

Yom Teruah

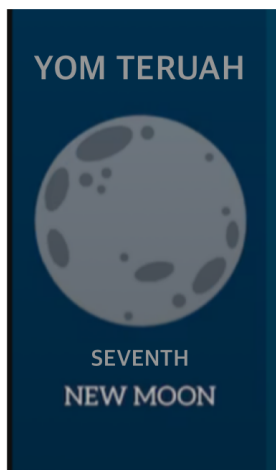
יום תְּרוּעָה



Yom Teruah means day of blowing or day of sounding! It is fifth out of the eight yearly festivals of God, and it occurs on the first day of the seventh month each year. Do you know that in Scripture the number seven means holy or set apart for a purpose? God set the seventh month apart to contain His final four feasts of the year, and He set the first day of the seventh month apart for blowing the trumpet. The sounding of the trumpet serves to remind us of all the great things He has done! It is for this reason that this festival of God is called both Zichron Teruah, the “**memorial** of blowing trumpets” and Yom Teruah, the “**day** of blowing trumpets.”

In Leviticus 23:23-25 we learn that the LORD commanded Moshe (Moses) to teach the Children of Yisra’el (Israel) how they were to commemorate this festival each year. No work was to be done on this day. The redeemed people of God were commanded to gather together for the purpose of blowing the trumpet as a **memorial** of God’s great provision of victory! An offering by fire was to be made on this day as well. This burnt offering acknowledged the understanding that human life, which deserves death due to sin, could only be spared by the bloodshed of an innocent and perfect substitute. It is important to remember that these instructions came from God after He physically **redeemed** His people out of bondage in Egypt by the blood of an innocent animal. The animal to be sacrificed allowing the first born of every family to live could be chosen from the sheep or from the goats, but the animal had to be an adult male, one year old and with no imperfection. Do you know that an adult male sheep is called a ram?

In Numbers 29:1-6 we learn that this day of rest is also called a **day** of blowing trumpets, or Yom Teruah. On this day God commanded that a total of ten animals having no imperfection be sacrificed and given with their grain offerings to honor Him. God should be honored on the Day of Trumpets for seeing what is lacking and providing what is needed to receive complete victory! Do you know that the number ten in Scripture means complete? These sacrifices with their accompanying grain offerings were to be given and the trumpet blown on Yom Teruah as a reminder that God has done everything necessary to redeem, provide for and restore His people. All these special instructions were to be followed in addition to the New Moon sacrifices, offerings and sounding of the trumpet commanded on the first day of each month.



Zichron Teruah

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God has given every generation all that is needed to know about and follow His plan for redemption! For instance in the days before the flood God made an atonement to cover the unintentional sins of humans until the day He would fulfill His promise to give the woman the Son born not of man but acquired by God (Genesis 4:1).

Following the flood, Noach's (Noah) son Shem taught God's plan of redemption to the next generation. In God's perfect timing He called Avraham (Abraham) and cut a covenant with him. God promised Avraham a son by his wife Sarai (Sarah) in their old age. Once Yitzchak (Isaac) was miraculously born and mature, God tested Avraham, commanding him to travel a three day journey to the land of Moriah to sacrifice his promised son. Moriah means "my teacher is the LORD." There he would be taught by God as he obeyed His command to offer Yitzchak as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that God would choose.

Because Avraham had faith in God, he did not hesitate to obey Him, rising early the next morning to set out on this journey. When they arrived at the place God chose, Yitzchak asked his father an obvious question: "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" His father responded, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." Avraham understood that a son born as the result of a miracle, or acquired by the LORD, would have to **die** in order to **redeem** the sins of humanity. Avraham understood that the death of his son Yitzchak would not be permanent, rather it would result in life. Avraham trusted God and was willing to sacrifice his one and only promised son on the altar.

However, just as Avraham lifted the knife to sacrifice his son who was bound and lying on the wood Avraham had arranged in order on the altar, a messenger of the LORD shouted, or called, out to him. The messenger told Avraham not to harm his son in any way because he had passed God's test. Avraham's faith that led to his obedience would be recorded for all future generations to know the importance of fearing God by making Him the highest importance in our lives. Avraham lifted his eyes and saw behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. Avraham took the ram God had provided and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. Avraham understood that only the bloodshed of the Son of God could pay the debt owed by the world He created. Avraham called the place where God had taught him all these things the "Mount of the LORD."

The messenger shouted, or called, to Avraham a second time out of heaven and swore that He would bless him and multiply his descendants like the stars in heaven and the sand on the seashore. He also swore that He would give Avraham's descendants victory over the enemy and that all the nations of the world would be blessed by His Seed because he had obeyed the call of the LORD. That day Avraham learned that in the future God would complete His plan of redemption through the miraculous birth, death and resurrection of His One and Only Promised Son! Avraham understood that God would give complete victory, resulting in His perfect shalom (peace) for all those who trust in His provision for life after death.



Directions: Circle the image below that a trumpet can be made from.

Next, unscramble the letters at the bottom of the page to write the name this special trumpet is called.



Stars in Heaven



Wood



Ram caught in thicket



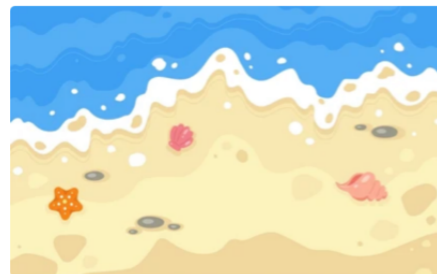
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Altar



Fire



Sand on the Seashore

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Set Apart for God's Purpose

Joshua 6:1-27



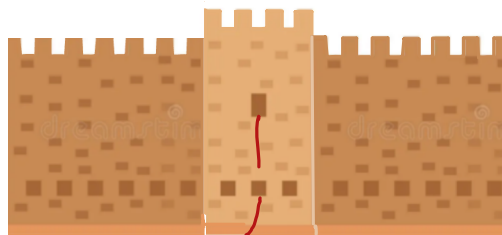
It is very important for us to understand that the seventh day of each week and the seventh month of the year are connected to the fulfillment of God's will that results in victory, shalom (peace) and the establishment of His Kingdom on earth! God gave victory and shalom (rest), to the descendants of Avraham (Abraham), Yitzchak (Isaac), and Yakov (Jacob or Yisra'el) when they crossed the Jordan River to establish His Kingdom in the Promised Land, or Yisra'el many years ago.

Do you remember the account of Yehoshua (Joshua) and the battle of Jericho? After all those who had been redeemed from Egypt but lacked faith in God died in the wilderness, God commanded the next generation to enter the Land of Promise, the land of Yisra'el! The only two men who remained alive from the first generation of the redeemed were Yehoshua and Caleb. After God had given them victory on the eastern side of the Jordan River by totally defeating two kingdoms, He commanded them to cross the Jordan River and conquer the fortified city of Jericho.

Before they crossed the river they rededicated themselves to God, placing themselves under the covenant of circumcision God had cut with Avraham. When the men were fully healed, two spies were sent into Jericho to gather information about the powerful city. The spies entered the home of a woman named Rahab (Rahav). This woman told the spies that everyone was afraid of their people, and she confessed that she believed in their God, the Only True God of the heavens and the earth. She had heard what He had done for them when He delivered them across the Red Sea on dry land, giving them total victory over the mighty Egyptian army.

Because of her faith in God, Rahav created a hiding place on the roof of her home which was built in the wall surrounding the city of Jericho. When the king of Jericho was told that two Yisra'elites had entered Rahav's home, he sent men to arrest them. Rahav told the king's men that she had not understood the men were spies and that they had already left her home. She urged them to go quickly out the city gates to catch them.

Rahav then went to the men hiding on her rooftop and asked them to spare her life and the lives of all who belonged to her when they came to attack the city. She instructed them to escape through a window in her home, lowering themselves to the ground by a rope and fleeing to the mountains where they should remain for three days. The men agreed that they would spare Rahav and all who belonged to her as she requested, but only if all members of her household remained inside her home during the siege. They instructed her to tie a red cord in her window as a sign to distinguish she believed in God and helped His people.



When the king's men returned to the city being unable to find the spies, the entire city was frightened and they closed themselves within the walls for safety. No one came in and no one went out!

When the spies returned to the Yisra'elite encampment, they had great faith that the LORD would give them victory! God commanded Yehoshua to form His army for war. He instructed him to send half of the fighting men ahead to march in front of the seven priests who walked before the Aron Habrit (Ark of the Covenant). The remainder of the Yisra'elite army was commanded to form the rear guard, marching behind the Aron Habrit. God instructed this procession of men to march around the walls of Jericho one time each day for six days. As they marched the priests were commanded to blow their shofars! On the seventh day the Yisra'elite army was instructed to march around the city seven times in this manner beginning early in the morning. When the final circle around the city was completed and the shofar sounded with a long and loud blast, all the army of God had to do was give a great shout, and the walls protecting the enemy came tumbling down. God gave His people complete victory over the enemy in one day!

When the descendants of Yakov had faith that God would do what He promised, they obeyed His commands. When they obeyed His commandments, they were given total victory over their enemies! Once the Yisra'elites were given complete victory over their enemies they experienced rest, or shalom in the land God had promised they would inherit. This land is the land of Yisra'el where the Kingdom of God will once again be established on earth.

Are You Set Apart for God's Purpose?

1 Corinthians 15:50-58, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

Rahav was not a descendant of Yakov; she was of the nations. However, she was blessed by being grafted into the nation of Yisra'el through her faith in God! She experienced the same victory and shalom as the native Yisra'elites because she obeyed God, or acted according to her faith in Him. Rahav was included in all the promises God made to His covenant people. From her life's example we can learn all that is needed to be in a covenant relationship with the One True God, the God of Yisra'el. All anyone must do is to have faith in God's Word and act accordingly, by accepting His provision for our salvation.

In 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 the Apostle Shaul (Paul) explains the mystery of how God will make everyone who has been redeemed by the Blood of His Son and grafted into the nation of Yisra'el victorious. Because flesh and blood is corrupted by sin, it cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. Therefore, we must all be changed! This change will happen quickly, like the blink of an eye, at the sounding of the last trumpet. All who have been redeemed by Messiah Yeshua's work on the cross will be given a new, immortal and incorruptible body to enter into the Kingdom of God.

In 1 Thessalonians 4:16 we learn that the LORD Himself will come down from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. The bodies of all who have died but were redeemed by Messiah Yeshua will rise first and be caught up together in the clouds with all those who are alive at the time to meet the LORD in the air! This makes the believer set apart for God's purpose, to always be with the LORD. Won't you place your faith in Messiah Yeshua today?

Let's make a Shofar



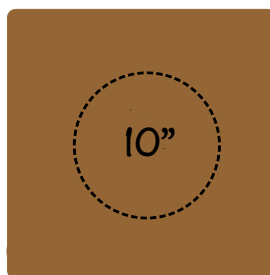
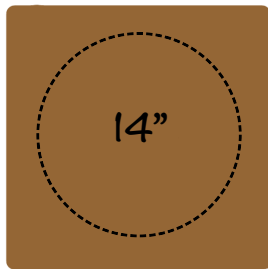
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- Brown package paper
- Liquid glue
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Stapler
- Large, medium and small bowls or round objects for tracing

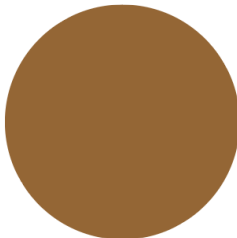


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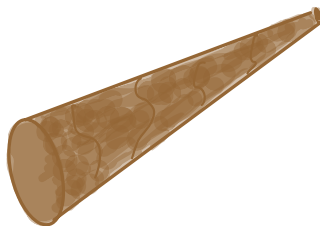
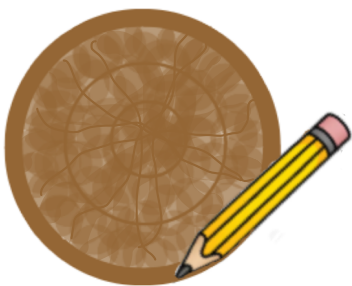
Draw or trace three circles (Large 14 inch circumference, medium 10 inch and small 6 inch.)



Cut the three circles out of the paper.



Glue the three circles together centering one on top of the other using a liberal amount of glue. Set aside to partially dry. As the glue dries the paper will crinkle to resemble a ram's horn!



Holding a pencil tip tightly to the paper's edge, roll the circle into the shape of a cone and secure edge with stapler.

While the cone is still slightly damp make a bend in the cone upward. Allow paper to completely dry and then enjoy blowing your shofar!

