

Voice of the Shofar (Why are Christians sounding the Shofar?)

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Usually when one talks of a shofar, it is in reference to an animal's horn used in Jewish ceremonies or practices. The shofar is an instrument made from any kosher or approved antelope, tam, or male goat's horns. They are hallow and fashioned to blow a loud sound through.

The first significant mention of the shofar is found in the Holy Bible in the book of Exodus, chapter 19, versus 16-19.

"And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet (shofar) exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled." "And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. "And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. "And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake and God answered him by a voice."

The shofar was blown by God Himself, from His Mountain and the people trembled. It is here that we reference the sound of the shofar as an actual voice of YAHWEH and the power of that voice to His people. Christians today who blow or sound the shofar know that the sound that comes forth from the shofar is actually a spiritual voice and it has a significant meaning. Since all "Born Again" believers in Christ Jesus believe that the Holy Spirit lives in them, understands that when they are blowing or sounding the shofar, it is as if the Lord's voice is speaking through the horn.

As we study the Holy Bible, we find that the shofar is mentioned throughout. Anytime you see the word; "trumpet" in scriptures it really refers to the shofar. Attached are several verses that refer to the shofar throughout the entire Bible. Today's Christians who sound the shofar find their worship time more enjoyable as well as their witness more powerful. Those who are called by the Lord to be Watchman or Elders of territories understand the warring significance of the sounding of the shofar over their area. The enemy retreats and scatters when the shofar is blown. This is a very powerful tool when used in the time of intercession"

It truly is quite the experience when you hear those who are gifted in the sounding of the shofar play them in worship or in an assembly. Knowing that the Lord will be sounding His shofar on the last day before He returns weighs heavy on the hearts and minds of those of us who are privileged to sound the shofar now.

As our team has been obedient to travel the United States, Canada, Mexico, Israel, Italy, and in Africa with the shofar ministry, we have seen the Lord move in signs and wonders. The enemy has been exposed and ministries of the Lord started over various territories that the enemy at one time had control over.

As you study the scriptures attached (under the direction of the Holy Spirit), we know that you will be touched and moved by this powerful tool given us to serve Him with in these last days.

The Reason for the shofar:

Genesis 22:12: And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now, I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me.

Genesis 22:13: And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns:

Genesis 22: 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah Jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Genesis 22:15 And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

(Genesis 22:16 And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

Genesis 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

It is noted as a voice:

Exodus 19:16 And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick clod upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all people that *was* in the camp trembled.

Exodus 10:17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

Exodus 19:18 And mount Saini was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

Exodus 19:19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

Revelation 10:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a Trumpet,

Revelation 4:1 After this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

It is for war:

Joshua 6:5 And it shall come to pass, that 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, and the people shall ascent up every man straight before him.

Judges. 6:34 But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and was gathered after him.

Judges. 7:16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

Judges. 7:17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be *that*, as I do, so shall ye do.

Judges. 7:18 When I blow with a trumpet, I am all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of the camp, and say, The *sword* of the Lord, and of Gideon.

For Kingly Purposes:

2 Samuel 6:15 So David and al of the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet

1Kings 1:34. And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

For Protection

Nehemiah 4:18 For the builders, everyone had his sword girded by his side and so builded And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

Neh 4:19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.

Nehemiah 4:20 In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us.

For the purpose of praising God:

Psalms 47:5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of trumpet.

Psalms 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

Psalms 150:3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

For the purpose of prophesy:

Isaiah 18:3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.

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.

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;

Zechariah 9:14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

For the purposes of repentance:

Isaiah 27:13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria; and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount of Jerusalem.

Isaiah 58:1: Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

To call for assembly:

Jeremiah 4:5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defended cities.

Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

1 Corinthians 15:52 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.

To cry out a warning/watchman on the wall:

Jeremiah 4:19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Jeremiah 4:20: Destruction upon description is cried; for a whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and* my curtains in a moment.

Jeremiah 4:21 How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?

Jeremiah 6:17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of trumpet. But they said, we will not hearken

Ezekiel 7:14 They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.

Ezekiel 33:3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people

Exodus 33:4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not the warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his *own* head.

Exodus 33:5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning, his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

Ezekiel 33:6: But if the watchman see the word come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take away any person from among them, he is taken away from his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.

As we grow to understand the prophetic timing of the use of this oracle of YAHWEH. Let us reason together for good. It is indeed a time to sound His voice over the land and to cause confusion in Satan's camp. It is time to gather together in significant numbers to sound the shofars over the land, and take back this world for the Kingdom, of which each and every one of us has been sent from.

Will you join us in this most timely crusade of righteousness and divine purpose? Will you let His voice be heard often in your area of influence and dwelling?

I purpose these questions to you as an urgent beckoning from Father God. We must stand our ground in this most darkest of times and be heard loud and clear from our walls to those perishing us; "Prepare ye the way of the Lord"

"Praise Christ Jesus, our King and Everlasting Father"

Note Of Warning:

As it is in all matters pertaining to new movements of God, we have a tendency to become religious about these movements and totally miss the entire meaning. Simply said; Listen to the Holy Spirit and sound the shofar as moved by Him.

We are not under the law and practices of the old covenant but are free through the reconciliation given us at the Cross of Christ back to the Father and then are to now live through His resurrection and life.

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THE SHOFAR

ORIGIN of the RAM'S HORN· THE BINDING OF ISAAC

Genesis 22:11-14

USHERS THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

1 Chron. 15:24

GOD HIMSELF BLOWS IT!

Zech. 9:14

GIVES COMMANDS TO ANGELIC HOSTS -TO GATHER GOD'S PEOPLE TO HIMSELF Matthew 24:31

GATHER PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 27:13

PRAISE AND WORSHIP / A CALL TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP / PRIESTLY INSTRUMENT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Psalms 47:5-6; 98:6; 150:3; 2 Sam. 6:15

THE SHOFAR WAS USED IN WORSHIP ON MANY OCCASIONS.

1 Chronicles 13:8, 15:24-28, 16:6,42; 2 Chronicles 5:12-13, 7:6, 13:12-14, 15:14, 23:13,

ACCOMPANY THE SONG OF THE LORD.

2 Chronicles 29:26-28

A POWERFUL CATALYST TO BRING THE GLORY OF GOD

2 Chronicles 5:13

INSTRUMENT USED DURING GREAT CELEBRATION

1 Chronicles 13:8

GATHER GOD'S PEOPLE AT MOUNT SINAI

AT THE GIVING OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Ex 19:13, 16, 19; Ex:20:18

ON THE ALMIGHTY'S SABBATHS • FOR ANNOUNCING AND USHERING IN THE WEEKLY SABBATH AND YEARLY FESTIVALS

DECLARE A NEW BEGINNING.

Numbers 10:10; Psalm 81:3; Lev:23:24

SYMBOLIZING FREEDOM AND LIBERTY

PROCLAIM LIBERTY IN THE YEAR OF JUBILEE.

Lev 25:9

SOUNDS THE ALARM FOR WAR

Josh 6:4, 20, Joel 2:1

RALLY THE PEOPLE FOR WAR.

Jeremiah 4:5; 6:1; 1 Samuel 13:3-4; Jer 4:19,21; Jer 6=1,17

AT THE DESTRUCTION OF JERICHO

BREAK DOWN WALLS AND BRING THE DEFEAT OF THEIR ENEMIES

Joshua 6:2-6, 20

TO BE BLOWN CONSTANTLY IN BATTLE

Josh. 6:8-9

VICTORY IN WARFARE

Judges 7=16, 18-19

OVERCOME THE ENEMY.

Judges 7:19-21

CORPORATE BLOWING IS POWERFUL

Judges 7:8, 20, 22

TO INDUCE FEAR & CONFUSION IN THE ENEMY

Judges 7:22; 2 Chron.13=12-15

ESSENTIAL IN GOING TO WAR • AS A CALL TO BATTLE AND WAR Num. 10:9

STOP FIGHTING AMONG BRETHREN

2 Samuel 2 2:6-29

THE RETURN OF THE ARK – Celebrate the Ark of the covenant

2 Samuel 6:15

THE ANOINTING OF KING SOLOMON - THE CORONATION OF A KING - ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A KING

1 Kings 1:34; 2 Kings 11: 12, 14

THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE:

2 Chron 5:13

REBUILDING OF JERUSALEM

Neh 4:18, 20

A WATCHMEN'S RESPONSIBILITIES - WARN OF JUDGMENT FOR SIN

Ezek 33:3-6

WARNINGS CONCERNING SIN

Isa58:1

WARN OF THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD

Joel 2:1

THE LORD SHALL BLOW THE SHOFAR!

Zech 9:14; Isa 18:3; Isa 27:13

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Joel 2:1

TO ANNOUNCE THE 2ND COMING OF MESSIAH • DECLARE THE LORD'S RETURN

1 Thes 4:16

BLOWN BEFORE THE DEAD RISE

1 Cor 15:52

DECLARE JUDGMENT ON THE EARTH

Revelation 8:7, 8, 10, 12; 9:1, 14

DECLARING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOD'S KINGDOM

Revelation 11:15