



"Rosh Hashanah (in Hebrew it is, ראש השנה), literally meaning the "head of the year", is the name referring to the day that begins the counting of years in the Jewish calendar. The **biblical name for this holiday is Yom Teruah (in Hebrew it is, יום תרועה)**, and literally it means, "day of shouting or blasting". It is the first of what some call the High Holy Days (in Hebrew, יָמִים נּוֹרָאִי *Yamim Nora'i*," Days of Awe)¹. It is also called the Feast of Trumpets which comes from the meaning of the Hebrew word *teruah*. Messianic believers who believe in the Messiah Yeshua think that this day will be the day Yeshua returns based on scriptures from the New Testament portion. In Corinthians, Shaul talks about a final shofar blast.

*1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV
For the trumpet will sound, and the dead
will be raised incorruptible, and we shall
be changed;"*

In Jewish synagogues, the trumpets are sounded 100 times with the last trump being blown until all air is used up. This perhaps is a picture of the end times. Shaul said in 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 NKJV, "But we shall all be changed — in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

At the last trump, suggests that Yeshua will return on the Day of Blasting, Yom Teruah. The last trump is significant for the celebration of Yom Teruah. It is then that believers will put on immortality. 1 Corinthians 15:53 NKJV says, "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

God and Yeshua will raise us from the dead. Yeshua is the Son of God as attested many times in the John, and He said in John 5:25 NKJV, "The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live." In John 5:28-29 Yeshua is referring to Himself, "For the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have **done good**, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."

*Doing good means to
keep God's commandments*

Yeshua talked about **doing good**. It is not our interpretation of doing good as so many people practice. In Jewish and biblical thought, doing good means to keep God's commandments. Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah to the world. If He was Russian, He'd be the Russian Messiah to

¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Holy_Days

the world, but He is not. He is the Jewish Messiah to the world and His context was a Jewish culture. **Doing good biblically** is keeping God's commandments. Deuteronomy 6:17-18 says, "You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. And **you shall do what is right and good** in the sight of the LORD." Because people take the scriptures out of their biblical context, they misinterpret the Bible and they don't understand the New Testament properly. And they do not understand what the word "good" is referring to. Again in these scriptures, Shaul tells us the Shofar will sound to signal the resurrection.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 CJB:

Now, brothers, we want you to know the truth about those who have died; otherwise, you might become sad the way other people do who have nothing to hope for. For since we believe that Yeshua died and rose again, we also believe that in the same way God, through Yeshua, will take with him those who have died. When we say this, we base it on the Lord's own word: we who remain alive when the Lord comes will certainly not take precedence over those who have died. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a rousing cry, with a call from one of the ruling angels, **and with God's shofar; those who died united with the Messiah will be the first to rise**; then we who are left still alive will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and thus we will always be with the Lord. So encourage each other with these words.

The trumpet, the shofar, will signal the resurrection. We again see an association to Yom Teruah. Notice that we will meet the Lord in the air. The Greek word used for air (ἀήρ, aēr)² is breathable air and so we will not be raised into outer space, but to the breathable air on earth. The dead in the Messiah will rise first and then those who are alive will join them. We should be comforted with these words.

Also, since Yom Teruah means the day of shouting, we see the obvious connection to the angels who were shouting when Yeshua (Jesus) was born on Yom Teruah. Luke 2:13-14 NKJV says, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" This scripture without question ties Yom Teruah to the birth of Yeshua. Also, there is an ancient prophecy saying that Yeshua will come back on the same day He came. We saw that Shaul alludes to the return of the Messiah on the Feast of Trumpets. Therefore, Yeshua came on Yom Teruah and will come back on Yom Teruah.

Yeshua will come back on Yom Teruah.

Also, we know Yeshua had to be born on a Jewish holiday because the inns were full and Bethlehem is close to Jerusalem. Jews were required to go to Jerusalem for the feasts of Passover (Pesach), Shavuot (Pentecost), and Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles). Bethlehem comes from the Hebrew words *beit lekhem* (בֵּית לֶחֶם) which means house of bread and is near Jerusalem. Also, the shepherds would not be in the fields in December because it would be too cold. Since it is a biblical holiday that the Jews observed, Yom Teruah makes perfect sense and not Sukkot as some say. To see an interesting and more detailed explanation on this, go to our

²g0109. ἀήρ aēr; from ἄημι aēmi (to breathe unconsciously, i.e. respire; by analogy, to blow); "air" (as naturally circumambient): — air." – Strong's Enhanced Dictionary

website and the article, [Rosh Hashanah and the Birth of Yeshua](https://www.teshuvahsa.org/observing-the-feasts) at, <https://www.teshuvahsa.org/observing-the-feasts>.

I would also like to share some other information that relates to scriptural prophecy and the birth of Yeshua. Yeshua grew up in Nazareth and could be called a Nazarene. There is no prophecy in the scripture that says the Messiah would be nazarite which required a person to do some specific commandments and included not eating or drinking any grape products (including raisins).

Another fallacy is using the Messianic explanation from Isaiah 11:1 to mean that Yeshua is a Nazarene. The following is used incorrectly to mean Yeshua was a called a Nazarene.

The descendants of David had moved to Nazareth to get away from the murderous Herod. They were considered a netzer of the house of David. Netzer was a shoot from a plant that grows into a new plant. They infer that this refers to Yeshua being a Nazarene. The word "branch" in Isaiah 11:1 is this word netzer which is about Yeshua the Messiah. Isaiah 11:1-2 NKJV, "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. says, the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD." This is obviously a prophecy concerning the Messiah Yeshua. He was definitely a netzer, a branch, of the ancestry of David.

The scripture in Isaiah does not have anything to do with Yeshua being a Nazarene though. There is a better explanation for the reference in Matthew 2:23 where it says that the Prophets say that Yeshua would be called a Nazarene. Matthew 2:23 NKJV says, "And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, 'He shall be called a Nazarene.'" Informed Rabbis see an obvious connection with this verse and Jeremiah 31:6 even though it does not say Yeshua would be called a Nazarene in their scrolls. Jeremiah 31:6 reads different in some scrolls. Scholars will examine a number of different manuscripts in order to make a consensus about how the text should read.

Some Egyptian Torah scrolls of Jeremiah 31:6 read, 'Yesh will be called a Notzri.' In other words, Yeshua will be called a Nazarene! It makes sense that this obvious reference to Yeshua would be phased out of the modern Torah text and probably even the manuscripts in order to hide that Yeshua is the Messiah. The Roman Empire did the same thing with the Greek manuscripts to make the true faith into a false pagan Greco-Roman religion that has been passed down to Christianity and is still observed by many people to this day. Because of this, people will say things like the feasts in the Bible are Jewish feasts. That is not what the Bible says. It says they are God's feasts. Leviticus 23:2 NKJV says, "The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts." If you want to please God, observe His feasts!

Some believe Yeshua was born on Sukkot because the Bible says about Yeshua, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth;" John 1:14 NKJV. The word "dwelt" is the word for tabernacle. So, they say this refers to the Feast of Tabernacles and not the Tabernacle in the wilderness where there were some physical evidences of the presence of God in the form of a

cloud by day and fire by night over the Tabernacle. This fire or light at night is referred to as the Shekinah glory.

First, the Bible clearly says that Messiah would be God. "I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;" Jeremiah 23:5 NKJV. ... "Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Yĕhōváh³ Tzidkeinu). Jeremiah 23:6. The word for LORD in Jeremiah 23:6 is Yĕhōváh and is the exclusive name for God – Yud-Hey-Vav-Hey.

*The Messiah was a descendent of David
and was the presence of God on Earth.*

The Shekinah glory was at the Tabernacle in the desert and the Temple in Jerusalem and was considered to be the presence of God on Earth according to some of the ancient rabbis. Since the Messiah Yeshua was also the presence of God on Earth, Yeshua tabernacled among them like the light of the presence of God at the Tabernacle in the desert. That is what Yochanan is talking about. The Shekinah glory is described as a light in the Bible. Yochanan describes Yeshua as a light:

In John says about Yeshua (in the NKJV), He is:
Verse 4 – the "light of men"
Verse 5 – the "light shines"
Verse 7 – John bore witness to the "light"
Verse 9 – the "true light"
Verse 9 – the "light to" all

Therefore, we are a people of light who follow the Light Who Shines, and a people who live in the light and look forward to the future kingdom of light.

Just like Yom Teruah is a picture of the trumpets blasting to announce our Messianic King and the first coming and subsequent return of Yeshua the Messiah, the next feasts also paint a picture by association. Yom Kippur which follows 10 days later is a picture of the confession of sins and the future judgement. The Feast of Sukkot that follows Yom Kippur is a celebration and a picture of our future feast with God and Yeshua in the future kingdom.

Yom Kippur which is the day of atonement and the confession of sin comes just 10 days after Yom Teruah.

Yochanan (John) said in John 1:8 - 2:2 NKJV,

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

God will forgive us any time we repent, but Yom Kippur is a special time to reflect on any possible sins we have committed and make changes to our lives. It is only fitting that after we have made sure we are in relationship with God that we then celebrate the feast of Sukkot.

³ Yĕhōváh – God's real name forever (Exodus 3:15); God's name has been found pointed as Yĕhōváh in 2,363 manuscripts as of this writing. Once as Yehoveh; never as Yahweh.

Then if we are endure and are faithful, we will celebrate with our God in the future kingdom. 2 Timothy 2:12 NKJV says, "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him."

With the call of the shofar, Yom Teruah calls to attention this special time the Jews call the "High Holy Days" where we take time to examine our lives. Our lives are to be to God's glory. We are not to be like the world. The world has its own version of values. Yochanan (John) says, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world —the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever;" 1 John 2:15-17 NKJV.

What does the world value?

- * Those who are accomplished.
- * Those who have wealth.
- * The world values pride.

In contrast, what should we value?

- * A relationship with God by following the commandments of an all-knowing God – The Bible says to love God. Most people just stop there and follow God by their own rules. That is not the whole scripture!

Deuteronomy 30:16 NKJV says, "I command you today **to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments**, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you;"

- * Being loving – "You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD;" Leviticus 19:18 NKJV. Notice it says not to hold onto grudges in order to love your neighbor. a

Shaul applies Leviticus 19:18 many times in the New Testament portion. One of those places is in Ephesians 4:31-32 NKJV, "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

We are forgiven even as God in the form of the Messiah forgave us. Only God can forgive therefore, Yeshua is God. We can clearly see that this is an application of Leviticus 19:18. Don't hold onto a grudge and love your neighbor in Leviticus.

In Ephesians to forgive and be kind.

The New Testament portion contains many obvious applications of the Torah.

There are so many other things we are to value. What do you value in life? Are you worthy of God's eternal kingdom.

Do we value the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is supposed to be our helper.

One of the most important things in the life of the Messianic believer is the Holy Spirit which we are commanded to receive (see Acts 2:38-39). That is one of the main reasons the Messiah came. He came to give us another helper.

In John 14:15-17 NKJV Yeshua says, "**If you love Me, keep My commandments.** And I will pray the Father, and He **will give you another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever — the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." What is the Holy Spirit helping us to do?

There is a clear correlation in these scriptures about the Holy Spirit helping us to keep God's commandments. So, God still speaks to us today through the Holy Spirit and we can rely on Him to inspire us to live right. Perhaps we just have a thought that we should not do something; that could be the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will not tell us to do something that is wrong.

There are also gifts associated with the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 14:1, 3 NKJV says, "Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy." ... "But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men." Also, in verse 26, "How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification." Shaul wants them to be thoughtful how they do this; he is telling them to desire spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 14:37 NKJV says, "If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord." The Bible tells us to desire spiritual gifts and that is a commandment of God. God must consider this important because He tells Shaul to tell us that using the gifts of the Holy Spirit are commandments of God.

You can find out more about the spiritual gifts on our website teaching entitled, [Prayer Class](https://www.teshuvahsa.org/prayer-class):
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Do not forget we are created in God's image. We are to be a special people.

We are not mere animals, but we are created in God's image to live like Him. Be holy and imitate Yeshua. "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them;" Genesis 1:27 NKJV. Believe it or not, there are some people who are saying that each person is like a different animal. It just seems that people will do anything to degrade themselves and others.

We are to be holy and keep God's commandments and be good like God who is good.

Leviticus 20:7-8 NKJV says, "**Be holy**, for I am the LORD your God. and **you shall keep My statutes**, and perform them: I am the LORD who **sanctifies you.**"

Again, God says in Leviticus 11:44 NKJV, "**You shall be holy**; for I am holy."

Deuteronomy 7:6 NKJV says, "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to **be a people for Himself, a special treasure** above all the peoples on the face of the earth."

We are a treasured people! It says that 3 times in Deuteronomy (also in 14:2 and 26:18).

*The Bible says we are holy if we keep God's commandments
and that we are a treasured people!*

Some people say that we are holy without acting holy. Doesn't that sound ridiculous? The Bible tells us to be holy by keeping God's commandments. Didn't we just read that we are holy if we keep God's commandments. Yeshua gave us the commandments in the Old Testament portion. He is God. He said if we love Him, to keep His commandments. Think about it.

Kefa quotes this in 1 Peter. "But as He who called you is holy, you also **be holy in all your conduct**, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." 1 Peter 3:15-16 NKJV. We are to imitate God and the Messiah Yeshua. Shaul (Paul) said in 1 Corinthians 11:1 NKJV, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." Christ refers to being anointed in the Greek and so it refers to the Messiah (Yeshua).

We are to be like the Messiah Yeshua; He showed us how to live and He was holy and perfect. Shaul said in Ephesians 5:8-9 NKJV, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)." Yeshua, the Light of the World, came on Yom Teruah so we could also be lights in this world, and live in His future kingdom of light.

Finally

Yom Teruah means day of shouting or blasting and is the biblical name for Rosh Hashanah which signals a new Jewish year. The Trumpets sound on this day probably as a reminder of the coming of the Messiah Yeshua when the angels were shouting for joy on the Day of Shouting for the coming of the King. Someday in the future, at the last trump, Yeshua will return. The Messiah will raise those who hear Him, suggesting that those who kept God's commandments will be raised from the dead to be with Him in His eternal kingdom.

The next holy day is in just 10 days; the observance of Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur is the day when we confess our sins so we must get ready to change our life where it needs changing. During the previous month, the month of Elul, perhaps we have been getting ready for Yom Kippur. Some of us may have been doing some fasting. During these final 10 days we are to especially be getting ready. Yom Kippur is a prelude to the day of God's judgment. Sukkot, the celebration of the feast of tabernacles follows four days after Yom Kippur. It is a picture of our future celebration with God as His people in the future eternal kingdom. So, get right with God and be with Him in the future kingdom and celebration.

It will truly be an amazing time; and those who hear Yeshua will be with our good God for eternity. John 5:25 NKJV says, "The dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live."