

Sounding the SHOFAR

RELEASING THE SOUND OF VICTORY
OVER OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES

A BIBLICAL GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL PREPARATION DURING ELUL

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What Is Elul? What Is the Shofar?

You don't need a Hebrew dictionary to understand this. You only need to know that God marked one season of the year "appointed" — and we are standing in it right now.

On God's calendar, the year doesn't end in December. It ends with Elul, the last month of the Hebrew year. Elul isn't the name of a holiday — it's the name of a forty-day window of preparation that leads into the fall's holiest days: Rosh Hashanah (the Feast of Trumpets), Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement), and Sukkot (the Feast of Tabernacles).

The Bible calls a season like this a *moed* — an "appointed time." Not a suggestion. A reservation God made on His own calendar, thousands of years in advance, for something to happen in your life. Genesis 1:14 says God gave us seasons for exactly this reason: so we would never miss what He is doing.

THE SHOFAR ISN'T A SYMBOL. IT'S AN INSTRUCTION.

The shofar is a ram's horn, and it may be the oldest instrument mentioned in Scripture. But it was never meant to sit on a shelf. God commanded His people to sound it at appointed times, and in the very same passage called it a weapon: "When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies" (Numbers 10:9).

That's the whole point of this guide. The shofar isn't decoration. It's function. For the next forty days, it's your alarm clock.

THE ROAD FROM HERE TO SUKKOT



VERSE TO CARRY WITH YOU

"Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand"

Joel 2:1

FIVE WORDS WORTH KNOWING

Elul

The last month of the Hebrew year. It means "to search."

Moed

An appointed time God set on His calendar in advance.

Shofar

A ram's horn, sounded as a call to worship, warfare, and awakening.

Teshuvah

"To return" — turning your whole heart back to God.

Tzedakah

Righteous giving; generosity treated as an act of worship.

5 Reasons God Calls Us to Sound the Shofar

Scripture never treats the shofar as tradition for tradition's sake. Every time it sounds, something is meant to happen.

1 IT WAKES YOU UP

Ancient rabbis taught that the shofar's sound carries a hidden message: sleeper, wake up, examine your life, remember your Creator. Before you can return to God, you have to notice you drifted. The shofar interrupts spiritual sleep before it becomes spiritual silence.

2 IT'S A WEAPON AGAINST YOUR ENEMY

"When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you... sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies" (Numbers 10:9). Whatever is attacking you — your health, your family, your finances — the shofar is a spiritual weapon that was given, not invented.

3 IT BREAKS DECEPTION AND RESTORES YOUR SIGHT

Confusion and deception thrive in silence. The shofar's blast is meant to cut through the noise of the enemy's lies and restore what Scripture calls "eyes to see and ears to hear" — clarity about what God is actually doing in your life right now.

4 IT MARKS GOD'S APPOINTED TIME FOR BLESSING

Ancient Jewish wisdom teaches that during Elul, God moves from a throne of judgment to a throne of mercy. This isn't a random forty days. It's the open window on God's calendar for the blessing, breakthrough, and reward He has reserved for the year ahead.

5 IT CALLS YOU TO TZEDAKAH — LOVING GOD BY LOVING PEOPLE

Hearing the shofar was never meant to be the finish line. In Jewish tradition, teshuvah (returning to God) is inseparable from tzedakah (returning to others) through generosity and kindness. This is tikkun olam: repairing the world, one act at a time.

ONE SOUND, FIVE PURPOSES

"Notice what these five reasons have in common: every one of them expects a response. The shofar isn't sounded so you'll feel something for a moment — it's sounded so you'll wake up, fight back, see clearly, prepare, and give."

Why This Changes Everything

Here's what almost nobody teaches you: the shofar was never given to be admired. It was given so something would happen when you actually blow it.

Scripture calls Israel's appointed feasts "a shadow of the things to come" (Colossians 2:16-17). A shadow isn't fake — it's a preview. Every time these appointed times have arrived exactly on schedule in the past, something real has followed: Jesus became our Passover sacrifice at the very hour the lambs were being offered. Fifty days later, on the exact day of Shavuot, the Holy Spirit fell on the church. These were never coincidences. They were appointments, kept.

"Before God brings a new blessing, He often gives us a new opportunity to be a blessing."

PASTOR TIZ HUCH

AN ALARM WITH YOUR NAME ON IT

That's what makes Elul more than a tradition to observe from a distance. Teshuvah — "to return" — isn't a symbolic gesture. It's an invitation to return your whole heart, your relationships, and your resources to God during a window Scripture treats as uniquely open to mercy and reward.

Pastor Larry Huch has shared publicly that during a recent Elul season, as his family committed to sounding the shofar and pursuing this appointed time in prayer, his wife Tiz — who had battled cancer for years — experienced a rapid improvement in her health that her own doctors called unusual. Their story isn't a formula, and no two journeys look the same. But it's a testimony worth telling: God still meets obedience with power.

This is the why behind the sound. The shofar isn't a ritual you perform — it's an alarm clock for your spirit, a weapon against your enemy, and an open door into everything God has appointed for you this year.

REMEMBER THIS

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout... and with the trumpet call of God."

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16

Your 40 Days Start Now

You don't need to own a shofar to begin. You need a willing heart.

1 Listen

Find a recording of the shofar, or blow one if you have it, and let the sound become your daily reminder to stop, pray, and pay attention to what God is saying.

2 Return — Teshuvah

Each day, ask God a simple question: "Is there anything between us? Anyone I need to forgive? Anything I need to release?" Then respond to what He shows you.

3 Give — Tzedakah

Look for one act of kindness or generosity every day. Tikkun olam — repairing the world — starts with what's right in front of you.

You Are Not Meant to Walk This Season Alone

This Elul, Larry Huch Ministries is standing with the Jewish people through practical acts of tzedakah — delivering Rosh Hashanah food to Holocaust survivors and the elderly, and giving children traumatized by war a summer of healing and hope. Scripture says that when you bless Israel, you plant a seed into good soil (Genesis 12:3). If this season is stirring something in you, we would love for you to be part of it.

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THE SHOFAR
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