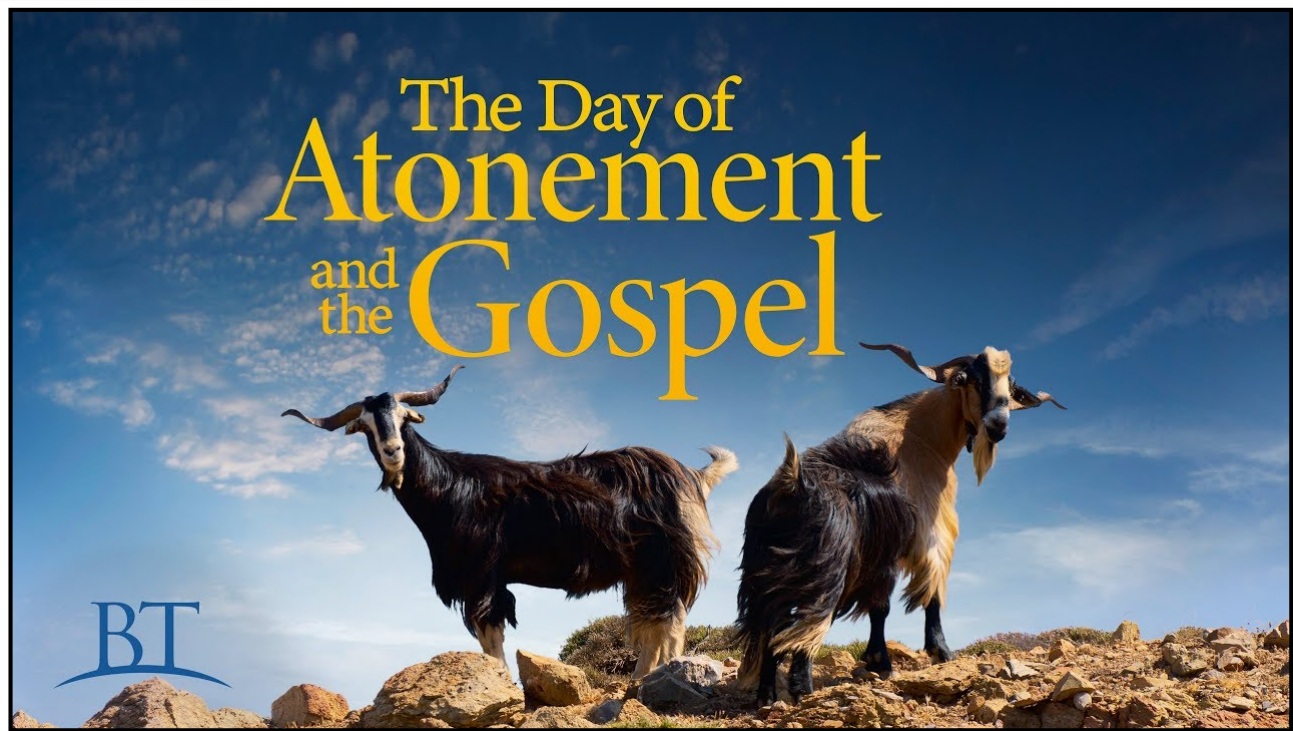


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Rosh HaShanah 2020



Challah for Rosh Hashanah



Round challahs are unique to the High Holiday season. Some say they represent a crown that reflects our coronating God as the King of the world.



FEAST OF TRUMPETS
TEN DAYS OF AWE
DAY OF ATONEMENT



Introduction

- Tradition states that the universe was created by the LORD on Rosh Hashanah.
- It marks the sixth day of creation, when the LORD created Adam and Eve.
- Rosh Hashanah therefore represents the day that God began to rule as King of the Universe. When Adam first opened his eyes and human consciousness was born, he immediately understood that the LORD created all things, including himself. According to midrash, Adam's first words were, The LORD is King for ever and ever.
- The sound of the shofar is meant to awaken our consciousness that the LORD is King of the Universe. "How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound (teruah), (Psalm 89:15).

background

The Spring Festivals (Passover, Firstfruits, and Shavuot) have been perfectly fulfilled in the first coming of Yeshua as Mashiach ben Yosef, and the Fall Festivals (Teruah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot) will be fulfilled in His second coming as Mashiach ben David. Since the first advent fulfilled all of the spring mo'edim to the smallest of details, we believe that His second advent portends similar fulfillment as revealed in the fall mo'edim.

Rosh Hashanah is about '*teshuvah*' or returning to God through repentance. the Akedah of Isaac is retold to remind us that submission to God is the way to demonstrate a repentant attitude before the LORD.

¹⁴if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. **2 Chronicles 7:14**

prophetic

Rosh Hashanah (or better, Yom Teruah) is a sacred time that has prophetic significance for the Messianic believer, since it commemorates both the creation of the universe by Adonai as well as the “calling up” of the new creation at the behest of Yeshua, when the sound of the heavenly shofar inaugurates the anticipated End of Days (1 Cor 15:51-54; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18).

It also prefigures the coming Day of the LORD and Great Tribulation period that marks God’s judgment on an unbelieving world... The Talmud states that on Rosh Hashanah the dead will be raised (Rosh Hashanah 16b). This corresponds to the “last trump” mentioned by the Apostle Paul.

The Akedat Yitzchak (“Binding of Isaac”) is a major theme on Rosh Hashanah. According to Jewish tradition, God told Abraham that the ram’s horn (shofar) should be blown on Rosh Hashanah to remind the people of the substitutionary sacrifice provided by the LORD Himself -- an echo of the First Sacrifice offered in Eden.

Shofar

Commemoration. The 100 blows of the Shofar during Rosh Hashanah services commemorate:

- *The creation of Adam, the first human-being;
- *The almost-sacrifice of Isaac, which was prevented by God's angel and a ram;
- *The receipt of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai;
- *The tumbling of the walls of Jericho upon re-entering the Land of Israel;
- *Judge Gideon's war against the Midianites;
- *The destruction of the two Jewish Temples;
- *The Jewish ingathering to the Land of Israel;
- *The reaffirmation of faith in God, the Creator (In God We Trust).

rapture

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words. **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” **1 Corinthians 15:51-54**

preparation

Ten Days of Repentance, provide a time for us to repent and turn wholeheartedly to the LORD in order to be sealed into the Book of Life. Traditionally we prepare through three types of turning: 1) turning to God (tefillah); 2) turning to others we've harmed or offended (teshuvah), and 3) turning to those in need (tzedakah). In all three cases we can return to God only by choosing to embrace the truth about our lives.

Our prayers (tefillot) are offered in the plural, emphasizing that we are all interconnected. This is the idea of *kol Yisrael arevim zeh baze*: "All Israel is responsible for one another" (Talmud Shavuot 39a). We are all one "body" and should one member hurt, we all are diminished (1 Cor. 12:26).

Our (teshuvah) means that we honestly examine ourselves and repair any breach we might have created in our relationships (James 5:16).

And our (tzedakah) means that we turn away from ourselves entirely, considering the needs of others and their welfare instead of our own.

are you ready?

I believe this is a much better way to start a New Year than our current celebrations.

Take the time to enjoy this YouTube as we get ready to spend the next ten days together!

<https://youtu.be/FlcxEDy-lr0>

So get your apples and your honey ready!

Is your name written in the Book of Life?

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10 day plan

Day 1 - TASHLIKH - Riverside prayers

Day 2 - 2 Chronicles 7:14 - 'If my people will humble themselves'

Day 3 - 2 Chronicles 7:14 - 'If my people will pray'

Day 4 - 2 Chronicles 7:14 - 'If my people will seek my face'

Day 5 - 2 Chronicles 7:14 - 'If my people will turn from their wicked ways'

Day 6 - Proverbs 6:16-19 - Haughty eyes and lying tongue

Day 7 - Proverbs 6:16-19 - Heart that devises evil plans

Day 8 - Proverbs 6:16-19 - Feet that run toward evil

Day 9 - Proverbs 6:16-19 - False witness and sowing discord

Day 10 - YOM KIPPUR

REPENTANCE

JESUS COMMANDS REPENTANCE

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." - Matthew 4:17

The Bible also speaks of the importance of not hiding one's sins, noting that an admission of wrongdoing can help people find "mercy."

"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." - Proverbs 28:13

REPENTANCE LEADS TO WIPING AWAY OF SINS

By admitting one's sins and repenting, it is possible to be spiritually refreshed and rejuvenated. **"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." - Acts 3:19**

GOD IS FAITHFUL AND JUST

Repentance and, in turn, forgiveness, show God's love for us through his willingness to purify us from our poor choices and sins.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." - 1 John 1:9

REPENTING OF OUR SINS

This is as simple as speaking to the Lord directly. This shouldn't be done out of mere fear, but with heartfelt sorrow. God calls us to Him, and repentance is simply the repeated act of answering that call.