

Title: The Sound of Victory – The Power of the Ram’s Horn

Text: Joshua 6: 20

Introduction

Today I want to examine the blowing of the shofar—the ram’s horn—was not merely a signal of war; it was a declaration of faith, worship, and divine provision.

In Joshua 6, God gave Joshua specific instructions: the priests were to carry the Ark of the Covenant and blow the ram’s horns as they marched around Jericho.

- For six days, they circled the city once each day in silence, except for the sound of the horns.
- On the seventh day, they marched seven times, and when the priests blew the horns and the people shouted, the walls collapsed.

The ram’s horn was not a weapon—it was a symbol of obedience, it was a proclamation “God will provide”

1. The Ram’s Horn in Scripture: A Spiritual Sound

Genesis 22:10-14

The ram’s horn first appears in Genesis 22, when God provided a ram caught in the thicket as a substitute sacrifice for Isaac.... It was caught by its horn. A symbol that the Lord provides. Literally, where does this come from? An animal.

Exodus 19:16-19

In Exodus 19, when God descended upon Mount Sinai, the sound of the shofar—grew louder and louder as His presence filled the mountain. The people trembled, recognizing the holiness of God. The ram’s horn thus became a sound that announced divine presence and provision. Obviously it proclaimed God’s presence, but what did God provide at Sinai? The LAW.

If you begin to study the shofar in Scripture.... You will find that Scripture describes four different sounds that the shofar makes and each proclaims something different.

There are four sounds:

- Tekiah: A single, long, clear blast representing the coronation of a king, or the king being in His rightful place.
- Shevarim: Three medium, sighing sounds representing repentance.
- Teruah: Nine or more rapid, short (staccato) blasts, acting as an alarm or wake-up call.
- Tekiah Gedolah: A very long, final blast based on Exod. 19 and 1 Thessalonians 4 which announces the presence of God.

The spiritual “sound” of the ram’s horn still rings today. It calls hearts to repentance, churches to revival, and nations to return to God. It reminds believers of God’s presence, provision, and victory!!!!

The ram’s horn may be an earthly instrument that makes an earthly sound but it declares spiritual victory!