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Yom Teruah in Scripture

- The sixth of eight 'Feasts of the Lord' commanded in Leviticus 23

*'Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the **seventh month**, on the **first day** of the month, you shall have **a sabbath-rest**, a **memorial of blowing of trumpets**, a **holy convocation**. You shall do **no customary work** on it; and you shall offer **an offering** made by fire to the Lord.'"*

Leviticus 23: 23-25

- Sometimes called 'The Feast of Trumpets' - because of the blowing of the shofar
 - The First Day of the Seventh Month (Tishrei)
 - The only feast celebrated at the time of the new moon (1st Tishrei)
 - Half way through the Jewish religious year (6 months from 1st Nisan)
 - No specific name given by the Lord for this feast - unlike the Feasts of Pesach (Passover), Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Shavuot (Feast of Weeks), Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) and Sukkot (Tabernacles)
 - No explicit reason is given for the feast, other than the commands for its observance
- The Lord 's Command

- **A Sabbath Rest**

- **Hebrew: *shabbâthôn*** translated in KJV either as 'rest' or 'sabbath'
- **Literally 'a sabbath of rest'** - a double emphasis since the principal command on a Sabbath is to rest
- Hence - no customary work is permitted

- **A Memorial of Blowing**

- **Hebrew: *zikhron*** - meaning a memorial, a mark or a record
- **Hebrew: *terû'âh*** - meaning blowing (of trumpets), shouting or clamour - it's about making a noise
- **The day is known in biblical terms as Yom Teruah - Yom (Day), Teruah (Blowing)** - the shofar (a ram's horn) is blown at least 100 times during the synagogue service on Yom Teruah - fulfilling the command to make a *teruah* (a noise)
- **A 'memorial' of blowing - something remembered or recorded by the blowing of a ram's horn**
 - Hence, one of the names by which this day is known, is the **Day of Remembrance, Yom Ha-Zikiron**
 - **Recalling the ram divinely provided as a ransom for Isaac's life** - the Torah readings for Yom Teruah are *Genesis 21 & 22*
 - **Recalling the giving of the Torah to Israel at Sinai** - the sound of the trumpet was heard long and loud (*Exodus 19: 16-20*)
- It is referred to in one of Asaph's psalms

*'Sing aloud to God our strength; make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. Raise a song and strike the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the lute. **Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, at the full moon, on our solemn feast day.** For this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.'* **Psalm 81: 1-4**

- **A Holy Convocation**

- **Hebrew: *qôdesh miqrâ'*** - meaning a sacred assembly - literally to be 'called out'
- **Both words, 'holy' and 'convocation', have the meaning of being consecrated or set apart** - so it is a day when we are called out from normal daily activities in order to consecrate the day to the Lord

- All the Feasts of the Lord are declared to be holy convocations (Lev. 23: 2)

- Offerings for The Feast of Trumpets

*'And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work. For you it is a day of blowing the trumpets. You shall offer a **burnt offering** as a sweet aroma to the Lord: one young bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their first year, without blemish. Their **grain offering** shall be fine flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah for the bull, two-tenths for the ram, and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; also one kid of the goats as a **sin offering**, to make atonement for you; besides the burnt offering with its grain offering for the New Moon, **the regular burnt offering** with its grain offering, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, as a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord.'*

Numbers 29: 1-6

- **Burnt Offerings** - one young bullock, one ram, and seven lambs (yearlings)
 - The whole animal is burnt - the most extravagant sacrifice because the entirety is given to the Lord - an atoning offering
 - A sweet aroma (savour) to the Lord - signifying complete self-dedication to the Lord - so we too are to be - *Romans 12: 1-2*

*'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a **living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God**, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.'*

Romans 12: 1-2

- **Grain Offering** - fine flour mixed with oil
 - A portion being burnt with the animal offerings and the remainder was for the priests
 - ❖ Three tenths of an ephah for the bull
 - ❖ Two tenths of an ephah for the ram
 - ❖ One tenth of an ephah for each of the seven lambs
 - ❖ Twelve tenths of an ephah in all - (an ephah is about 1 bushel or 36 litres, weighing around 25kg for flour/ corn)
 - The Grain offering is also a sweet aroma to the Lord - signifying dedication in worship - acceptable to God because it accompanied the burnt (atonement) offering

- **Sin Offering** - one kid of the goats
 - An offering of expiation - for cleansing from guilt
 - **A foretaste of what will be in 10 days time on Yom Kippur** - when two goats will be used...one killed and its blood sprinkled the horns of the altar (on the mercy seat)...and the other goat has laid (confessed) on it the sins of the people and is led away into the desert
- **The Normal 'New Moon' Offerings**
 - Offerings to be made monthly on the first day of the month - as commanded in *Numbers 28: 11-15*
 - ❖ The Burnt Offerings
 - ❖ The Grain Offering
 - ❖ The Drink Offering
 - A sweet aroma to the Lord

Jewish Observance & Customs

- **Rosh Hashanah - The 'Head of the Year'**
 - **Rabbinic Judaism's Reinvention** - celebrates Tishrei 1 both as a Day of Blowing (in the Synagogue Service) and now, principally, as Rosh Hashanah (meaning 'Head of the Year')
 - **Since the destruction of the temple in 70 AD, Rabbinic Judaism has had to reinvent the way Feasts of the Lord are celebrated - so the name changed to Rosh Hashanah in Talmudic times and it is now associated with the start of the Jewish civil year**
 - **Nowadays, Tishrei 1 is the beginning of the Jewish Civil Year** - the day when the year number changes (a sort of New Years' Day)
 - Tishrei 1, which began on the evening of Wednesday 20th September, saw the commencement of the Jewish year numbered 5778
- **In The Beginning**

- Rosh Hashanah, according to Jewish Tradition (*The Mishnah - Sanhedrin 38b*), is the sixth day of creation when the Lord God made Adam & Eve
- The letters of the word *bereshit* (in the beginning) can be rearranged to make 'aleph b'Tishri' (on the 1st of Tishrei)



on the 1st of Tishri

in the beginning

- One purpose of the sounding of the shofar is to announce the coronation of a King - the creation account reminds us that the Lord God is King of Creation
 - Jewish custom is to commemorate Yom Teruah as the day when the Lord began to rule as King of the Universe (*Psalm 47*)
- The Books of Life and Death
 - Eternal Destiny - God has appointed a Judgement Day (*Acts 17: 31*) - Jewish tradition is that on Rosh Hashanah the Books of Life and Death are written
 - The Righteous (*tsaddikim*) are inscribed in the Book of Life
 - The Wicked (*resha'im*) are inscribed in the Book of Death
 - Many people (perhaps most) are not inscribed in either book - but have ten days (until Yom Kippur...the Day of Atonement) to repent...before their fate is sealed when the books are closed on Yom Kippur
 - Hence the customary greeting at this time of year: '*L'Shannah Tovah Tikatevu*' (May you be inscribed for a good year) to which the reply is '*Gam lekha*' (Same to you)
 - Days of Awe - the ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (the most holy day of the Jewish year) are days of inner reflection and repentance

- **Eternal Destiny - How different is this Rabbinic Judaism approach from that of Messianic Believers & Christianity**
 - **Being inscribed in the Book of Life is not something one has to go through every year for the believer in Yeshua**
 - **As Yeshua was the 'once and for all perfect sacrifice for our sin' (*Hebrews 10: 1-10*), so our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life 'once and for all' when we repent and believe in Yeshua**
 - **Indeed, scripture tells us that, because the Lord (who is outside of time) knows the end from the beginning - we are 'foreknown' and 'predestined' for glory (*Romans 8: 29-30*) - but the names of some (earth-dwellers') are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life, from the foundation of the world (*Revelation 17:8*)**

'For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.'

Romans 8: 29-30

'The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.'

Revelation 17: 8

- **Repentance - a theme associated with the month of Elul which precedes Rosh Hashanah**
 - **Special Prayers (*selichot*) for Forgiveness** - are added into the synagogue service in the week before Rosh Hashanah
 - **Tashlikh (casting off) Ceremony** - on the afternoon of Tishrei 1 many Jews will symbolically cast their sins into a body of water - based on *Micah 7: 18-20* ...this is a beautiful custom, highlighting (for us) the completeness of the Lord's forgiveness when we repent of sin

*'Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. **You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham**, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old. **Micah 7: 18-20***

- Ritual Bathing - on the day before Rosh Hashanah Orthodox men will undergo a *mikvah* (ritual bath) - for cleansing
- The Cover of the Ark (*parokhet*) in the Synagogue - is changed to one of plain white, signifying purity
- Submission to God
 - The Torah Readings on Rosh Hashanah are the '*Akedah*' (the Binding of Isaac) *Genesis 21 & 22*
 - This is the story of Abraham's obedience to the Lord to sacrifice his only son, Isaac - who was the son the Lord promised Abraham when He said that he would be would be the father of a great nation, and that this would be through Isaac his son
Genesis 21: 12
 - This reading emphasises, for all who will heed it, that it is the Lord God who provides the ram for the sacrifice - His only son Yeshua...the Mount of Moriah is none other than the mount of Yeshua's crucifixion
 - The Fruits of Repentance - are a life submitted to the Lord
- The Coming Judgement
 - Yom Teruah signifies that a Day of Judgement is coming

*"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because **He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.**"*
Acts 17: 30-31

- Jewish tradition is that on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) **the books are sealed** - the judgement of men is made in all its fullness and finality (but only for the next year...which may be ones' last)
- At Judgement Day - Eternal Destiny will be Determined
 - For those of Faith *John 11: 25-27; Revelation 20: 6*

*'Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And **whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.** Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."*
John 11: 25-27

*'Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. **Over such the second death has no power**, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.'*
Revelation 20: 6

- **For those of Works** **Revelation 20: 11-15**

'Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them.

*And **they were judged, each one according to his works**. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And **anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire**.*

Revelation 20: 11-15

- **Rabbinic Judaism - Mitzvah...a works salvation - the way to be inscribed in the Book of Life is through repentance and obedience to God's commandments and good works (mitzvah) [which actually means commandment]**
- **For the Messianic Believers in Yeshua - the way to be inscribed in the Book of Life is by grace through faith in Yeshua's sacrificial offering for our sin**
 - We are to show forth the fruits of the Spirit in our lives - but our righteousness is not based upon our 'good works'

This difference is why the Jewish People need to hear the gospel

Blowing the Shofar

- **As commanded in scripture - the shofar is blown many times in the synagogue at Yom Teruah - *Leviticus 23: 23-25; Numbers 29: 1***
- **The Shofar - a trumpet of ram's horn - *Joshua 6: 4***
 - **It recalls the ram caught in the thicket in the story of Abraham and Isaac**
- **Shofar Blasts - four primary types:**
 - ***Tekiah* - a long blast**

- *Shevarim* - three short blasts
- *Teru'ah* - nine staccato blasts
- *Tekiah Gedolah* - a great long blast
- **Biblical Reasons for Blowing the Shofar (12)**
 - The Coronation of a King - *1 Kings 1: 34*
 - A Call to Worship - *2 Chron. 29: 26-28; Psalm 98: 4-6; Psalm 150; Joel 2:15*
 - A Holy Procession - *2 Samuel 6: 12-15; 1 Chron.15: 14*
 - The Giving of the Law - *Exodus 19: 16-20, 20: 18*
 - Sounding the Alarm - *Nehemiah 4: 15-20; Jeremiah 4: 19-21, 6: 1, 6: 17; Joel 2: 1*
 - A Call to Battle - *Numbers 10: 9; 1 Samuel 13: 3*
 - A Weapon of Warfare - *Joshua 6: 1-20; Judges 7: 19-22*
 - Proclaiming Freedom & Liberty - *Leviticus 25: 8-10*
 - Commanded at Yom Teruah - *Leviticus 23: 23-25*
 - Gathering of God's Elect - *Matthew 24: 31*
 - Proclaiming Judgement - *Joel2: 1; Revelation 8: 6 - 9: 21*
 - Announcing the Comings of Yeshua
 - To Save Israel - *Zechariah 9: 14-16*
 - To Receive His Bride (Rapture) - *1 Thess. 4: 16-17; 1 Cor. 15: 50-54*

Prophetic Significance of the Feasts of the Lord

- **The Feasts of the Lord - are prophetic of God's plan of redemption**
There are 8 Feasts of the Lord - they are described in Leviticus 23
 - **Spring & Summer Feasts - Soteriological (salvation) events - Messiah's first coming (4 feasts in this period of the year)**

- **Passover (Pesach) - Redemption & Reconciliation**
 - **Messiah's crucifixion** *Romans 5: 6-11; 1 Corinthians 5: 7*
- **Unleavened Bread - Righteousness**
 - **Holy Living** *Romans 5: 18-21; 1 Corinthians 5: 8*
- **Firstfruits - Resurrection**
 - **Messiah's Resurrection** *Romans 6: 4-11; 1 Corinthians 15: 20-23*
- **Pentecost (Shavuot) - Revival**
 - **Outpouring of the Holy Spirit** *John 16: 12-15; Acts 1: 4-5, 2: 1-4*
 - **Beginning of the 'Church Age'** *Acts 2: 40-47*
- **Autumn Feasts - Eschatological (end time) events - Messiah's 2nd coming** **(3 feasts in this period of the year)**
 - **Trumpets (Yom Teruah) - Regathering**
 - **Regathering of the Church - the 'rapture' at the last trump**
 - **Regathering of Israel - from the ends of the earth by His angels**
 - **The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) - Return, Renewal & Revealing**
 - **Return of Messiah to Save Israel from Destruction**
 - **Renewal & Cleansing of the Jewish People**
 - **Revealing of Yeshua as King of Kings & Lord of Lords**
 - **Sukkot (Tabernacles) - Restoration & Residence**
 - **The Restoration of All Things - Yeshua comes as King to rule and reign for 1,000 years (the Millennium)** *Acts 3: 21*
 - ❖ **Yeshua rules with a rod of iron** *Psalms 2*
 - **Restoration - returning all things to what they were meant to be**

- ❖ Israel in her land, at peace, and head of all nations
- ❖ Nations at peace, not war
- ❖ Earth restored in fruitfulness and peace
- ❖ The Knowledge of the Lord...as the waters cover the sea
- ❖ Worship of the Lord God...the kings and nations come to Jerusalem to worship

See the Teaching Article on the SYMF Website entitled 'Are You Ready?' which is about the Millennium

- Residence - the Lord dwelling amongst His people
 - ❖ His throne in Jerusalem amongst His Jewish people
 - ❖ His permanent dwelling with His Bride - we shall ever be with the Lord *1 Thessalonians 4:7*
 - ❖ We will be married - the marriage supper of the lamb has happened - Yeshua returns with His wife *Revelation 19: 7-8*
- Rest - some scholars also associate this Feast with the eternal rest of the New Jerusalem...when The Lord will tabernacle with His people (the one new man)
 - ❖ I would like to remind you that there is an eighth Feast of the Lord...Shabbat...and suggest that it too is prophetic - prophetic of the eternal rest
- Weekly Feast - Eternal events...the New Heaven & New Earth
 - Sabbath - **Rest**
 - The principal command for Shabbat is to Rest - *Exodus 20: 8-11; Leviticus 23: 3; Deuteronomy 5: 12-15; Exodus 31: 12-17*
 - A New Heaven and A New Earth - all things made new - a new unspotted creation for us to enjoy *Revelation 21: 1-2, 5*
 - The New Jerusalem
 - ❖ 'The Rest' of the Saints *Hebrews 4: 9-10*

- ❖ The One New Man - God's old covenant promise to Israel is now, in the new covenant, bringing together - as the people of God - both Jew and Gentile; and the Lord's desire to dwell in the midst of His holy people is realised
Ephesians 2: 11-16

- ❖ The Unity of the Lord God with His People
Revelation 21: 3

Prophetic Significance of Yom Teruah

- The Trumpet Sounds the Regathering of the Church ('Harpazo'...the Rapture)

- The Lord's Coming for His Bride (the Church)

- In the Twinkling of an Eye

*'Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed — in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump.** For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must **put on incorruption**, and this mortal must **put on immortality.**'*
1 Corinthians 15: 50-53

- Coming in the Air

*'For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven **with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.** And the dead in Christ will rise first.'*
1 Thessalonians 4: 16

- Coming to take His Bride (the Church) to be with Him

*'Then **we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.**'*
1 Thessalonians 4: 17

- Not Appointed for Wrath

*'For **God did not appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.'*
1 Thessalonians 5: 9-10

'Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.'
Revelation 3: 10

- **A Place Prepared**

*"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*
John 14: 1-3

- **Our Blessed Hope**

*'Looking for the **blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ,***
Titus 2: 13

- **The End of the 'Church Age'**

- **The Rapture of the Church ends the 'Church Age' - and the focus of history and scripture then switches back to Israel**
- **The Church In the Throne Room in the Presence of the Lamb - in the type of the 24 elders - Revelation 5: 9-10**
- **No mention of 'the Church' in Revelation chapters 4 to 21, that is, during the Tribulation (Rev 22: 16 refers to the seven churches of Ch. 2 & 3)**
- **The Church - now called His (Yeshua's) Wife - reappears at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb - Revelation 19: 7**

- **The Trumpet Sounds the Regathering of Israel**

- **The Regathering Completed - the prophesied return after the Diaspora from Roman times, begun in the late C19, is completed at the trumpet sound**
 - **Regathering is the Lord's Doing - Ezekiel 36 (I will...many times)**
 - **Return for the second, and final time - they will not be dispersed again - Isaiah 11: 11-12 (note...from the four corners of the earth)**

*It shall come to pass in that day that **the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people** who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea.*

He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
Isaiah 11: 11-12

- Regathering is for Regeneration - **Jeremiah 31: 8-11 -- regathering** - **Jeremiah 31: 31-34 -- regeneration**
- The Nations (Gentiles) are called to assist

*Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples; **they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders**; kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers; they shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord, for they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me.”*
Isaiah 49: 22-23

*“Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their roosts? Surely **the coastlands shall wait for Me**; and **the ships of Tarshish** will come first, **to bring your sons from afar**, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the Lord your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you.*

“The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in My wrath I struck you, but in My favour I have had mercy on you. Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession. **Isaiah 60:8-12**

But it the Lord who is doing it - the work of aliyah, which Ebenezer & ICEJ and others are assisting, is HOLY unto the Lord - because it is the Lord's prophetic purpose to restore Israel

- **Aliyah is Happening Today...Prophecy is being Fulfilled - right now**
 - **Aliyah begins in numbers after 1948 (Israel a nation reborn)**
 - **Aliyah from the North (Russia) (after the fall of the Iron Curtain)**
 - **In the 21st Century - increasing aliyah from the USA, Europe, South America and everywhere (helped greatly by Jewish & Gentile organisations and in the face of rising anti-Semitism)**
- **Completed in the Time of Tribulation**

*'Immediately **after the tribulation of those days** the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of **the Son of Man will appear in heaven**, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see **the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory**. And **He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.** **Matthew 24: 29-31***

➤ There will be a final ingathering during the tribulation

■ A Preparation for Israel's Spiritual Restoration

- Spiritual Restoration follows Physical Restoration - *Ezekiel 36 & 37*
- Israel will weep for the Messiah she Rejected - *Zechariah 12: 10*
- Israel will be Cleansed - *Zechariah 13: 1-2*

■ The Lord will save Israel from her Enemies

- As prophesied by Joel (*Joel 3: 1-17*), Zephaniah (*Zephaniah 3: 8-11*), and Zechariah (*Zechariah 12: 1-9; 14: 1-15*)
- Israel is Warned to Flee Jerusalem by the Lord (*Matthew 24: 15-22*) - and scripture indicates Bozrah (Petra) will be a place of safety (*Micah 2: 2*)
- The Sixth Bowl - Armageddon (*Revelation 16: 12-16*) - the armies of the kings of the earth gathered by unclean spirits (from the mouths of the dragon , the beast and the false prophet [the unholy trinity])
 - Armageddon refers to the valley of Esdraelon also known as the valley of Jezreel, located to the east of Megiddo in northern Israel
 - The word Armageddon actually means Mount of Megiddo from 'har' meaning mount, and Megiddo
- Yeshua's 'Shining' Coming (*Revelation 19: 11-21*) - He destroys the armies of the beast and the nations with the word of His mouth (the sharp two-edged sword from His mouth)
 - The Treading of the Winepress (*Revelation 19:15*) - a tremendously devastating bloody battle (*Revelation*

14:20)...interestingly it is about 1600 furlongs from Meggido to Bozrah

- It seems that the Lord may have an appointment in Bozrah before His appearance on the Mount of Olives (*Isaiah 63:1*)

Yom Teruah and Us

What should Yom Teruah mean for us today - what is its significance for us - and what does it say to us - I have '7 R's' for its significance and meaning to us

- 1. Resting - coming aside to rest and focus on the Lord
 - The principal command is to Rest! *Leviticus 23: 24-25*
 - The Lord tells us, by His command, that rest is important
 - It Refreshes and Restores
 - It gives Time for Reflection
 - It gives Time for Readiness
 - The command to rest is for Yom Teruah, and for Shabbat, and for the other Feasts of the Lord
 - Resting is a Divine Principle - the Lord rested on the Seventh Day

*Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and **He rested on the seventh day** from all His work which He had done. Then **God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it**, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.*

Genesis 2: 1-3

- God Rested - Why?
 - Was He tired?
 - Was He needing to think about 'what next'?
- The Lord God was establishing the Sabbath Principle
 - It was made for man, not man for the Sabbath

And He said to them, "**The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.**

Mark 2: 27

➤ **Refocus - our Identity is in Him not in the World**

*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **His own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; who once were not a people but are **now the people of God**, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.* **1 Peter 2: 9-10**

➤ **No Deficiency by Resting - nothing will be lost, in fact more will be gained because the Lord will bless you for honouring Him by keeping the Sabbath**

*And if you say, "What shall we eat in the seventh year, since we shall not sow nor gather in our produce?" Then **I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year**, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years.* **Leviticus 25: 20-21**

➤ **We are to Trust God by Hallowing the Sabbath - by honouring the Lord God by obeying His example and resting on Shabbat, we are blessed (physically and spiritually) and the Lord blesses us too**

• **2. Rejoicing - the Lord is the King of all the Earth, our Creator and Redeemer**

▪ **The Shofar blast is a Call to Worship**

- **To acknowledge and worship the Lord God as the King of all the Earth**
- **To Rejoice in His Righteous Rule**

For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. **Psalm 47: 2**

▪ **Rejoice at the Lord's Creative Authority in our lives - Yom Teruah is a sanctified reminder of the Lord's creative authority in our lives - He is our King, our Creator and our Redeemer, in whom we rejoice**

- The Jewish Tradition of Yom Teruah being the day when the Lord created man ('in the beginning') - reminds us that the Lord is the Creator
- Yeshua is called 'Mashiach' - a title that tells us of His kingly dignity and royalty
- **Yeshua is the creator and sustainer of all creation (Colossians 1: 16) - indeed our life is hid with Him (Colossians 3: 3-4)**

For **by Him all things were created** that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him.** **Colossians 1: 16**

For you died, and **your life is hidden with Christ** in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. **Colossians 3: 3-4**

- The world rejects the Lord as King, Creator and Redeemer - but we should rejoice that He is all these things Psalm 92

- 3. Repentance - (Hebrew: *teshuvah*)

- The *Tashlikh* ceremony reminds us to Cast Off All Sin
 - Laying Aside Sin, which is an Encumbrance

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us**, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **Hebrews 12: 1**

- The Lord will Pardon and Forgive and Renew

Who is a God like You, **pardoning iniquity** and **passing over the transgression** of the remnant of His heritage? He **does not retain His anger forever**, because He **delights in mercy**.

He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old. **Micah 7: 18-20**

- Repentance and Salvation are Linked throughout the Gospel

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.**" **Mark 1: 14-15**

- At Yom Teruah, like the Jewish people, we can remember at this time to call upon the Name of the Lord

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "**whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**"

Romans 10: 9-13

- Getting Ready - we are to Be Prepared for the coming of the Bridegroom

- The sounding of the shofar awakens our hearts to prepare for His coming - keep alert, lamps burning ready, looking up

“And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’” **Matthew 25: 6**

- Soon is coming a Day of Judgement (Yom Kippur)

*Before the decree is issued, or the day passes like chaff, before the Lord’s fierce anger comes upon you, **before the day of the Lord’s anger** comes upon you! Seek the Lord, all you meek of the earth, who have upheld His justice. Seek righteousness, seek humility. It may be that you will be hidden in the day of the Lord’s anger. **Zephaniah 2: 2-3***

- For some - it will be a day of atonement and joy
- For many - it will be a day of terror at the wrath of God upon sin

- 4. Remembering - the sacrificial death of Yeshua for us

- The Blowing of the Ram’s Horn reminds us of the ram caught in the thicket
 - The Yom Teruah readings are from Genesis 21 and 22 - The Akedah
 - Yom Teruah is a day of memorial blowing of the shofar Lev. 23: 24
- Yeshua’s death was vicarious (substitutionary) atonement
 - He died in our place as the perfect sacrifice for our sin

*Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But **He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities**; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. **Isaiah 53: 4-5***

- Though He was (and is) sinless

*For **He made Him who knew no sin to be sin** for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. **2 Corinthians 5: 21***

- The memorial blowing of the shofar at Yom Teruah is a reminder to us to remember all that Yeshua has done for us - with great thankfulness that God did 'provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering' as Abraham said

- 5. Redemption - our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life

- We know that our names are indelibly inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life - no need for annual inscriptions

- The Golden Chain of Salvation Romans 8: 29-30

*For whom He foreknew, He also **predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.* **Romans 8: 29-30**

- Our Names in the Book of Life - the true disciple need have no worries as to the completeness of his/her salvation

*He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and **I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life**; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.* **Revelation 3: 5**

- Walking in the Light - we have fellowship, with Yeshua and one another; and cleansing, both once and for all (justification) and continually (sanctification)

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1: 5-7

- His Righteousness, Not Ours - our salvation depends not on our own righteousness but on Christ's perfect sacrifice for our sin

*For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, **not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy** He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.* **Titus 3: 3-7**

- Contrast with Rabbinic Judaism
 - Salvation by works (mitzvah)
 - Inscribed annually ('L'Shannah Tovah Tikatevu')

- The Fruit of our Lives gives Evidence of Repentance and Salvation

- Do a study in 1 John
- Although our salvation is 'by grace through faith', the fruits of our repentance and salvation should be seen in our reformed lives -

the fruit of the Spirit should be evident - not that our works have any merit

- 6. Rapture - the Shofar sounds the '*Harpazo*'
 - At the sound of the trumpet we shall be 'Caught Up' - the Greek word is *harpazo* - it means to seize, to catch or snatch away
 - We should be Expectant - Looking for His Coming

*Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And **thus we shall always be with the Lord.***

1 Thessalonians 4: 17

- A Crown Awaits - For all those who Love His Appearing

*Finally, there is laid up for me **the crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and **not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.***

2 Timothy 4: 8

- We know that the Lord's coming is near - but are we expectant, are we looking up - it is a key to building hope and faith, and a cure for despair in these dark days
- Eternally with the Lord - The shofar sound that believers will hear on the day of the *harpazo* (prophetically Yom Teruah) will announce their eternal fellowship with Yeshua (1 Thess. 4: 17 above)

*Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "**Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.**"*

Revelation 21: 1-4

- Days of Awe will follow - Tribulation & Judgement
 - Ten days after Yom Teruah, at Yom Kippur, a final trumpet will announce the Day of Atonement which is a Day of Judgment

*"Also **the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the Day of Atonement.** It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the Lord."*

Leviticus 23: 27

- After the Rapture there will be a time of Tribulation and a Day of Judgment - the Lord will be seen by all coming in the clouds

with great glory - He comes to bring 'the day of vengeance of our God' (Isaiah 61: 2 - after the colon)

*Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man **coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*** **Matthew 24: 30**

- Knowing a Judgment Day is coming is a spur to be witnesses - so that our unsaved relations, friends and colleagues hear the gospel
- The 'great commission' is that we should 'be witnesses' - testify by our lives, our character, our actions and our words to the saving grace in Yeshua...bloom where you are planted

- **7. Restoration - the Salvation of Israel**

- The Lord is committed to the Salvation of His people **Ezekiel 36: 21-30**

- Thus, we too should be committed to the salvation of all Israel
- Pray for the SYMF outreach teams (or join them)
- Support Messianic evangelism in Israel (e.g. Joseph Simon)

- The Lord will Defend and Deliver His people Israel

*In that day **the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem**; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the Lord before them. It shall be in that day that **I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*** **Zechariah 12: 8-9**

- Thus, we too should be committed to defence and deliverance of Israel and the Jewish people (especially in the UK)

- There will be Repentance and a Returning to the Lord in Israel

*“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem **the Spirit of grace and supplication**; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”* **Zechariah 12: 10**

*“In that day a **fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.** “It shall be in that day,” says the Lord of hosts, “that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered.”* **Zechariah 13: 1-2**

In that day “**HOLINESS TO THE LORD**” shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the Lord’s house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yes, every pot in **Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the Lord of hosts**. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts. **Zechariah 14: 20-21**

- **Spiritual restoration - follows physical restoration - hence aliyah**
- **We should be committed to pray for and help aliyah - the Jewish people must be back in the land to call on the Lord (Baruch HaBa B'shem Adonai)**
- **We should pray for the Messianic Congregations in Israel - for their spiritual protection and for their witness**
- **'All Israel shall be Saved' - Paul tells us and Yom Teruah reminds us**

*For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And **so all Israel will be saved**, as it is written:*

“The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”

*Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election **they are beloved for the sake of the fathers**. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.* **Romans 11: 25-32**

- **Blindness in Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in**
 - **Blindness is from the Lord - for our blessing Romans 11:7-10**
- **Mercy on Israel just as the Lord has shown mercy to us (the ecclesia)**
- **We are grafted in to the Olive Tree of Israel**

*And if some of the branches were broken off, and **you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree**, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.*

Romans 11: 17-18

- **Grafted into the Root and Fatness of Israel**
 - **Root - the Promise to Abraham**

Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you.

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

*I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.***

Genesis 12: 1-3

Now **to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made.** He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

Galatians 3: 16, 26-29

- **Fatness** - Scriptures, Adoption, Glory, Covenants, Torah, Service to God, Promises of God, Fathers in the Faith...and most importantly of all Yeshua
- All the richness of faith we have is of Jewish origin

What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.

Romans 3: 1-2

Who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.

Romans 9: 4-5

- **No right to Boast - but we should Rejoice**
 - The root supports us (ecclesia)
 - All are saved by grace through faith in Yeshua
 - Rejoice in the Jewish roots of our faith
 - Rejoice in our Jewish Messiah, Yeshua HaMashiach
- **The Lord will Tabernacle in the midst of His people**
 - The Lord has always desired to dwell in the midst of His people
Exodus 25: 18; 33: 7-11; 1 Kings 8: 27-30
 - The Feast of Tabernacles is a prophetic picture of the day when the Lord tabernacles with His people - Jew and Gentile...the One New Man

*For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, **so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross**, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. **Ephesians 2: 14-18***

- The One New Man is the Lord's creation - by His blood and His sacrifice fulfilling the law - He wins a people for Himself (Jew & Gentile)
- There is only one way to come to the Father for Jew & Gentile
- The Shofar sound of Yom Teruah is a wake-up call and reminder that this earth is not our home

*And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.** **Revelation 21: 3***

- We should live out the truth that our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3: 20)...we are not earth-dwellers

- Summary (recap)
 - 1. Resting
 - 2. Rejoicing
 - 3. Repentance
 - 4. Remembering
 - 5. Redemption
 - 6. Rapture
 - 7. Restoration

Blow the Trumpet in Zion

*'Blow the trumpet in Zion,
And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!*

*Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;
For the day of the Lord is coming,
For it is at hand'*

Joel 2: 1