

Yom Teruah

Day of Soundings / Trumpets

Reasons given for the blowing of the Shofar on Yom Teruah:

1. Acknowledges **YHVH** as King.
2. Stirs the conscience.
3. Reminds Israel of **YHVH's** revelation at Sinai.
4. Reminds Israel of the Prophet's warnings.
5. Reminds Israel of the destruction of the Temple.
6. Reminds Israel of the ram Abraham sacrificed in place of his son Isaac.
7. Reminds Israel to feel humble before **YHVH**.
8. Reminds Israel of the Day of Final Judgment.
9. Foreshadows the proclamation of freedom when the exiled will return to Israel.
10. Foreshadows the inauguration of **YHVH's** reign of righteousness throughout the world.

The Shofar Calls (Notes)

Tekiah

The "**blast**," one long blast with a clear tone.

An unbroken sound that is to call man to search his heart, abandon his inappropriate actions, and seek forgiveness through repentance.

Shevarim

A "**broken**," sighing sound of three short calls; a broken, staccato, trembling sound.

It is to typify the sorrow that comes to a man when he realizes his wrong and desires to change his ways.

Teruah

The "**alarm**," a rapid series of nine or more very short notes.

A wave-like sound of alarm calling upon man to stand by the banner of **YHVH**.

Tekiah Gedolah

"**The great Tekiah**," a single unbroken blast, held as long as possible.

The prolonged, unbroken sound is to typify a final invitation to sincere repentance and atonement.