

Day of Trumpets

There are many teachings on the Fall Feast days. You can spend many hours diving into them. For some, it is truly overwhelming. Remember, we do not need to have it all figured out the very first time we celebrate them. Give yourself some grace, mark those calendars, and... Breathe.

The Fall Feast days are here! It is an exciting time of the year. However, for many of us women, they may cause much anxiety too. As preparers of meals and the love of "celebrating", we want to make sure we are doing it "right". As a mother, I want to teach my children not just the days they fall on but what their message is from our Heavenly Father. What do they mean? What are the purposes that Yah has set aside these special days to remember each year for all generations to come? Remember, give yourself some grace.

These are things that we will continue to learn and grow in. There is no evidence that the children of Israel perfectly understood the meaning of these days when they were first given. Plus, much of what is believed to be the meanings of these days by teachers and scholars are really based on speculation. While they may be right, we don't really know for sure. For example, the Spring Holy days weren't truly understood until they were exemplified in Yeshua's first coming. Likewise, these days will make perfect sense once his second coming is completed.

I hope to share in this article only what is instructed in the Word. That is most important for us to learn. The traditions can be wonderful tools of teaching on their own but not "needed" in living out our walk with Him.

How do we celebrate each Holy Day as a family? What is it supposed to look like? Let's start with the first set apart day we are instructed to keep in the fall season. This day is known as the Day of Trumpets, Yom Teruah, Rosh Hashanah, and The Day of Blowing. It goes by four different names, but still the same day.

Here are the scripture verses in reference to this day:

Lev. 23:24 "Speak to the people of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy convocation. Lev. 23:25 You shall not do any ordinary work, and you shall present a food offering to the LORD."

Num. 29:1 "On the first day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work. It is a day for you to blow the trumpets,

In looking at these scriptures, it is very simple to understand. Then the questions pop up, "Well, what does it mean to blow the trumpets? Do we as a family need to get trumpets? Is it our group gathering that blows the trumpets? Where do we get trumpets? Does it matter what kind they are? What about the food offering? How can we observe bringing a food offering? Where do we present a food offering?" These are the thoughts that make way for the anxiety to settle in. We will break it down and help the blood pressure to go back to normal! Do not let the learning of His holy days take the joy away. There is so much of His grace and love threaded within these days. Through remembering and "doing" these days of instruction, you will only come to know His heart more. His love is amazing!

Let's start with looking at the calendar. What is the first day of the seventh month? It is the first day on the seventh month of the "Hebraic calendar". There are many different views on the calendar. We can all only do our best with the understanding that we have been given. You

will want to research the different opinions out there and the "why" of reaching to those conclusions. As for our family, we follow the Conjunction and you can view the calendar here on our website. You can also view this detailed teaching on the conjunction calendar if you desire to dive into the topic.

"You shall not do any ordinary work. Observe the day with rest." I certainly can get into that! Take the day off from your everyday workload. REST. Enjoy time with other believers. For those who have no one nearby, it can feel troubling. I thank Yah for the desire of your hearts to want to gather with other believers. He sees your heart. Do not give up hope to be with others of like mind and the love for His ways. Ultimately, we will all gather together one day as He has promised.

Look at Numbers 29:1 again. "On the first day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall not do any ordinary work. It is a day for you to blow the trumpets."

In this verse, the word "trumpets" is not written in the Hebrew. It is the word Teruah and is translated literally as "Blasts or "Shouts". It is implied here in Num. 29:1 to be "trumpets" that are blown but not defined as such. The Hebrew does not mention trumpets or shofars.

The reason for the implication of shofars being blown is because of how the word Teruah is used in Num 10:1-7. There are two silver trumpets here which are used to call the people together and/or the leaders. They are also blown to move the camp. The word Teruah in verse 5 means "blasts". This is why Num. 29:1 is implied to be blasts or shouts of trumpets or shofars. With all that being said, the "shouts", or the "blasts of trumpets" are to be heard on this day.

This is not a Temple commandment. There is nothing that keeps us from taking part in these instructions. Whether you are able to gather together to give out the blast or to do it from your homes, give out a shout and/or blow your shofar and rejoice in this day He has set apart!

While the Day of Trumpets can include regular shouts from our voices, we do have an instruction that requires a shofar to be blown and not just shouts. This is found in Lev. 25:9 which is concerning the Day of Atonement announcing the coming Jubilee. For more about Lev 25:9 Here is a link to our teaching titled "The Last Trump".

Lastly, the food offering is to be presented to YHWH. We are not in a place where we are able to bring that to Him. Without the Temple, there are many instructions we can only memorialize and cannot truly live out.

One day, we have the hope of being with our Creator and then learning how to do all things "right". Until then, we pursue what we can because of our love for Him. So relax, breathe, and enjoy these days the Father has given us.

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