

God's Trumpet Call – The Sound of the Shofar

My heart has never been more engaged in the Biblical fall feasts than it has been during this season. We are two days away from the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). The Feast of Booths/Tabernacles (Sukkot) begins five days after that.

On the eve of the Feast of Trumpets, a group of us gathered together to ponder the end time implications of this feast, and to blow the shofar. The Feast of Trumpets is known throughout the Jewish community and Israel as "Rosh Hashanah," meaning the "head of the year." It comes on the 1st day of the 7th month on the Jewish calendar, but is considered the Jewish New Year – the Jewish civic New Year. The religious New Year is the 1st month on the biblical/Jewish calendar which is the month of Passover.

Since this feast comes on the 1st day of the month (lunar biblical month – Tishrei), there is a tiny sliver of a moon in the sky. It is a new moon. Each night that sliver is growing, until it reaches a full moon at the time of the beginning of Sukkot on the 15th of Tishrei.

When Jesus was talking to his disciples about "the end of the age" (Matthew 24:3), he said the Son of Man would be coming in the clouds of the sky with power and great glory "and He will send his angels with a loud trumpet/shofar call."

One of our prophets spoke of the shofar as a most effective implement of war against our enemy. With every sound of the shofar, he is reminded of his destiny. When the last shofar blows, the curtain comes down on this present age. Paul spoke of it in his Corinthian letter. John saw seven trumpets releasing seven plagues on the earth, calling men to repentance. When the last trumpet sounded, John said there were loud voices in heaven, proclaiming, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Just as the Feast of Trumpets speaks of the return of the Lord, the Day of Atonement speaks of the Day of Judgment. Has the blood of atonement been brought before the Holy of Holies? Not the blood of an animal, but the blood of the Messiah. Is His blood on the doorpost of your house? The Day of Atonement begins Friday at sundown, 10 days following Trumpets, with Sukkot beginning 5 days later.

Yeshua came to tabernacle among us. John spoke of this in the opening of his gospel. So the Feast of Tabernacles not only commemorates the dwelling of God with Israel in the desert years, but also of Yeshua's first coming, and of His

return. He will return to dwell with us face to face. John speaks of this in the closing chapters of recorded sacred Scripture – Revelation 21 and 22.

The Lord is alive in these feasts. Look at the moon every night. Watch it grow in size from Trumpets to Sukkot, and listen for the voice of God – what He would choose to reveal to us in these end times.