



The Shofar Trumpet- An Instrument for Celebrating, Praising God and Battling Enemies “Sounding God’s Trumpets Until the “Last Trumpet” is Sounded

Introduction

As a trumpet player, I have always been fascinated that God chose to use the “Shofar Trumpet” (Ram’s Horn) to unveil and reveal Himself throughout Scripture. Our ministry continues to gift Shofar Trumpets to those in leadership at my Church. We also gift a Shofar to friends going to Israel so that they can sound it throughout the Biblical sites. The Shofar Trumpet is God’s instrument and is to be sounded to:

1. Celebrate events regarding God’s provision and blessing.
2. Worship God.
3. Engage in spiritual battles.

The “Central Message” of our “Shofar Trumpet” ministry is that after the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the next most important proclamation is that the Church is waiting for the sound of the “Last Trumpet.” Then we will be “gathered” (raptured) to be with Jesus.

As you will read in my book, “*Sound the Trumpets in Zion*,” the Shofar Trumpet was sounded to celebrate many of Israel’s historical achievements. For example, the Shofar was sounded when David returned the “Ark of the Covenant” back to Jerusalem and when King Solomon announced that the First Temple was going to be built. The sounding of the Shofar Trumpet was also always included whenever the Israelites lifted up their hands and hearts to The Lord. “***Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn.***” The Israelites also sounded God’s Trumpet in preparation for battle against their enemies, and just as importantly, it was sounded during their battles. In fact, the Shofar Trumpet was just as essential for battle as the Jewish soldier’s sword and shield.

It’s also important to understand that the sounding of the Shofar Trumpet was not “exclusive” to the “Old Covenant” as it was introduced before the “Old Covenant” was enacted. God did introduce “Seven Feasts” for Israel to observe in the “Old Covenant,” however, regarding the fifth Feast “Trumpets,” the only instruction He gave was to “Sound Trumpets.” He never said, “Stop,” sounding His Trumpet. Therefore, the sounding of God’s Shofar Trumpet did not go away when Jesus Christ initiated the “New Covenant.” In fact, God intends for His Shofar Trumpet to be sounded continually as His Church waits for the “Last ‘Shofar’ Trumpet” to be sounded. Remember that The Shofar Trumpet will be the LAST sound Christians hear before we are “Gathered” to be with Jesus, and the time of Tribulation begins.

That said, believers rely on prayer, Bible study, fasting, and other Spiritual disciplines for spiritual growth and for engaging in spiritual battles. But did you know that the sounding of God’s Shofar Trumpet should also be included in your “spiritual arsenal?” Therefore, I am convinced Christians are to sound the Shofar Trumpet whenever they have “something” to celebrate. I also believe Christians

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are to sound the Shofar in conjunction with their praise and worship to God. And finally, I’m sure Christians are to sound the Trumpet in preparation for spiritual battles and then during the heat of these battles. In fact, Christians should place their Shofar Trumpet near their Bible in readiness as God’s directs and moves in their hearts and lives.

God’s Instrument

The “Shofar Trumpet” is God’s instrument, and NO “sound” is nearer to God’s heart. Please remember that the Shofar is NOT a toy! It is God’s Instrument and should be handled and sounded accordingly. Therefore, please do NOT play (as an example), “When the Saints go Marching In” or any other “tune” with the Shofar. To do so would be disrespectful to God and His instrument. Sounding the Shofar will take practice. It’s all about placing the lips in the perfect position on the mouthpiece and **buzzing your lips**. Blow lightly into the mouthpiece.

How to Sound a Shofar Trumpet

To “Sound” a Modern Trumpet, Shofar Trumpet, or Temple Trumpet. Three things are required:

1. **Lips**-the lips are set and pressed (gently) against the mouthpiece.
2. **Tongue**-the tongue is used for articulation-making individual sounds-notes.
3. **Breath**-As breath moves over the tongue and hits the lips. The lips vibrate, producing the sound of the Trumpet.

All three principles are essential, but “breath” is the “most” important. God is the originator of “Life,” and He is the One who gives each of us-every “Breath.”

That said, almost anyone can learn to “sound” a “Trumpet” with their lips, tongue, and breath. However, God wants believers to be “**Trumpeters of:**”

- ❖ His Word
- ❖ His Grace
- ❖ His Gospel-the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- ❖ And to do that, lips and a tongue are needful. But we need the “**Breath of God**”-most of all.

Therefore, for “God’s Breath” (The “Wind” of His Holy Spirit) to come out of us, we must **Breathe “IN:”**

- ❖ God’s Word
- ❖ God’s Grace
- ❖ God’s Gospel-the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- ❖ Then when we exhale, it will be “His Breathe” that comes out. And with lips, tongue, and His Breath, the “Sound” that is produced will be pleasing and “useful” to the LORD.

Following is a prophesy which references the “breathe of God.” For thousands of years, The People of God Israel were exiled from their Land, and they were scattered to the “Four Corners” of the World. YES, no one thought they would ever “Return,” but God “Breathed LIFE” into their “Dry Bones,” and Israel was Re-born.

- “Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you

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will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.” Ezekiel 37:5,

This prophecy might also be referring to the “Dry Bones” of the millions of Jews after they were incinerated in the Nazi gas ovens. Either way, the Resurrection of Israel and the Jewish People was ONLY possible by God’s “Breath.”

Purchasing a Kudu Shofar Trumpet

If you would like to purchase the long Kudu Shofar, please know that the mouthpiece on these particular Shofars can be problematic. Please contact me before you buy and I’ll steer you in the right direction.

Memorize the Names and Sounding of the Three Shofar Blasts

1. Tekiah – pronounced “**Tuh-KEE-ah,**” and is **one long, “straight” blast**. The long “straight” blast of “Tekiah” is reminiscent that the God of the Bible is The Lord.
2. Shevarim – pronounced “**Shih-Vah-REEM**” and is **three medium, “wailing” blasts**. The three medium “wailing” blasts of “Shevarim” remind us of loss, crying, and sin.
3. Teruah – pronounced “**Tih-ROO-ahh,**” and is **9 quick blasts in “short” succession**. The 9 quick blasts of “Teruah” are meant to gain the hearer’s attention-wake up!

Three “Series” of Shofar Blasts

Sounding the Shofar follows a specific pattern and is composed of three “sets” of blasts. Each “set” is different from the other. There are three series of Shofar blasts.

1. **The first series has a combination of four interchanging sounds made by the horn. In the first series, the Trumpeter blows one long sustained blast (Tekiah), followed by three short lilting bursts (Shevarim), with the resounding pitch of a person who is crying or wailing. This is followed by (Teruah), which are nine short staccato blasts. This is followed by another long-sustained blast (Tekiah).**
2. The **second series** has a combination of three interchanging sounds made by the horn. In the second series, the Trumpeter blows one long sustained blast (**Tekiah**), followed by three short lilting blasts (**Shevarim**), followed by a long-sustained blast (**Tekiah**).
3. The **third series** has a combination of three interchanging sounds made by the horn. In the third series, the Trumpeter blows a long-sustained blast (**Tekiah**), followed by (**Teruah**), which are nine short staccato blasts and again with a long-sustained blast (**Tekiah**).

Memorize the Three Shofar Blast Series

The First Series Contains Four Blasts

TEKIAH- SHEVARIM- TERUAH- TEKIAH

SOUND-One Long-Three Medium with a Wailing Effect- Nine Short Staccato-One Long

The Second Series Contains Three Blasts

TEKIAH- SHEVARIM-TEKIAH

SOUND-One Long-Three Medium with a Wailing Effect- One Long.

The Third Series Contains Three Blasts

TEKIAH- TERUAH- TEKIAH

SOUND-One Long- Nine Short Staccato-One Long.

Practice the Three Series

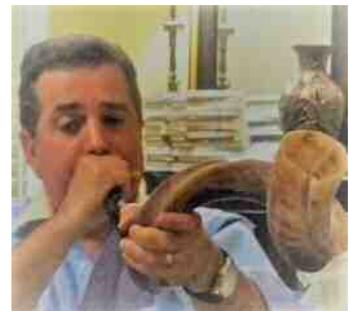
1. **One Long** (2-3 seconds)-**Three Medium** with a Wailing Effect (1-2 seconds each) - **Nine Short Staccato-One Long** (4-5 seconds).
2. **One Long** (2-3 seconds)-**Three Medium** with a Wailing Effect (1-2 seconds each) - **One Long** (4-5 seconds).
3. **One Long** (2-3 seconds)-**Nine Short Staccato-One Long**.

Rosh Hashanah

During the Rosh Hashanah (Feast of Trumpets) service, the three series are **repeated three times** with prayers and Scripture reading in between. Keep in mind that the **FINAL “Tekiah”** is called the **“Tekiah ha-Gadol”** pronounced **“Tuh-KEE-ah, ha-Ga-dol”** is a long blast and should be held out for as long as possible. Therefore, there are 30 Shofar blasts in the three series, and when each is repeated three times totals, 90 Shofar blasts sounded during the Rosh Hashanah service.

Sounding the Shofar in Israel

Keep in mind that the Shofar Trumpet, the Israelites, carried with them into battle, was “small,” and suitable for carrying and sounding. The much longer Kudu Shofars (pictured I am sounding) was introduced in “modern times.” Also, remember that the Shofer Trumpet is HIGHLY regarded in Israel, and you will hear it sounded during your trip to Israel. However, but please do not buy a Shofar in Israel and then attempt to sound or practice it while in Israel. You will only embarrass yourself in front of your friends, and you will cause the Israelis who hear you, to become angry and bitter towards you and your group. You need to know what you are doing BEFORE going to Israel. Therefore, if you are proficient in sounding the Shofar blasts and the three series, then consider taking your Shofar with you to Israel and experience the joy and excitement of sounding God’s Trumpet in God’s Land. I highly recommend taking a small



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Shofar with you to Israel as it will easily fit in your jacket pocket. I don't recommend taking the longer Kudu Shofar to Israel unless you are also prepared to buy a bag for it and are ready to carry it over your shoulder throughout your trip. I take my longer Kudu Shofar with me to Israel because of its rich sound, and its “look” catches people's attention. Also, keep in mind that you should NOT sound the Shofar anywhere and anytime that you want. There will be venues, dates, and times when sounding the Shofar will be inappropriate and offensive. Therefore, always ask your Israeli Tour Guide before sounding the Shofar.

New Shofar Music

I especially want to invite “young people” (pre-teen and up) and those with musical interest and experience, to create “New” Shofar blasts and music using the Shofar. You can experiment by attaching a clip-on microphone to the end of your Shofar and then connecting it to your computer or electronics. Then approach your Church Music or Choir Director about using the “New” blasts or music to start their Church's Sunday Service and also to sound when your Church comes to Israel. Anyone can submit a “home video” (to me) of their;

- Shofar playing ability
- New Shofar Blasts.
- Composition of “New Music” using the Shofar.
- The “best” players, compositions, and soundings will be professionally videotaped and posted on Social media. And “new work” (with permission) will be “published” so that others can play it too.

Contact

I am happy to help you, or your group understand how to sound the Shofar and to fix the mouthpiece issue. I also have a 90-minute presentation on “God's Trumpets” that many would love to see. To schedule or discuss, please feel free to contact to Michael@GoodMoodFoundation.org