

Believer's Guide to Shofars

“When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the Lord your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.”—Numbers 10:9

HAVE YOU ASKED...

- What's a shofar?
- How do I use it?
- When do I use it?

**Discover the power
of the shofar,
how to create sounds,
and when to use it!**

THE POWER OF THE SHOFAR:

Shofars in the Word are often used to bring us to the remembrance of God, not only when we go to war, but also when we blow them at God's appointed feasts, the start of each new month in the biblical calendar, and even when we bring our offerings before the Lord.

When we blow shofars, just as with prayer—though with unique blessings and assignments—we are giving God a portion of the breath He gave us. We are letting forth sounds of Heaven and life! We are being remembered before the Lord for good, not for evil.



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“And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.”—Joshua 6:4

THE TYPES OF SHOFARS:

It’s important to understand the various types of shofars so you know what to expect when you receive yours.

There are 2 major shofar types that come out of Israel, which is where **Curt Landry Ministries** gets their shofars. There are also various styles traditionally used by different Jewish communities around the world.

2 MAJOR TYPES OF SHOFARS

The 2 most popular types of shofars...

- **The Ram’s Horn** – Also known as the “classic” shofar, the ram’s horn is a shorter shofar. It comes in varying lengths, widths, colors, & textures. Ram’s horns tend to range from 10 to 14” in length.
- **The Yemenite Shofar** – These shofars are commonly seen in Judaic imagery & likely what you envision upon hearing the word, *shofar*. Yemenite shofars range from 25 to 40” for the “large” size.



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"It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."—Joshua 6:5

THE POWERFUL SOUNDS OF THE SHOFAR AND WHAT EACH SOUND MEANS*

- **Tekiah** – This consists of a long, single note. This is usually the first sound mastered, as it is the easiest to do. The uses vary, but one is to announce important events, such as coronations.
- **Shevarim** – This consists of three medium blasts of the shofar. Although there are several uses for the shevarim, one that many Jewish scholars agree on is that it portrays the wailing of a heart yearning to connect, grow, & achieve.
- **Teruah** – This is a series of nine short blasts in quick succession. These blasts are used to arouse us from our spiritual sleep, bringing understanding, vigilance, & focus to our lives.
- **Tekiah Gdolah** – This is often used to conclude a sound series sounds & typically lasts as long as the shofar blower can manage.

*The first three types can be combined in a variety of ways, without pause, should the person blowing the shofar have the skill & lung capacity.



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"So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets... the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city."—Joshua 6:20

7 TIPS FOR BLOWING THE SHOFAR

1. **Create a small space with your lips.** This allows air to flow from your lips to the shofar.
2. **Do not force too much air through.** Less can be more.
3. **Experiment using the center of your lips or the side of your mouth.** Every person & shofar will have different levels of success with each method.
4. **Create a seal between your lips & the shofar.** If air seeps out, the sound quality & ease of blowing your shofar will decrease.
5. **Vibrate your lips.** This creates the best sound.
6. **Do not forget to take a deep breath before you start.** This way you can blow the shofar longer & without risk of lightheadedness or dizziness.
7. **Practice!** Although the shofar is much easier to master than many instruments, a certain amount of practice is required.

YOU'LL GET THERE!



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"Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the Lord your God."—Numbers 10:10

When to Use Your Shofar

- 1. During Worship.** Using your shofar during worship is a way to clear the atmosphere and anticipate receiving a Word from the Lord. In the Word, the shofar was blasted before battle. When you enter into a time of worship, there is a spiritual battle taking place. The shofar declares that you are in agreement with God.
- 2. During Prayer.** As mentioned, the shofar was blasted before battle. You can use the shofar during your spiritual warfare prayer time or as a cry out to God that you yearn to connect with Him.
- 3. During Appointed Times.** Shofars in the Word are often used to bring you to the remembrance of God, not only when you go to war, but also when you blow them at God's appointed feasts, the start of each new month in the biblical calendar, and even when you bring your offerings—money, time, etc.—before the Lord.



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"When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the Lord set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath."—Judges 7:22

GIVE THE GIFT OF LEGACY

The shofar is part of your spiritual inheritance. It can not only bring YOU closer to God but also be passed down through the generations, leaving a legacy of godly character.

No matter if you are blessing yourself with a shofar, your children, your church, etc. you are investing in biblical legacy.

The priests of the tribe of Levi used shofars to honor God.

The coronation of kings were announced with shofars.

The warriors in the Word used shofars to call the people to battle, to frighten enemies, and even to bring the walls of Jericho down!

Yet, shofars are not simply tools used thousands of years ago... they still hold power today!

When you, your family, or your congregation utilize this biblical tool, you can break down strongholds, bring the Word of God into the atmosphere, and send forth a call to battle.

As a king and a priest YOU not only have a biblical right to blow a shofar, you have a biblical call to do so. To break down enemy strongholds and to honor God!



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