

The Day of Loud Sound

Yom T'ruah and why I love it!

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As I write today, I am aware that excellence and accuracy were instilled in me, and I'm thankful for that. But we know that life is most-often *not* accurate; we can only do our best and then rest in Him – **Best then Rest**, how is that for a motto!? So, I offer this writing, not to be accurate, although that would appear to be my intent, but to simply share the joy that came as I studied these things; my study left the picture in my mind of us praising our King, dancing with all our might! (I give credit to Kevin Geoffrey with *Perfect Word Ministries* for causing me to study in this direction.) And so, I will dive in...

Yom T'ruâh (most well-known as *The Feast of Trumpets*) can be called *The Day of Loud Sound* according to the original Hebrew word *t'ruâh*. In this year of 2023, the celebration begins at sunset on Friday, **September 15** and ends at sunset the next day on **September 16**. Later tradition recognizes two days for the celebration; however, the Bible mentions only one day (Leviticus 23:24).

In the list of God's Appointed Days in Leviticus 23, verse 24 reads, "Speak to the sons of Israel saying, 'In the seventh month on the first of the month you shall have a rest, a reminder by *t'ruâh*, a holy convocation.'" Some versions italicize the words *shofar* or *trumpets* to signify that these words are not actually there but only implied. Young's Literal Translation calls this day a day of *shouting*. (Numbers 29:1)

T'ruâh means *sound* or *loud noise*. The sound can be made in many ways and for many reasons:

- In **Numbers 10:5-6**, it was the *t'ruâh of silver trumpets* that signified it was time to break camp and move on.
- In **Numbers 31:6**, it was the *t'ruâh of an alarm* that called the people to battle.
- In **Psalm 150:5**, it was the *t'ruâh of the crash of cymbals* in praise to the Lord!

But most often in Scripture, *t'ruâh* refers to *loud shouting made with our lips, vocal chords, and lungs*:

- In **1 Samuel 4:5**, it was the *t'ruâh of all Israel shouting* when the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord came into the camp. It was such a great, collective shout that "the earth resounded."
- In **Ezra 3:11-13**, it was the *t'ruâh of the shouts of joy* at the re-laying of the foundation of the Temple – "and the *t'ruâh* was heard far away."
- In **Joshua 6:20**, it was a great *t'ruâh of the Israelites* that felled the walls of Jericho.

Simply put, *Yom T'ruâh* is a day of loud, raised, sustained sounds – shouting raised to the King of Kings filled with praise, thanksgiving, and great joy using voices, lyres, shofars, and every instrument possible!

So, what does all this mean to me? After all, I am not Jewish. I have auburn hair and freckles. My grandmother was Italian, and I am not sure about the rest of me. But my spiritual father of faith was Abraham,

and I am a child of my heavenly Father because I received His Son Yeshua Who gave His life to pay the debt of my gross wrongdoing. Out of His kindness and unconditional love, He delivered me from the domain of darkness, gave me a new identity as His daughter, and transferred me into the kingdom of His beloved Son! (He did that for you, too!) **So, I have a lot to shout about!**

So, *Yom T'ruah* is also *The Day of Loudly Lifting our Voices*. It falls on Elul 29 on the Hebrew Calendar which puts it very near our first day of Autumn. Like a marker in time, this Day raises a banner between the end of summer and the approaching winter. It is a day for us to pause in between and to unite in remembrance and praise to Him! Let us praise Him with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength! Even in hard times, let us offer a "sacrifice of praise" together:

And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, and I will offer sacrifices in His tent with **shouts of joy**; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord!

Psalm 27:6

Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a **shout of joy!**

Psalm 33:3

Clap your hands, all you peoples; **Shout** to God with a voice of joy!

Psalm 47:1

My lips will **shout for joy** when I sing praises to You, and my soul that You have redeemed!

Psalm 71:23

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us **shout joyfully** to the Rock of our salvation!

Psalm 95:1

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Be cheerful and sing for joy and sing praises!

Psalm 98:4

With trumpets and the **sound** of the horn, **shout joyfully** before the King, the Lord!

Psalm 98:6

They shall praise His name with dancing; They shall sing praises to Him with tambourine and lyre!

Psalm 149:3

Praise Him with tambourine and dancing; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flute!

Psalm 150:4

Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! **Shout in triumph**, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is righteous and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey!

Zechariah 9:9

The wilderness and the desert will rejoice, and the desert will **shout for joy** and blossom like the crocus!

Isaiah 35:1

And the redeemed of the Lord will return and come to Zion with **joyful shouting**, and everlasting joy will be on their heads! They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away!

Isaiah 35:10

Shalom, blessing, and joy in His love,

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