO, SHOUT OUT AS IF YOU ARE JUST FINISHING THE WALK AROUND THE CITY OF JERICHO, ON THE 7TH DAY!!!**

## A FINAL THOUGHT

We so often hear of people with a prophetic end-time word. While it's not important to decide today whether these are good or bad, what is important is that we must know what we have to do if that day arises in our lifetime.

***Isaiah 27:13** And in that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD on the holy mountain at Jerusalem.*

Not only will we worship Him on that Holy Mountain, but we will also Crown Him KING OF KINGS.



I have “changed” this verse below, by substituting God’s Name in the place of Solomon.

***1 Kings 1:34** Then blow the trumpet and say, ‘**Long live the King of KINGS!**’ You shall then come up after Him, and He shall come and sit on David’s throne, **for He shall be King in David’s place.** Amen! May the LORD, the God of king David, say so. As the LORD has been with David, even so may He make His Throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.*

If you read these words and declare them out aloud, as you “listen” to the sound of the Trumpet, you may just “hear” God give you a prophetic word for the year ahead.

We know that the Trumpet will once again sound the call to war. When that Trumpet sounds, you and I need to:

- 🔊 Be living a Holy life so that we can be confident that God will remember us as we go to war, AND
- 🔊 Be walking in obedience to His Commandments so that we can remind God that we are at peace with him.

**Revelation 4:1** *After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a Throne stood in Heaven, with One seated on the Throne.*

The Feast of Trumpets may seem insignificant in light of the small degree of time or description given.

The closer examination however reveals **very serious and important time** in our spiritual development.

May your participation in this Feast expand both your spiritual SPACE and TIME with God!

**SHALOM.**

# *The Priestly Blessing ...*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

“<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: <sup>25</sup> The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”

# *The Priestly Blessing ...*

Hebraic Translation<sup>1</sup>

"YHVH will kneel before you presenting gifts, and He will guard you with a hedge of protection, YHVH will illuminate the wholeness of His Being toward you, bringing order, and He will provide you with love, sustenance, and friendship, YHVH will lift up the wholeness of His Being and look upon you, and He will set in place all you need to be whole and complete."

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<sup>1</sup> Translation by Jeff A. Benner, for more information, please see [http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12\\_blessing.html](http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12_blessing.html)

# The Priestly Blessing<sup>1</sup>

יְבַרְכֶּךָ יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ:

and may he guard you the LORD may he bless you

May the LORD<sup>2</sup> bless you<sup>3</sup> and keep you<sup>4</sup>

יָאֵר יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיַּחַנְךָ:

and show you favor on you his face the LORD May he shine

May the LORD make His face<sup>5</sup> shine<sup>6</sup> upon you and be gracious<sup>7</sup> to you

יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם:

peace for you and establish on you his face the LORD may he lift up

May the LORD lift up<sup>8</sup> his face to you and give you peace<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This blessing is (ritually) recited (by the kohanim) during synagogue services during *Nesiat Kapayim* ("the Raising of the Hands"), though it is also recited over children on Friday night before the start of the Shabbat meal or as a bedtime blessing.

<sup>2</sup> The name *YHVH* (יהוה) represents God's attributes of love and mercy (מִדַּת הַרַחֲמִים), in contradistinction to the name *Elohim* (אֱלֹהִים), which represents God's attribute of justice and power as our Creator.

<sup>3</sup> בְּרַכָּה (*b'rachah*). Jewish tradition considers this both material and spiritual prosperity. Pirkei Avot 3:15 says, "If there is no flour, there is no Torah," by which is meant that material benefits are intended to help you pursue study of Torah. The first occurrence of the word "blessing" in the Scriptures pertains to *pru urvu* (פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ), "be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:22).

<sup>4</sup> שָׁמַר (*shamar*): To guard, protect, heed, as in the exercise of diligent care. Only God has the power to secure the conferred blessing and keep it from turning sour or from fading away.

<sup>5</sup> The word for "face" (פָּנִים) is plural with the 3rd person singular ending. It is considered metaphorical since God is incorporeal. The plural form is thought by some to indicate God's revealed and hidden attributes in creation.

<sup>6</sup> The hiphil verb (יָאֵר) comes from the word "light" (אֹר), and is thought to refer to God's wisdom. "May God enlighten you" with His wisdom, i.e., the Divine Light that preceded the work of creation (Gen. 1:3).

<sup>7</sup> May God grant you grace or favor (חֵן), i.e., to understand the "breadth and length and height and depth" of God's love (Eph. 3:18). Grace refers to the bestowal of an undeserved gift. The blessing is bestowed even though unearned or unmerited.

<sup>8</sup> Since one's face is an indication of the heart's attitude, Rashi says that this means God will suppress His anger by "looking at you" (if God is angry at you, He "turns His face away" and refuses to admit your presence). The "lifting of face" also pictures God lifting you up as a father might lift up his child in joy. The "showing of face" indicates spiritual intimacy.

<sup>9</sup> All of the other blessings are useless without the establishment of inner peace, and therefore it is the seal of the blessing. Shalom (שְׁלוֹם) is not simply the absence of strife, but a balance and harmony between the finite and infinite, the temporal and the eternal, the material and the spiritual realms. Shalom is a gift from Sar Shalom (שַׂר שְׁלוֹם), the Prince of Peace.