

Yom Teruah (Day of Trumpets)

A Call to Wake Up and Return

Leviticus 23:23–25 The Command

This passage introduces the appointed time.

It tells us:

- It happens in the seventh month
- It is on the first day of the month
- It is a Shabbaton (a day of rest)
- It is a memorial of blowing (Teruah)
- It is a holy convocation
- No ordinary work is to be done

What This Means

Yom Teruah is:

- A set-apart day
- Marked by trumpet blasts
- A reset moment in the calendar
- A sacred gathering

The focus is remembrance and awakening.

Yom Teruah is marked by the sounding of the trumpet a call to awaken the people, gather before YAHUAH, and begin a season of repentance.

It is not a heavy feast day.

It is a wake-up day.

Leviticus 23:24

“A memorial of blowing of trumpets...”

In Hebrew, this phrase is:

זְכוֹרֹן תְּרוּעָה
Zikron Teruah

Let's break that down.

Word Breakdown

Zikron (זְכוֹרֹן) Memorial

Means:

- Remembrance
- A reminder
- Something that causes recall
- A marker event

It is not just memory it is intentional remembrance.

It is a day designed to make you remember something important.

Teruah (תְּרוּעָה) Blowing / Shout / Alarm

Means:

- A trumpet blast
- A loud shout
- An alarm sound
- A signal

It is not soft music.

It is a piercing, attention-grabbing sound.

So What Does “Memorial of Blowing” Mean

It means:

A day set apart to remember through a loud signal.

The sound is not entertainment.

It is an awakening.

What Is It Calling Us to Remember

From the Torah pattern, it likely points to:

- Covenant accountability
- The coming Day of Atonement
- YAHUAH's kingship
- The seriousness of obedience

It begins the seventh month a serious and reflective season.

Numbers 29:1 The Emphasis

This passage repeats and adds clarity.

It calls it:

“A day of blowing the trumpets.”

It also includes instructions for offerings (in Temple context).

What This Means

The day was:

- Public
- Audible
- Communal
- Serious

It was not silent reflection it was a loud announcement.

How to Observe Yom Teruah

Simple Gathering

Yom Teruah does not require elaborate preparation.

- Prepare a light meal
- Drink water or juice
- Keep food simple

No heavy cooking is needed.

Blow the Shofar (If Available)

Leviticus 23:24 establishes Yom Teruah as a set-apart day where a trumpet blast serves as a memorial a loud reminder for the people of YAHUAH to awaken, reflect, and prepare their hearts. The trumpet sound represents:

- Awakening
- Warning
- Gathering
- Preparation

If a shofar is not available:

- Read the passages aloud
- Pray intentionally
- Reflect on the meaning

The sound points the heart toward readiness.

Reflect and Repent

Yom Teruah begins a period of self-examination leading toward Yom Kippur.

Use this day to:

- Examine your ways
- Turn from sin
- Realign with YAHUAH
- Prepare for atonement

Psalm 89:15 teaches that the blessed people are those who do not merely hear the trumpet sound they understand it and walk in alignment with YAHUAH because of it.

Spiritual Focus

Yom Teruah reminds us that:

- Time is appointed
- Judgment is real
- Repentance must be intentional
- Complacency is dangerous

When the trumpet sounds, the wise respond.

Simple Yom Teruah Checklist

Rest from ordinary work
Keep the meal light
Blow shofar (if available)
Pray and reflect
Begin repentance
Prepare for Yom Kippur