

## Week 3 Trumpets: Voice of God

Alright, today we are going to get into some of the meat and potatoes about the biblical Trumpets, the shofar. However, we are going to take small bites but there will be many small bites to take. To understand or begin understanding the shofar we have to know what we are hearing. To do that, we need to start at the end of the Bible in the Book of Revelations.

Revelation 1:10 (TLV)

<sup>10</sup>I was in the *Ruach* on the Day of the Lord, and I heard behind me a loud voice like that of a trumpet,

John was in the Spirit on the Sabbath when he heard a voice like a trumpet. Who was speaking to John? It was the LORD! John tells us that the voice was like a trumpet. In Revelation 4:1 we read:

Revelation 4:1 (TLV)

<sup>1</sup>After these things I looked, and behold, a door was standing open in heaven. And the first voice, which I had heard speaking with me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."

Again, John likens this voice of God, from the throne, to that of a trumpet.

From that I conclude that the sound of the shofar is that which is like the voice of God. How can I say that? How did John know that?

Exodus 19:13–16 (NASB95)

- 13 'No hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot through; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the ram's horn sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain."
- 14 So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people, and they washed their garments.
- 15 He said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman."
- 16 So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled.

John knew that God called the people of Israel to Mt. Sanai with a voice like that of a trumpet. John was a Jew. He knew the sound of the shofar and what it was. The sound of the shofar is that which is like the voice of God.

Okay, what is the voice of God like. For that, we must go from the end to the beginning. In Genesis the first chapter, in verses 3,6,9,11,14,20, and 24 the text reads, "Then God said," and what ever God said, came into being in creation. That's seven times "Then God said," which is the perfect number of completion. However, the eighth time, "Then God said," God changed His action. The eighth time he spoke was to create man. But God did not merely speak man into existence as He had everything else. No He formed man in Their image according to their likeness and BREATHED into man's nostrils and man became a living being. Why? Why did God not merely say, "Let there be man, and there was man."? Because this part of His creation was

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formed in His image according to His likeness and God wanted an intimate relationship with this part of His creation. God has a voice and God's voice is powerful and creative. But God also has BREATH and His BREATH is intimate and life giving!

Is that all there is to it? No, but it's a good start. The sound of the shofar is that which is like the voice of God. How? God put His breath into all men. When the breath from within a man, God's breath, is pushed through a shofar, God's chosen instrument, that sound produced is that which is like the voice of God. Is it the ONLY voice of God? No. Is ALL soundings of the shofar like the voice of God? No. When the person is following the directions, the ancient paths, the instructions in God's word regarding the sounding of the shofar, then it MAY be like that which is the voice of God. When the person sounding the shofar is chosen, consecrated, equipped, trained, anointed, and mantled and sounds according to those instructions and/or the unction of the Holy Spirit, THEN the sound of the shofar is that which is like the voice of God.

But it is the voice that summonsed the Captain of the hosts of the LORD at Jericho when the walls fell. It was the voice that spoke and caused the confusion in the Midian camps that Gideon had surrounded causing the Midianites to turn upon themselves with their own swords.

Just stop and think for a moment. God spoke to Moses at Mt. Sinai with the voice of a trumpet. He spoke to John with the voice of a trumpet. The trumpet spoke at Jericho. The trumpet spoke for Gideon. In Revelations, the trumpets will speak again bring judgment upon the kingdoms of the earth, usher in the Kingdom of God, AND, get this: The trumpet spoke to coronate Solomon, the first in David's line as king and the trumpet will speak to coronate the last king in David's line, Jesus, Yeshua as king.

Is there something to these Biblical trumpets that are called Shofar? You better believe it! Here is a brief, inconclusive list of how the shofar was used in the Bible.

1. The shofar was used to announce God's presence or the presence of the King!
2. The shofar was used as a call to remembrance.
3. The shofar was used in time of war to gather armies
4. The shofar was used as a call to repent and awaken.
5. The shofar was used to coronate King Solomon
6. The shofar was used to call a people to prayer.
7. The shofar was used to begin battle.
8. The shofar was used to end battle.
9. The Shofar was abused in the wrong way and Spoke against God's chosen King and things did not end well for that person
10. The Shofar was used to ring out the old month and usher in the new month.
11. The shofar was sounded at the full moon.
12. The Shofar is sounded during the feasts.

And much more!

The two main things to remember is that the shofar will sound to usher in God's Kingdom at the end of the age and it will sound to coronate Yeshua the Messiah as King.

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I hope that I've whet your appetite. Next week we will look at the first instructions in sounding the trumpets.