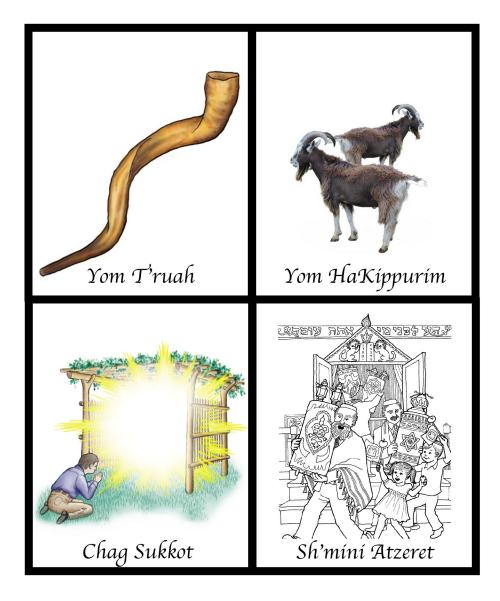
# The Fall Festivals



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A Messianic Program in Anticipation of the Return of Messiah

### Rosh HaShanah (New Year) and Yom T'ruah (Day of Blowing the Shofar) are two Biblical names for this Festival. We emphasize the latter.

Nisan 1 (preceding Passover) and Tishrei 1 (Rosh HaShanah) are two of four new years in the Hebrew calendar cycle. They are not (as often claimed) the sacred and civil new years: sacred and civil are not separate in Hebrew thought.

The four new years are as follows: (from Mishnah: Rosh HaShanah 1:7)

Nisan 1 — New Year for Kings and Festivals,
Elul 1 — New Year for Tithe of Animals,
Tishrei 1 — New Year for Calendar, Sabbatical and Jubilee Years,
Shevat 15 — New Year for Trees (Arbor Day).

This concept of multiple new years may be compared to our system of calendar years beginning January 1, our personal age in years changing on our birthday, and possibly our business having fiscal years beginning March 1.



Bles-sed be the Name of the Lord,

Ba-rukh ha-Shem A-do-nai!

## The Great Rehearsal Feast

This Festival is an annual rehearsal for the day when we will hear the last trump, when Yeshua will return and the righteous dead will be raised to crown Him King.

We have sung of our amazement at being allowed to be part of God's people. Next we will sing of joyful anticipation of entering the house of God, where the beginning of the Sabbath will be distinguished with candle lighting. Then we will offer evening prayers, recognizing the sovereign King who raises the dead.

Tonight we recite verses that speak of hearing the Shofar, the resurrection of the dead, and the Kingship of Yeshua our Messiah.

The Holy One, Blessed be He, said: "...on Rosh HaShanah recite before Me verses that speak of God's Sovereignty, Remembrance, and Shofar Blasts; Sovereignty so that you should make Me your King, Remembrance so that your remembrance should rise up before Me for your benefit (resurrection). And through what? Through the Shofar." - Rosh HaShanah 16a, 34b

The feast will then be ready, with blessings before and grace afterward.

Following the feast, we will rehearse hearing the trumps of the Shofar, the dead being raised, and Yeshua being crowned Messiah King of all the earth.





## Sh'ma Hear!

Leader:	<b>Bar'chu et Yahweh, Ham'vorakh.</b> Bless Yahweh, Who is to be praised.
Congregation:	<b>Barukh Yahweh, Ham'vorakh l'olam va-ed.</b> Blessed be Yahweh, Who is praised for all eternity.



Cong.: Hear, O Is-ra-el!

#### Congregation:

And these words, which I am instructing you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.

And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead; and you shall write them on the doorposts of your house, and on your gates.<sup>1</sup>

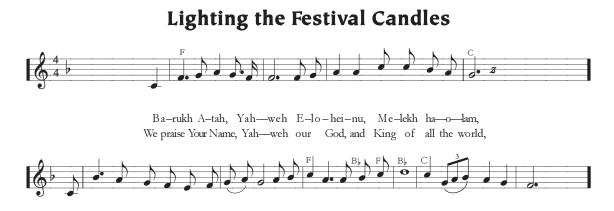
And it shall come to pass, if you shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to loveYahweh your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your corn, and your wine, and your oil.

And I will send grass in your fields for your cattle, that you may eat and be full. Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; And then Yahweh's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest you perish quickly from off the good land which Yahweh gives you.

Therefore shall you lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

And you shall teach them your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them upon the door posts of your house, and upon your gates:

that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which Yahweh sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.<sup>2</sup>



A—sher qid'-sha-nu b'mitz'-vo-tav, v'-tzi-va-nu l'had'liq neir shel----- Yom Tov. Who sanc-ti-fied us by Your Word, and taught us to kindle lights for the Ho-ly Day.



Festival candles are lighted before sunset on the beginning day of the Festival. The blessing is said after candle lighting.

Thus, we symbolically sanctify the Holy Day (Yom Tov).

#### **Candle Lighting Song** Dm Gm Dm Gm by Nancy Santiago © Messianic Ewe Productions CCLI License #68174 60 1. See the Shabbat candles burning bright, Flickering so softly in the night. 2. See the Shabbat candles glow, By their strong and steady flame we know, softly 3. See the Shabbat candles burn and burn, Just as in our hearts our spirits yearn. Dm Gm Dm 6 Ò O Ŧ Tel-ling light Ye-shuis the of the world,1 us —a be-ing lights we, By showthe our too, can world, For the Ye—shu will re-turn this world, day —a to Dm Ev-en in the darkness, ev-en in the nighttime, Ye-shu-a is the light of the world. Ev-en in the darkness, ev-en in the nighttime, Ye-shu-a is the light of the world. Then there'll be no darkness, Ye-shu-a is the light of the then there'll be no nighttime, world. Coda Dm 6 Then there'll be no darkness, then there'll be no nighttime, Ye----shu-a is the light of the world.

## Sh'moneh Es'reih Eighteen

The Sh'moneh Es'reih (Eighteen Benedictions) is the manner of prayer said three times a day by devout Jews, as David did evening, morning, and noon<sup>1</sup>, and as Daniel did at the cost of being thrown to the lions<sup>2</sup>. Its original formulation is attributed to the Great Assembly of Ezra's time, with the introduction, conclusion, (and a nineteenth blessing) being added later. It is also called the Amidah (Standing), as it is said in a standing position. Yeshua's prayer instruction to His disciples follows this pattern<sup>3</sup>. This translation is rendered according to the order of Yeshua's listing, with Messianic clarifications added in bold.

(A prayer to the One Who is Ruler of all, desires repentance, and is faithful to raise the dead.)

### Praise:

Leader:	O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise. <sup>4</sup>
All: Reader 1:	<i>Our Father</i> , and the God of our forefathers, Who remembered His promises to the patriarchs and brought a Redeemer to their children's children, for His Name's sake, in love - blessed are You, Yahweh our God <b>and Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah</b> . <sup>5</sup>
All: Reader 2:	<b>You dwell in the beavens.</b> Who is like You, O Master of mighty deeds, and who is comparable to You, O King Who causes death and restores life and makes salvation abound! And You are faithful to raise the dead. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who raises the dead.
All: Reader 3:	<i>Hallowed be Your Name.</i> You are holy, and Your Name is holy, and holy ones praise You every day, forever. Blessed are You, Yahweh, the holy God.

4. Psalm 51:15

<sup>2.</sup> Daniel 6:13-16

<sup>3.</sup> Matthew 6:9-13

### **Personal Requests:**

All:	May Your kingdom come, may Your will be done on earth as it is in the beavens. Give us this day our daily bread.
Reader 4:	Bless on our behalf - O Yahweh our God - this year and all its crops for the best, and give dew and rain for a blessing on the face of the earth, and satisfy us from Your bounty, and bless our year like the best years. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who blesses the years.
Reader 5:	Heal us, Yahweh - then we will be healed, for You are our praise. Bring complete recovery for all our ailments, for You are God, King, the faithful and compassionate Healer. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who heals the sick of His people.
Reader 6:	Behold our affliction in this world, and redeem us speedily for Your Name's sake, for You are a powerful Redeemer. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who redeems us <b>by the</b> <b>sacrifice of Yeshua</b> . <sup>6</sup>
All: Reader 7:	<i>Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,</i> for we have erred; pardon us, our King, for we have willfully sinned; for You pardon and forgive. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who forgives abundantly <b>through Yeshua</b> . <sup>7</sup>
All: Reader 8:	<i>Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</i> Bring us back, our Father, to Your Torah, and bring us near, our King, to Your service, and influence us to return in perfect repentance before You. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who desires repentance.
Reader 9:	You graciously endow man with intellect and teach insight to a frail mortal. Endow us graciously from before Yourself with intellect, insight, and wisdom. Blessed are You, Yahweh, gracious Giver of intellect.

# **Communal Requests:**

Reader 10:	Sound the great shofar of our freedom, raise the banner to gather our exiles and gather us together from the four corners of the earth. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who gathers all the dispersed of His people.
Reader 11:	Restore our judges as in earliest times and our counselors as at first; remove from us sorrow and pain; and reign over us – You, Yahweh, alone – with kindness and compassion, and justify us through judgment. Blessed are You, Yahweh, the King Who loves righteousness and judgment.
Reader 12:	On the righteous, on the devout, on the elders of Your people, on the remnant of their scholars, on the righteous converts and on ourselves – may Your compassion be aroused, Yahweh, our God, and give goodly reward to all who sincerely believe in Your Name. Put our lot with them forever, and we will not feel ashamed, for we trust in You. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Mainstay and Assurance of the righteous.
Reader 13:	And with <b>the New Jerusalem</b> , <sup>8</sup> Your holy city, may You return in compassion, and may You establish it soon in our days as an eternal structure, and may You speedily establish the throne of <b>Yeshua</b> , <b>son of</b> David, within it. Blessed are You, Yahweh, the Builder of Jerusalem.
Reader 14:	<b>Yeshua, the offspring of</b> Your servant David, may You speedily cause to return, for we hope for Your salvation all day long. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who causes salvation to flourish.

### Acceptance / Thanksgiving:

Reader 15: Hear our voice, for God Who hears prayer and supplications are You. Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, Who hears prayer in Yeshua's Name with compassion.

#### All: For Yours is the kingdom.

Reader 16: Be favorable, O Lord, toward the people of Your kingdom, and their prayer and service accept with love and favor. May our eyes behold Your return to Zion to reign in compassion. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who restores His presence to Zion.

#### All: And the power.

Reader 17:

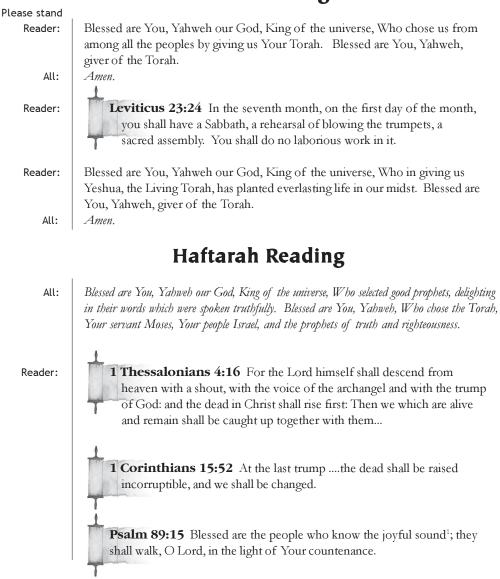
Establish peace, goodness, blessing, graciousness, kindness, and compassion upon us and bless us, our Father, with the light of Your countenance. You gave us, Yahweh, our God, the Torah of life and a love of kindness, righteousness, blessing, compassion, life, and peace. And may it be good in Your eyes to bless Your people, in every season and in every hour with Your peace. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who blesses His people with peace.

#### All: And the glory, forever.

- Reader 18: We gratefully thank You, and shall relate Your praise for our lives which are committed to Your power, and for our souls that are entrusted to You; for Your miracles that are with us every day; and for Your wonders and favors in every season - evening, morning, and afternoon. For all these, may Your Name be blessed and exalted, our King, continually forever and ever. Everything alive will gratefully acknowledge You, Selah! and praise Your Name sincerely, O God of our salvation and help, Selah! Blessed are You, Yahweh; Your Name is 'The Beneficent One' and to You it is fitting to give thanks.
  - Leader: May the expressions of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts find favor before You, Yahweh, our Rock and our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

# Torah Reading



All: Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the universe, Rock of ages, righteous throughout all generations. You are the faithful God, promising and then performing, speaking and then fulfilling, for all Your words are true and righteous. Faithful are You, Yahweh our God, and faithful are Your words, for no word of Yours shall remain unfulfilled; You are a faithful and merciful God and King. Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, Who are faithful in fulfilling all Your words.

## An Appointment with the King

Biblically, the New Moon was not fixed by astronomical calculations, but was solemnly proclaimed after witnesses had testified to the reappearance of the crescent of the moon. Immediately after the 29th of each month, the members of the High Court assembled in a courtyard in Jerusalem, named Beit Ya'azek, where they waited to receive the testimony of two reliable witnesses; they then sanctified the New Moon (separated the new month). If the moon's crescent was not seen following the 29th day, the New Moon was automatic; celebrated on the day following the 30th, which would thus be the 1st day of the new month.

This, therefore, is the Festival season that, 'No one knows about that day or hour'. "Not even ...the Son, only the Father", as a son does not know when he may go to take his bride until his father declares his readiness. It is the Festival in which we are to stay awake two nights and days watching.

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 "Now, brothers, about (festival) seasons and dates we do not need to write to you. [You know that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night; while people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.] You, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. [For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.] Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

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  - Matthew 24:36-44 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; And they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with the hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore **keep watch**, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. Since you must be ready, lest the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."
  - Mark 13:34-37 "It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"
  - **Luke 12:35-37** "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning. Like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them."

In the ancient style, we see *three meanings* in these scriptures; and this is the message of the evening:

**Firstly**, they speak of an *bistorical* remembrance of dwelling in the wilderness, on the way to the promised land.

**Secondly**, they speak of a literal Festival that is a *prophetic* rehearsal, and a moed'- an appointment with God for which we are to stay alert and watch;

**Thirdly**, they teach a *spiritual* message that we should always be alert and ready. Those who have Yeshua as King in their life now - who have trusted Him and submitted to God's rule in their everyday living, also have the glorious hope of being in the resurrection to crown Him King of all the Earth - to reign with Him! Those who claim faith but have not submitted to God's rule tend to be fearful, having their hope in things that can never satisfy. Let us love and serve our Saviour with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might!<sup>2</sup>

## Teshuvah! Teshuvah! Repent! Repent!

A man spoke these words almost 2,000 years ago while standing in the Jordan River looking up at the people along the surrounding hillside. The man was John the baptizer,<sup>1</sup> and this was the time of his calling the people to a state of repentance. The thirty days preceding Yom Teruah are specifically a time for repentance.

### What is complete Teshuvah?

When one who has transgressed is faced with the opportunity to repeat the sin and he has the power to do so, yet he refrains – neither because of fear nor because of weakness – but because he wishes to turn to God.

### How should one repent?

A sinner should abandon his sinfulness, drive it from his thoughts and conclude in his heart that he will never do it again<sup>2</sup>. Additionally, he should regret the past<sup>3</sup> and he must confess with his lips and declare those things that he has concluded in his heart, and make restitution if applicable. By definition, sin is that which is contrary to God's instruction<sup>4</sup> and opposite to actions showing faith in God<sup>5</sup>.

Let us turn and serve our Saviour with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might!

## **The Festival Meal**

#### **Blessing Over the Juice:**

Drink grape juice.

The round loaves of Hallah - the special bread on the table, symbolize the crown of Messiah King.

#### **Blessing Over the Bread:**

Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the universe, Who brings forth bread from the earth.

Eat piece of bread with honey - this implies resurrection.

The apples and honey traditionally symbolize the sweetness of the fruit of this long-awaited day.

#### **Blessing for Keeping:**

All:

Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the universe, Who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

#### **Blessing Over the Fruit:**

All: Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the tree.

Eat bite of apple with honey.

All: May it be Your will, Yahweh our God, that You renew us for a good and sweet year.

Eat rest of apple with honey.

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All: Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

All:

Nehemiah 8:1 "And all the people assembled as one man in the street that was before the water gate; and they spoke to Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel. 2 And Ezra the priest brought the Torah before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read in it before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Torah. 4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; .... 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: 6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered. Amen, Amen, with lifting their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. 7 Also .... the Levites, caused the people to understand the Torah: and the people stood in their place. 8 So they read in the book of the Torah of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, ... and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said to all the people. This day is holy to the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Torah. 10 Then he said to them,

'Eat choice food, and drink sweet drink, and send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy to our Lord: neither be ye sad; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' "



## The Festival Meal is Served

## Bir'khat haMazon Grace After the Meal

"When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless Yahweh your God for the good land which He has given you." - Deuteronomy 8:10

Leader:	Let us praise God.
All:	May God be praised now and forever."
Leader:	May God be praised now and forever. <sup>1</sup> Let us praise our God of Whose bounty we have partaken and through Whose goodness we live.
All:	Let us praise our God of Whose bounty we have partaken and through Whose goodness we live.
Leader:	<ul> <li>Praised be He, and praised be His name.</li> <li>Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the universe,</li> <li>Who sustains the world with goodness, with grace, with love and mercy. He gives food to every creature, for His mercy endures forever.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Through His great goodness, we have not lacked, and may we never lack, our daily bread. For God is great; He nourishes and sustains all, and deals bountifully with all, providing food for all His creatures.</li> <li>Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who provides food for all.</li> </ul>
All:	Sustain Jerusalem, the Holy City, now and forever. Blessed are You, Yahweh, Who in His grace builds Jerusalem. Amen. May He Who makes peace on high, make peace for us, and for all Israel. May God give strength to His people. May God bless His people with peace.

## Rosh Chodesh New Month

The Scriptures use the moon as a symbol of the Messiah. Yom T'ruah begins with the sighting and certifying of the New Moon of the month Tishrei. This begins the Hebrew Calendar Year, and is also called Rosh HaShanah, the head of the year. (It begins the seventh month of the Festival Year<sup>1</sup>.)

We start this day in the evening, with two groups ascending Mt. Zion to look for the new moon. One group is Jewish, the other group is gentile.

**Luke 13:15** You shall not see Me, until the time comes when you say "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!"

(That time is Yom T'ruah, when the shofar is blown and the people sing Barukh Haba.)

All sing:	Barukh Haba Bashem Adonai - Yeshua haMashiach! Barukh Haba Bashem Adonai - Jesus our Messiah! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
Jewish group:	We must stay awake and watch for the new moon. It may be found tonight or tomorrow. We do not know the day or the hour. We are supposed to rehearse this each year, so that we are not fooled by false messiahs. What are those Goyim doing up here -watching? Don't they know that this is for Jews?
Gentile group:	The Apostle Paul told us to not let anyone condemn us for observing new moons, because it is a symbol of what is to come, the Messiah. He is coming not for the Jews only, but for the whole world. One of these years, when we see this new moon, Messiah will come for us too! <sup>2</sup>
The day comes, and the next evening. Those who look for Messiah have stayed awake. The thin crescent of the new moon is sighted.	
Jewish group:	It is His sign! We must run to tell the Priest exactly how we have seen it, and then he will anounce the new moon that starts the new year.
Gentile group:	We have seen the sign of the Son-of-Man! Now, if we listen, we shall hear the trumpeting <sup>3</sup> of the Shofar. If we always stay awake to watch for this new moon, we may one day see Jesus return!

# The Blowing of the Shofar

Leader:

Barukh Atah, Yahweh Eloheinu, Melekh ha-olam, Asher qid'shanu b'mitz'votav v'tzivanu lishmoah kol Shofar.

All in unison:

Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us by Your Word, and has instructed us to hear the Shofar.

O King, remember the ram whose horn was entangled, for the sake of those who blow for You today with the horn, O Awesome and Holy One!

Four trumps of the Shofar are heard - they are a call to awake! They mean:

search your heart and repent,..... be sorrowful for sin,..... stand by the Banner of God.



The next trumps are heard - they are a serious call to soul searching repentance!





Tekiah

The last three trumps are heard;... the last trump, **Tekiah Gedolah**, calls for the Return of the Great One! Maybe one year while we are rehearsing, God will sound the Last Trump, Yeshua will return, the dead will rise, and we who are alive will join them.





"Behold, He comes with clouds,<sup>1</sup>.... with the shout of the archangel,.... and the Trump of God!"<sup>2</sup>



#### Tekiah Gedolah!

## **Resurrection of the Saints**

Congregation singing during resurrection scene:

You are the Mighty One forever, Yahweh; You are the Mighty One forever, Yahweh! You raise the dead, sleeping in their graves. You are mighty to save! You raise the dead, sleeping in their graves, You are mighty to save!

(repeat)

## **Coronation of Messiah King Yeshua**

The living join the risen for the Coronation dance:

All sing:

Hail to the King! Hail to the King! Hail to the King of Kings!
Hail to the King! Hail to the King! Hail to the King, the King of Kings!
Make way for the King, Make way for the King, He has come to declare His throne!
Make way for the King, Make way for the King, the Lamb sits upon His throne!

All hail Yeshua! All hail Emmanuel! King of kings. Lord of lords. Bright morning star! And through all eternity I'll sing His praises; And I'll reign with Him throughout eternity.

(repeat)

## Yamim Noraim The Days of Awe

The ten days between the Feast of Trumpets (Yom T'ruah) and the Day of the Atonements (YomHaKippurim) are known as the Days of Awe (Yamim Noraim). What distinguishes the Days of Awe from all other festivals is that here, and only here, do God's people kneel. They kneel not to confess faults or to pray for forgiveness of sins; they kneel only in beholding the immediate nearness of Emmanuel, God With Us, on this occasion which transcends the earthly cares of the day. They have as their goal: arriving at rest on the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) for the Marriage of the Lamb.



We celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) by living in a Sukkah for eight days - beginning in two weeks.

Yeshua celebrated Sukkot, as recorded in John 7:1 - 8:1. He showed how the major events of the festival —lighting the 75 foot menorahs and the water pouring ceremony — represent Him as the light of the world, and as the source of rivers of living water.

The Feast of Tabernacles will be celebrated in the future by the nations according to Ezekiel 45:17 - 46:5 and Zechariah 14:1-21.

Now, as we celebrate the Days of Awe, let us complete our repenting — our returning to God — out of love for Yeshua. Let us use these ten days to draw near to God. Let us have as our goal to be ready to rest with joy on the Feast of Tabernacles — the rehearsal for the Marriage of the Lamb — in two weeks.

## Aleinu It is Incumbent upon us...

#### Please stand

All:

It is incumbent upon us to praise the Master of all, to exalt the Creator of the world, for He has made us distinct from the nations and unique among the families of the earth. He has not assigned our portion like theirs, nor our lot like all the multitudes.

We therefore bow in awe and thanksgiving before the One Who is sovereign over all, the Holy One, blessed be He.

He stretched forth the heavens like a tent and established the earth.<sup>1</sup> Truly there is none like our Lord and King. As the Torah says, "You shall know this day and reflect in your heart that it is Yahweh Who is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath, there is none else."<sup>2</sup>

We hope, Yahweh our God, to soon behold Your majestic glory when all abominations shall be removed, and all false gods shall be at an end. Then shall the world be perfected under the rule of the Lord Almighty, and all mankind shall call upon Your name. For to You every knee must bow and every tongue declare that You are God.<sup>3</sup>

Reign over us soon and forever.<sup>4</sup> May the kingdom of David's greater son Yeshua be established forever. For then shall the words be fulfilled, "Yahweh shall be King forever," and, "Yahweh shall be King over all the earth." On that day, Yahweh shall be One, and His Name One.<sup>5</sup>

# Bir'khat Khohanim Priestly Blessing

Leader:	Y'varech'cha Yahweh v'yish'm'recha; Yaeir Yahweh panav eilecha vichunecha; Yissa Yahweh panav eilecha v'yaseim l'cha sha-lom.
	Yahweh bless you and keep you; Yahweh make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; Yahweh lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. <sup>1</sup>
Congregation:	Amen.