

YOM TERUAH STUDY GUIDES

These are guides/worksheets that we sent out to those who were joining us for a Yom Teruah banquet. They were intended to help our guests understand what the Feast was about before they arrived. Perhaps they will help you enter Yom Teruah, too! :-)

Yah bless you!

For the best stuff we have on Yom Teruah please get our Fall Feast Handbook available in our online store.

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#1 WELCOME AND OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT YOM TERUAH

Shalom to all our Feast Attendees: **PREPARE FOR THE FEAST!!**

Yom Teruah is less than 2 weeks away! We are so excited that you and your families will be joining us for this incredible Biblical Feast! Some people who will be joining us know a great deal about Yom Teruah; while there are some who know absolutely nothing about it. Of course, we will be lightly covering what Yom Teruah is about at the banquet and we will have a nice handout for you to take home and read. But we'd like to encourage you to come to the Feast with a little understanding of it, because once the Feast gets started it goes quickly! And it will be a much more enjoyable experience for you if you prepare. To help you come prepared, we are going to send all our confirmed guests and a some long-distance friends a few e-blasts with something to read, watch or do with the goal of learning about, entering into or refreshing your memory on what Yom Teruah is about. Closer to Yom Teruah we will also be reminding you of how you can help make the Feast a success (what to bring etc). So, thank-you for partaking in this Feast starting now!

Study Lesson #1: Thoughts

READ OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT YOM TERUAH:

We have been celebrating Yom Teruah for nearly a decade now. It was the first Feast we threw at the end of our 30-hours of Michael Rood VHS training (rood awakening) and our quick teshuvah from our lifetime of honoring pagan feasts.

That year, we spent all our tithe money setting a beautiful Yom Teruah table. Because an integral part of the Feast is sighting the New Moon (sliver) it seemed like a no-brainer that we needed to have the Feast in a location where we could see the sky well. And in our area, that is on the beach of Lake Coeur d'Alene. We invited everyone we could think of to join us and had a mentor guide us through what the Feast was about during the banquet. It became apparent that night that hosting Feasts for the King was going to be an epic adventure; one that I was called to—helping Israel move their head knowledge (da'at) to heart knowledge (ye'da). I was meant to play in His Feasts.

And thus the Feast Diva was born that Yom Teruah evening.

Over the course of this time we have learned so much about what it takes to repent (teshuvah), obey and walk in rhythm with Yahovah. At the heart of repentance is turning away from our inherited feasts toward his. His Feasts are full of messages to us, they are full of joy and they are just begging for us to be creative and delight in them. Yom Teruah is one of my favorites. It is truly an amazing Feast! I love this Appointment because it tells us when The Messiah will come back — and this is a day that I've been longing for ever since I was a little girl!

YOM TERUAH BASICS

Counter what most believers preach, the King's return is not imminent (happening at any moment, Luke 21:8 CKJV). This Feast tells us that Yahshua will return on a future Yom Teruah to the sound of the 7th Trumpet! Of course, because of the mechanics of how the new moon works (dark moon for 2-3 days before the sliver can be sighted) we can't know EXACTLY the day and hour, but we can know the "season" of his return (Yom Teruah is the "season" or the "mo'edim"/ Holy Day). This is a VERY crucial moment to prepare for! Everyone's chosen destiny becomes their reality that day. We must be ready for the day of the King's return.

So, how are we to prepare for this great and awesome day?

Well, there are so many ways in which we must prepare. Repent. Repent. Oh, did I mention, Repent? :-). One could start repenting by practicing watching for his return (watching for the 7th new moon)! It is imperative that we practice (repent) now, because there will be no more practicing (repenting) after that final day. On that awesome day of Yahovah we will not be watching for the moon, but for the rightful King, Yahshua ha'Mashiach!

The Hebrew Scriptures tell us HOW to prepare for that great and awful day. Preparing is where the rubber meets the road, but we will unpack that in another e-blast I will send out.

Fact #1: The Fall Feasts are Unfulfilled

Our first Yom Teruah Banquet on the CDA Beach

The Spring Feasts have been fulfilled. As in, Yahshua was the Passover Lamb (Passover) who was prepared for us to "eat" (Unleavened Bread). He was the first human raised from the dead (First Fruits) and he sent the Comforter who helps us keep the New Melchizedek Covenant (Shavuot) as promised.

But the Fall Feasts have not been fulfilled yet.

I grew up in a religious community that chided the Jews that they missed him the first time he came. People all around me sat back in their pews feeling sanctified, because they were not like those Jews. But I am now watching in disbelief a generation of religious people who are committing the same crime that my fellow pew mates did back then. So many people are choosing to close their ears to the call to repent. They are rejecting the fact that they must learn about and participate in Yahweh's Fall Feasts so that they, too won't miss him — the second (and final) time.

Your story can end happy. We want to help that happen for you. Therefore, we are thrilled that you will be joining us for this Feast! In case you forgot, make sure and mark your calendar for Oct. 2, 2016; 4-9pm. That is our best guess at when the sliver of the 7th Moon will be sighted (we give a gift to the first person who sights it that night). Don't forget! We are expecting you to come! We want you to come! You will be missed if you don't come! :-)

So, after reading:

1. What will happen on this day in the future?
2. How do we prepare to meet the King?
3. What do we watch for on Yom Teruah?
4. What does "teshuvah" mean?

Yom Teruah Trivia #1

Yom Teruah is not Rosh HaShannah.

The Jews call this Feast Rosh HaShannah. Rosh HaShanah means “head of the year” and they claim that Yom Teurah is the New Year. But the Scripture says clearly that the head of the year is in the Spring when the barley is “aviv.” Yahweh even named the first month aviv so that we could find the head of the year. Therefore, Rosh HaShannah the First Day of the First Month. And Yom Teruah is the First Day of the Seventh Month.

#2 THE HEART AND HOW TO CELEBRATE YOM TERUAH

Shalom to all our Feast Attendees: **PREPARE FOR THE FEAST!!**

Hello! Welcome to our second email aimed at helping you better understand what the Feast of Yom Teruah is about. Thank-you for taking the time to read, watch or do what we suggest in these “study guides” so that you can come a little prepared for the Feast!

Yom Teruah Fact #2: It is a Mo’ed

MO’EDIM = SEASONS = APPOINTMENTS

Genesis 1:14 says that Yahweh Elohim created the sun, moon and stars for seasons. Of course, when we see the word seasons we think of Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. But if we look at the Hebrew text (what Genesis was originally written in) we can clearly see that the word seasons is actually the word mo’edim. Strong’s Concordance: #4150.

And mo’edim is the Hebrew word for appointments or appointed days. Mo’ed is singular referring to a single Feast. While mo’edim is plural, referring to all Yahweh’s Feasts.

So what Yahweh was actually saying in Genesis 1:14 is that he created the sun, moon and stars so that we could find his appointments, his Holy Days or holidays. How cool is that?

Yom Teruah is a Mo’ed or Appointment.

Prepare Lesson #2: Read

The 7th New Moon from the top of the parking garage during Yom Teruah Banquet ‘14 at BSU
Today, you are going to read some Scriptures so get your Bible (if you have Strong’s Concordance, you might want that, too)!

So, When is Yom Teruah?

“...On the first day of _
the seventh month_ you are to have a day of rest...” (Lev. 23:24-25; Num. 29:1-6)

The Scriptures tell us that Yom Teruah falls on the first day of the 7th month.

Part of celebrating this Feast and entering into it is knowing when it occurs. It is really important to be able to find the first day of the seventh month or you will miss out on this Feast. To celebrate it when we want to, or according to a man-made or pre-flood calendar would be no better than honoring Shabbat on a day other than what he ordained (Sunday); or celebrating the Messiah’s birthday on a day that is convenient for us (Dec.25).

There is a simple, knowable, perfect and unchangeable way to reckon the Feasts (calendar). Let me show you how simple Yahweh's instructions are. He makes it clear that the first day of the month occurs when the sliver of the new moon is sighted.

How do I know this? There are many ways. Here is our full study on the New Moon if you want lots to read. But for the purpose of this Yom Teruah Study I will mention 2 ways:

1 - "Month" and "New Moon" in the Scriptures mean exactly the same thing

It is primarily in the meaning of the word for month that we know how to find the first day of the month. Simply put, the Hebrew word for month and new moon are interchangeable. In fact, Nehemia Gordon a leading Hebrew Linguist scholar at the Hebrew University in Israel says, "The primary meaning of Hodesh (month) is actually "New Moon" or "New Moon Day" and it is only by extension that it came to mean "month", that is, the period between one New Moon and the next."

Encyclopaedia Judaica, Vol. 12, p. 1039 says, "Originally, the New Moon was not fixed by astronomical calculation, but was solemnly proclaimed after witnesses had testified to the reappearance of the crescent of the moon.... The switchover from watching for the first visible crescent to calculating conjunctions (equinox) to determine the month's beginning came with Hillel II's calendar revisions in the 4th century C.E. "By the middle of the fourth century, the sages had established a permanent calendar and the public proclamation of the New Moon was discontinued" (Ibid).

There is more that you can find in our study link...like what Philo (a contemporary of Yahshua) wrote about how they were finding the head of the months during Yahshua's day etc.

But for now, it is just important that you know that the Hebrew word for new moon or month is chodesh. And now whenever you see the word "month" in the Scriptures you can transliterate it to be "new moon." Study it for yourself: 2320 Strongs. I like to use this quick online inner-liner Bible, BibleHub to see what the original words mean.

2 - We are commanded to actually "observe" the New Month

We also see that the Scripture says that we are to observe the new moon. It would be a little hard to obey this command if there wasn't something to actually observe.

The head of the months are to be observed.

Deut.16:1 says, "Observe (8104. shamar, a verb) the month of Aviv and celebrate the Passover of Yahweh your Elohim, because in the month of Aviv he brought you out of Egypt by night." (Ex.13:4; Ex.23:15)

In this text the word observe is the Hebrew word shamar and it can mean to look narrowly for, search or to watch (No. 8104 in Strong's).

The Holladay Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon defines observe as watching in the sense of looking. Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words includes the definitions "mark, watchman, wait, watch, look narrowly."

We see that we are commanded to observe the new moons (months), starting with the First New Moon. It's wonderful that Yahweh gave the First Month a name, "the Month of Aviv". This command to observe the Month of Aviv sets a precedent to observe all the months through out the year. And we find them through observation (observing when the sliver appears).

So, finding Yom Teruah is easy!

Any child or illiterate shepherd in the field can find this Feast: just count 7 New Moons from the 1st one (that's another story on how to find that 1st one) and there you have it! A special mo'ed the Creator wants us to show up for!

Yom Teruah is a Date Day with the Creator!

The mo'edim are super cool and are like appointments that Yahweh has pre-arranged for us to meet with him every year. Each mo'ed has deep meaning and is on a particular subject that he wants to talk about each year around that time. These are kinda like "date-days" with Papa! :-) You don't want to miss them!

Observing is Fun!

Finding the first day of the month is so fun for our family. Straining our eyes to see it. Rejoicing when we do see it! Blowing the shofar. Having a special dinner.....

Taught in the Wilderness

When we lived outside in a tipi for 4 years (another story) Papa taught us how important the moon is. We got a real life education in the importance of moonlight. In society now, we don't actually need the moon. We have the grid. We have a switch in the room to turn the light on for us. But when we experienced being off the grid for those 4 years we grew to love and depend on the moon at night. Our favorite time was when the moon was full in the middle of the month, because (if there was no clouds) the moon lit up our path to the fridge, the bathtub, to the woodshed and the chicken coupe. It lit up the woods and made it not so scary. We could even make moon-shadows. This is one very practical reason Yahweh's pilgrimage Feasts (3 of the 7) are in the middle of the month. So that the ancient travelers would have light to journey by. Along with all the other reasons for establishing the moon for mo'edim, Yahweh was being practical, too!

Pretty simple, huh?

If you haven't been paying attention to the phases of the moon, you should. It's really wonderful.

So, after reading the Scriptures that command us to celebrate Yom Teruah and learning how to find this Feast...

1. What does the word seasons in the Creation Story of Genesis mean?
2. What is the Hebrew definition of the word "observe?"
3. Is Yom Teruah an annual Feast?
4. When is it?

Yom Teruah Trivia #2

"Teruah" means to shout in Hebrew. (Strong's 8643)

#3 THE HEART AND HOW TO CELEBRATE YOM TERUAH

Shalom to all our Feast Attendees: **PREPARE FOR THE FEAST!!**

Hello, Hello! This is the 3rd email to help you prepare for the Feast. I really want you all to get these and read through them before you join us for the Feast :-). It's very important to your experience of it. So, thank-you for taking the time to read, watch or do what we suggest in these "study guides!"

Yom Teruah Fact #3: It is a High Shabbat

Shabbat means to Rest! Yepee!

Yahovah said we are to keep Yom Teruah as a Shabbat, no matter what day of the week Yom Teruah falls on. Each year that day changes because of the organic nature of the Creator's calendar (another story and lesson :-). For those of you who don't know what a Shabbat is and when it happens. Briefly....

What is a day?

It's simple. Yahovah told us that evening and morning make a day. In Gen.1:3-5 Yah said,

"Let there be light," and there was light. Yahovah saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. Yahovah Elohim called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day."

So, at sunset the new day begins. And check it out -- we get to begin the new day with rest (as in a good night's sleep). It's fun to watch for the new day, especially on Friday evening. We are count the hours and minutes until we get to rest — not as a reward for work done, but just because we are commanded to! It's super cool! (Here is a great book about the Sabbath rest (even though he keeps Sunday instead, he has great insights about Sabbath.)

What is a Shabbat?

We needed to understand how to reckon a day in order to find out where the edges of Shabbat are (sunset to sunset). But now we need to find out what day of the week is Shabbat (is it Sunday, Monday, Tuesday etc?).

In the "10 Commandments" (part of the Royal Law) Yahovah commanded us to keep Shabbat. He told us when it is and how we are to treat it.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yahovah your Elohim. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days Yahovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore Yahovah blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." Exodus 20:8-11

So, here we see that the weekly Shabbat is the 7th day of the week (Saturday). We also see that we are to rest and

not work during that 24-hour period (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset).

What are Annual Shabbats?

The Creator not only has weekly Shabbats that we are to set apart, but he has 7 annual Shabbats as well. We see him refer to Sabbath(s) -- plural. As in, more than one. Ex.31:12-13

“Keep my Sabbaths holy, that they may be a sign between us. Then you will know that I am Yahovah your Elohim.” ““You must observe my Sabbaths...” Ex. 20:20 (Lev. 19:30; 26:2; Ez.20:12; Is.56:4 etc.). Yom Teruah is a High Shabbat, one of the annual ones. So, we keep it like we do the weekly Shabbats — only they are even a little more special.

How do We Keep as Hosts of a Feast?

On Shabbat we are to do no usual work. Just rest. So, we’ll do our best at participating in the rest even though we are hosting it. How? Well, we do lots of preparing for it ahead of time (while still taking off the weekly Shabbats for rest as we plan); the banquet will be all set up before sunset; we will minimally clean up at the end of the banquet (as in: load up the trailer if we are at the beach, put food away so it doesn’t spoil etc.), but we keep it to a minimum—we’ll do all the dishes and major clean up after Yom Teruah; and then we will sleep in and rest as we normally do for Shabbat. So, this year, we will set up the banquet before Shabbat arrives (Sunday) and then clean up the day after Yom Teruah (Tuesday).

We see no exception for “leadership” to not rest on Shabbat. The command applies to all people. That’s one reason we are not positive a weekly Shabbat gathering is a good idea, because those in charge are not resting. :-) The 4th Commandment says to rest. It does not say to assemble. But in most of the annual Feast instructions it does say to assemble! So.... put that bee in your bonnet and consider what you are doing on Shabbat. :-)

Prepare Lesson #3: Read

Read Lev. 23:24-25 and Numbers 29:1-6. Yahweh (Yahovah, YHVH, the Father, the Creator) gave us instructions about how he wants his Holy Days set apart and kept. Please read the Scripture references above and discover what basic things he said we must do for Yom Teruah.

I see 7 things Papa asks us to do for Yom Teruah:

1. Keep it as High Shabbat (no working for 24 hours)
2. Watch for (observe) the New Moon
3. Blow the trumpets and shofars when the New Moon is sighted (observed).
4. Assemble together
5. Shout (teruah!) to Yahweh
6. Present an offering of fire
7. Do not show up empty-handed (a general feast instruction: Ex. 23:15; Deut. 16:16)

Delight / Impress

We need to notice that Yahweh also tells us to impress his ways upon our children’s hearts (Deut. 6:7). He tells us to delight in his Shabbats (Is. 58:13).

Our family takes the impress and delight command very seriously. For one thing the heart has a mind of its own. It will never trade down. It will only trade up.

Holiday Attachments

Let me unpack that for a moment. The pagan celebrations of our past attach to our heart and every year when we smell spiced-cider, hear that piece of music or see multi-colored lights, fond memories are called back into remembrance. That's the danger of celebrating things that are not from Yahweh year after year. We become attached to them. And with every year that passes those attachments get stronger. The danger was unknown to most of our parents as they helped us form those attachments when we were young. Now the memories of our childhood during holiday time play on our heart strings making it an epic journey to let go of something that we have been attached to most of our life. But when we gain eyes to see and the desire to repent, the immediate job in front of us is to make new attachments — for us and our children. The call of the entire Scriptures is to repent of these attachments and make new ones in order to have eternal life! (And actually, when you get eyes to see and understand the history of the pagan holidays—you will want to vomit. So, it actually can be easy to walk away).

Worship

Every human will worship, be attached to or bow down to something. Activities, ideas, projects, education, school, work, drugs, routines, places, people, music, Facebook, religion, church, doctors, sports, media, cyberspace, food, coffee, nature, activism... the list is endless! But being attached to something is not inherently a bad thing. Actually, it is how our hearts were made to work. The Creator made us with the need for attachment. I believe that this is the number one reason he commands us to follow his ways, worship and make sacrifices only to him. Because if we don't do it to him, we will do it to another. And he knows there is no life outside of him. Our hearts must be attached to him or we will die. Yahshua tells us to resist the Devil so, we can not forget that ha'Satan (The Devil, The Adversary) knows about our need for attachment and has set up false holidays in order to bind our hearts to his counterfeit ways. Ways that will not lead us to the "Happily-Ever-After."

The rule of the heart: it will only trade up. Never down.

So, letting go of fond memories is especially hard to do if there isn't something better to turn towards. I'm here to tell you that there are way better days to mark than the pagan ones that are full of gluttony and have roots in child sacrifice. With a little study, a lot of creativity and actually diving into the mo'edim (instead of talking about them) we can discover that Yahweh's Feasts far exceed any pagan days! By exploring the depth of Yahweh's true celebrations, applying some thought, energy and creativity to them we can give our hearts and our children's hearts an easy choice to make. A trade up.

This is how we approach hosting the Yom Teruah Banquet—to make memories for our children's hearts that will keep bringing them back year after year.

Paper cups or wine glasses?

I believe that Yahweh's Feasts should never be celebrated on folding chairs, with jeans and a t-shirt or with paper plates (unless that's the best you have). Personally, I always wonder, "what if the King showed up to the Feast I was hosting?" I can't have him eating dinner on a paper plate, when I have better in the cupboard. His holy days should take lots of time, energy, money and preparation. Now that I have repented, I will give Yahweh's Holy Days more thought than I ever gave the pagan holidays. I will make sacrifices only to him.

The holy days you honor, mark and show up for align you with the god of that day. What god do you make sacrifices to? The holidays you celebrate tell the Universe who your god is.

So, after reading the Scriptures that command us to celebrate Yom Teruah and considering the idea of impressing and delighting....

1. . How does Yahweh want us to mark this holy day (mo'ed)? (ie: What did he tell us to do on this day?)
2. Can we be creative when celebrating his mo'edim?
3. What will our hearts never do?
4. What is the danger of celebrating things that are not from Yahweh year after year?

Yom Teruah Trivia #3

Yahweh did not give a reason for celebrating Yom Teruah like he did the other feasts.

#4 HOW DID YAHSHUA INTERPRET THIS FEAST?

Shalom to all our Feast Attendees: **PREPARE FOR THE FEAST!!**

I hope everyone is getting these emails and are taking a few moments everyday to read through them. Coming to a Feast we host with absolutely no idea what is going on can turn a deeply meaningful event into just simply a nice meal. Our goal is not to serve you a fancy meal on a fancy table, but to invite you into an experience that will encourage you to repent and join in for the rest of your life; or to encourage delight in those who have repented to join our fellowship and to keep coming to the annual Feasts

Fact #4: We can know when this feast is!

Yom Teruah is the first Fall Feast (first of 4: Yom Teruah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret). We find Yom Teruah by watching for the 7th New Moon of the Biblical year. That night, at the moment we see the sliver of the new moon (which happens right after sunset) we will know that it is Yom Teruah! This is the main reason we like to have the Yom Teruah banquet out on the beach if the weather permits; so we can have a good view of the sky.

(This year we are actually changing locations. The weather is supposed to drop to near 37 degrees at night, so we are renting a building near our home. We have some little kiddos coming and I want everyone to be able to stay and enjoy themselves. We have had a lot of experience on the beach and know that cold will drive everyone to leave too soon. I will send directions out in the final email.)

Study Lesson #4: Read Yahshua

Read John 6:25-71 (CKJV)

All of the Feasts are shadow pictures of good things to come. The Fall Feasts actually give us a good idea of End Time eschatology (as in what is going to happen at the End of Time).

When Yahshua was here he interpreted all the Feasts. As in, during Feast time he preached about or did what was at the heart of that particular Feast. Therefore, since he is our Rabbi, it is really important to listen to the words he spoke.

Please read John 6:25-71 to see for yourself what Yahshua spoke of the day before Yom Teruah in the year 4027. Yahshua spoke these words on the 30th day of the 6th Month, Shabbat (Saturday, Sept. 20, 27 CE) the day before Yom Teruah. We see a few themes in what he was preaching:

Life

The Resurrection of the Dead

The Last Day

Belief that he was the prophet Moses spoke of back at Mt. Sinai that would come and whom we must obey.

*What is the CKJV? It is the Corrected King James Version or the Chronological Gospels. This is the version we like the best for seeing what the Messiah was doing throughout his 70-week ministry.

So, after reading:

1. What did Yahshua preach about the day before Yom Teruah?
2. Summarize what Yahshua was saying in your own words.....
3. Most people believe that you “go to heaven when you die.” Yahshua says there is a resurrection of the dead that will happen on a future Yom Teruah. How can people who are already alive in heaven be resurrected? Does this make sense to you?
4. So what is Yom Teruah mainly about?

Yom Teruah Trivia #1

Yom Teruah is a High Shabbat (meaning that Yahweh the Creator considers it a special, sanctified and set-apart day). He tells us that on his Shabbats we are not to work, but also set his special days apart from all the others. I am literally obsessed with Yahweh Elohim! I love his ways and on his precepts I meditate day and night. I get up in the dark and use every spare minute to work at making level paths for the King and His Bride. I truly have a fire that I have begged for him to put out. But it just grows hotter every day as we near the End of the Age. We have very little support. We do this all out of love. I know that we are no more worthy than anyone else, but if you like what we do please financially support us with monthly donations that we can depend upon. Thank-you!

#5 WHY ARE SILVER TRUMPETS PART OF THE CELEBRATION?

**Shalom to all our Feast Attendees:
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Welcome to Yom Teruah Study Guide #5!

Our family loves Papa's Holy Days! They are full of meaning, invitation and beauty. We have been hosting Yahovah's Feasts for a long time and it seems that one can not exhaust the depth of them.

There is so much to each Mo'edim (Holy Day / Appointment)! Every year as we prepare to host a Mo'edim we discover more about it. What we are sending you in these study guides is just the basics about Yom Teruah. I'm sure that there will be more we'll learn next year. And you may know stuff about this Feast that you could share with us!

Fact #5: Yom Teruah is also Known by Other Names

Yom Teruah is also known as the:

- * Feast of Trumpets
- * Day of Blowing
- * Day of Shouting (teruah!)
- * The Day and Hour No Man Knows

Most people believe that we can't know when the Messiah will come back and that his coming is imminent (as in: can happen at anytime). But Yahshua warned us not to listen to teachers who preach an imminent return. (Luke 21:8, CKJV).

He said that he will come as a thief-in-the-night to those who are NOT watching. But to those who ARE watching and are keeping the Mo'edim (Appointed Times / Holy Days) they are children of the day and therefore, the awesome day of his return will not surprise them. (1 Thess. 5:1-5; Matt. 24:32-33).

Yom Teruah reminds us that we must watch and keep Yahweh's Holy Days to not be taken unaware.

Prepare Lesson #5: Watch

So exactly what are we to be watching for?

We are going to suggest that when the Scriptures tells us to watch, it does not necessarily mean that we are to be watching the media and how they are interpreting the times. It doesn't mean that we are to watch the conspiracy theories or man-made prophecies. It doesn't mean we are to spend our time watching men leaders and what they are saying or watch what ha'Satan is doing. No, there is a ton of chaos-creating if we "watch" these things.

This word "watch" is all about the action of "watching" what Yahovah is doing. And a good place to start is to watch his clock in the sky. The moon is like a sand timer. All you have to do is look up and see the phase of the moon and you will know where you are in the month. "Watching" is "observing." And the practice of watching for the New Moons every month helps us get good at finding the 7th New Moon -- the most important one to be ready for. Remember, the destiny we choose will be manifested someday on that day when the King returns to take his bride!

Watch these short sections of Jim Staley's Video

Yom Teruah is also known as the Feast of Trumpets and we are commanded to blow trumpets on this day. Therefore, we must understand what the silver trumpets are all about. To help us learn, Jim Staley has a great video about the meaning of the silver trumpets. His video is called, God's Prophetic Calendar Yom Teruah Feast of Trumpets. The whole video is good, but if you are strapped for time just watch the following clips to get an idea.

Watch: 37:00-47:24. In this section Jim talks about what the trumpets were for in ancient Israel and why there were only 2 trumpets.

Watch 47:24-56:22. In this section Jim talks about how the silver trumpets are like voices; why ignoring the trumpet is so dangerous; why they were hammered silver and what that has to do with us.

So, after watching and listening to Jim:

1. In ancient Israel, if you heard a trumpet blow what could it have meant?
2. What do the 2 silver trumpets represent?
3. What is the significance of hammered silver?
4. What did he mean by the sound or "frequency" of the trumpet?
5. What is your "frequency" like? Is it a clear sound? Or is it confusing people?

Yom Teruah Trivia #5

Yom Teruah is the only Feast (of the 7 annual Feasts) that falls on a New Moon!

#6 SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 7TH AND FINAL TRUMPET

**Shalom to all our Feast Attendees:
PREPARE FOR THE FEAST!!**

Welcome to our Yom Teurah Study Guide #6!

So, our family and Teshuvah Ministries has a Yom Teruah philosophy:

It should be:

- Beautiful!
- Engaging!
- Inviting!
- Memorable!
- Good for the heart!
- Open to all
- Free from rabbinics!

We should try to be in a location where we can see the 7th New Moon from the table so we can really consider what this Mo'edim is all about. There should be lots of food, candle-light (offerings of fire) and music so that our girls and guests can't wait to do it again next year. We approach each Mo'edim as if the King, himself was going to show up! We don't take this lightly.

Fact #6: The Bride wears white

The Bride Gets Ready

According to Rev.19:7-8 the bride will be given fine, bright linen to wear and she will make herself ready to meet the King.

At the heart of making yourself "ready" is wearing righteousness. Or practicing everyday Yahweh's "right doings." According to Yahshua, keeping the Father's Royal Law like he said to keep it (with love) is "right doings." As Yahshua also said, "getting ready" is all about getting the inside of the cup clean. How clean you are on the inside will manifest on the outside into your actions and what you do and say.

Head Knowledge vs Heart Knowledge

So many people in this movement (people coming out of organized religion back to Yahweh and

his Torah) seem to think that it's all about what you KNOW (head knowledge). As if knowledge will save you. It will save you in the respect that it will tell you what you are to do! In reality head knowledge has a job. That job is to get you into intimacy with Elohim. So, the goal of head knowledge is to get you to DO whatever it is that you must do to be saved!

The point here is intimate heart knowledge. Period.

This is the difference between Greek and Hebrew thinking. The Greek way seeks to gain more and more head knowledge (application optional). The Hebrew way seeks to perfect the doing and relating (increased knowledge optional). You can know all things, but if you don't love (an action word) you will be annoying to everyone, including Yaweh Elohim.

Why do we ask you to wear white to the banquet?

As far as I understand, the ancient Israelites had a tradition for Yom Teruah. As Yom Teruah approached, they would get a new white outfit and keep it in a special location in their home. As they were waiting for confirmation for the 7th Moon to be sighted (which could have taken a few days; hence the "day-and-hour-no-man-knows") they just went about their normal business. But when they heard the trumpets from the temple or saw the beacon lights lit that announced the arrival of this Mo'edim they would stop everything they were doing for the High Shabbat, put on their new outfit and make their way to the celebration (hence; the "one is taken the other left in the field")!

Our family does this.

Of course, we will look at how to "prepare" in another study guide this week, but remember that inner preparedness is reflected on the outside in the form of actions what we DO. We see wearing white as symbolic of the bride making herself ready and DOING Yah's right ways.

I don't know about you, but I've been making myself ready for nearly my whole life! Every cell in my body is so ready for the King to return it isn't funny—I should be glowing even without my white clothes! :-)

Therefore, we ask our guests to wear white for Yom Teruah.

This week the girls and I looked through our closets and have decided what we will wear. Having daughters is cool -- they love dressing up for any reason. Boys.... well, I have no idea. :-) I just get Isaac a white shirt and he's good. Yesterday my girls and I went shopping for the final touches to our white outfits for the banquet. I'm going with a little different look than I normally do... instead of the Bohemian look, this year I'm going to sport an urban Paris look (like this Mountain Hippy Hebrew Chic really knows what that is--LOL!). Hadassah is wearing her flower girl dress from a wedding this summer. Maggie, well... she's a teenager and her outfit may change at the last minute.... :-) Never-the-less, we have our white outfits hanging up in the house ready for the Feast! :-) How about you?

Prepare Lesson #6: The Seventh Trumpet

The 7th Trumpet happening on the 7th New Moon in the 7th Millennium. Pretty cool, huh?

Yom Teruah is all about the SEVENTH TRUMPET and the arrival of our King and Bridegroom!

From what we read the other day (in Study Guide #4) we discovered that the day before Yom Teruah Rabbi Yahshua preached about the Resurrection, the Last Day, life and the fact we must believe he is the prophet Moses spoke of whom we must shema (obey). From what our Rabbi focused on we can conclude that Yom Teruah is all about the moment when he will gather his living or resurrect to life those who have been marked as his Betrothed.

Man, I want to be considered his Bride. I'll do anything he asks to take part in this incredible "move that bus!" moment!

A Personal Hope

On this day, his Betrothed will be changed in the twinkling of an eye and we will be restored to our original and intended immortal glory. No more pain. No more health issues. No more growing old. NO more white hair. No more disease. No more beauty and strength failing. Just everything made perfect! I can't wait until my outside reflects my heart! I have an order in.....:-)

I have always dreamt that this moment will be like Cinderella's moment when she was made ready for the Ball with millions of little lights that danced around her-- transforming her outside to match her heart. Of course, there will be no midnight deadline, our transformation will be forever and no one will be able to take it away from us. This is the hope of Yom Teruah. But all other people who were not marked as his will be considered enemies of King Yahshua.

A Global Hope

This 7th trumpet on a future Yom Teruah will also signal the day a new government arrives — as Matthew Nolan says, it will be the Melchizedek Administration! In the Scriptures we see that Yahshua will come at the Seventh Trumpet and that there will be a political nature to his return. We get to look forward to a day when all man's governments will be placed in Yahshua's hands, he will crush them and put them under his feet! He will establish his Father's government in their place. Our governments are now so corrupt. They are getting worse by the day -- taking our freedoms away and enslaving us. Oh, what a wonderful day it will be to be set free from the puppets of ha'Satan, wicked men and their ways! Oh, to have the Good King in charge! Our collective and personal pain will be over and our reward will be with the King of Kings! This is the hope of Yom Teruah.

Scriptures that talk about the Seventh Trumpet.

Okay, so now let's read what the Scriptures says about the Seventh Trumpet. Look how Yom Teruah and The Seventh-Trumpet go together.

Read the following verses that talk about this special Seventh Trumpet that ends things as we know it:

Rev. 11:15

When the 7th angel sounds his trumpet, Yahshua will come take over the governments of this world!

Rev. 10:5-7

The mystery of YHVH is finished at the sound of the 7th trumpet. Remember Jim showed us that trumpets are “voices.”

Matt. 24:30-31

There will be a trumpet blast when we see Yahshua come in all his glory.

Zeph. 1:14

Another title for Yom Teurah: The Day of Yahovah. The day of the Trumpet. Trumpet as a voice. The trumpet is an alarm.

1 Thess. 4:16-17

The righteous will be raised at the sound of the Trumpet of Elohim.

Isaiah 27:13

“In that day” (always a reference to the End of the Age) a great trumpet will sound!

1 Cor. 15:51

Dead will be raised and we will be changed and given immortality in the twinkling of an eye at the LAST (7th) trumpet.

Pretty cool huh? Can you find other Scriptures about the Last or 7th Trumpet?

Michael W. Smith and Darlene Zschech, The Great Day

Listen to this Song about the Day Yahshua Comes back and Claims Earth!

One day Love (Yahshua) will wear the crown. One day Love (Yahshua) will set us free!

That One Day is a future Yom Teruah! This song is our Yom Teruah go-to song!

So, after reading about the 7th Trumpet and then listening to this song:

What will happen at the sound of the 7th Trumpet?

Will that day be a calm day?

How did the song make your heart feel?

How desperate are you for him to return and establish his Kingdom and do away with Evil?

Yom Teruah Trivia #6

At one point Israel's had 120 silver trumpets and priests that sounded the trumpets during the Fall Feasts in the 7th Month. (2 Chro. 5:3,12)

#7 THE PRACTICE OF RAPHAH

Shalom to all our Feast Attendees: **PREPARE FOR THE FEAST!!**

Welcome to Study Guide #7!

Again, to help you come to the Feast prepared, we sending you something to read or watch that will help or refresh you on what Yom Teruah is about. Thank-you for participating!

Today, I am sending you something to DO and bring to the Feast.

Inspired by My Girls

My girls are who inspire me. I have created traditions that have captured their heart. Hadassah just said last night that if I didn't feel up to hosting all the Fall Feasts: Yom Teruah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot that she could take over Yom Teruah and I could just host the others. :-). She is captured. If I had boys the way we host the Mo'edim might look very different!

Outside of spending the rest of my own life repenting, part of my whole goal with hosting Mo'edim events and creating all the things that go with them is to capture all that Isaac and I have learned in a way that we can pass it on to our daughters.

I want my girls to have ready access to what they have been brought up to believe and do. When the Fall rolls around, they know what we do. When Winter comes they know what celebration we prepare for. When the Spring rolls in, they know what we do. Even while everyone around them is living another rhythm, they know what their rhythm is -- and I am so thankful it is Yahweh's! This rhythm sure does make our life simpler — to not have everything up in the air. We know exactly what we are going to be about during the Holy Days (no matter where we live or how much money we have) because Yahweh's rhythm is firmly established in our life's routine. This is where the rubber of repentance meets the road.

The Job of a Parent

“He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in YHVH and not forget the works of YHVH Elohim, but keep his commandments...” Psalm 78:5-7 ESV

Yahweh commanded parents to teach and impress his ways on our children. That is what we are doing. People that attend a Mo'edim we host are basically partaking in our efforts and establishing repentance in the hearts of our daughters. The more people the merrier, thus helping to burn

Yah's ways deep into my girls memories. So, thank-you for coming to this Yom Teruah Banquet! Your presence will really make it special for us ! :-)

Fact #7: On a Future Yom Teruah the King will Return and Claim His Bride!!

Yom Teruah is a shadow picture or a "rehearsal" of the final trumpet sounded by Yahovah, himself. (Zech. 9:14). This final Trumpet (7th) will announce a new King for Planet Earth. It will release his son, Yahshua to come get his Bride. Who is his Bride? This is the most important question you will ever ask. One to be figured out now, before that Yom Teruah when the King Returns. At that point, it will be too late.

Prepare Lesson #7: Raphah, not Tashlich

A Jewish Tradition

When we were researching how to celebrate Yom Teruah we discovered that our brother Judah participates in a ritual called "Tashlich" on this Holy Day.

The Practice of Tashlich

"Tashlich" means "casting off" in Hebrew and involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread or another food into a body of flowing water." (About Judiasm)

A Truism

But we contend that this idea is a mixed truth (truism) and isn't supported by the Scriptures. It's not that tashlich is wrong. But it's who they say does it that is the problem. It's not us. It's Yahweh who does it. He casts away our sins, not us.

This might seem like a technicality to you, but the message it sends isn't right. Yes, we are to take account of our life and audit what we are doing to see if it is in line with what Yahweh said we should do. But when we find sin (something that breaks his Royal Law) in our lives we can not cast it away ourself. It's way to hard. It will keep coming back. We won't be really free of it unless He does it for us. We all know this about ourselves, right? It is Yahweh Elohim who casts our sin away. No human can verbally place a sin on a piece of bread and cast it into the water and voila, it's gone! That's just not possible. We are not God. Instead, what we are commanded to do is to lay our sin down at Yahweh's feet so that HE can cast it away from us (Micah 7:18-20). Yahweh is faithful. If we ask, he will send the Ruach to move on our hearts and he will do this work for us.

The Practice of Raphah

Instead of tashlich, we practice raphah. We will do this at the Feast so I want to introduce it to you now so that you can begin working on it. It is called the practice of RAPHAH.

Our Part, Yahweh's Part and What We Do Together

Before Tashlich and before Teshuvah — we must Raphah.

The Mo'edim is a time to come face-to-face with where we are not in line with Yahweh and his Royal Law. The Scripture says true repentance includes turning away from pagan idolatry to obey Yahovah. This is true Biblical repentance (teshuvah).

But before we can 'teshuvah' (repent) and before he can 'tashlich' (cast away our sins and remove our idolatry) and begin the good work in us ---it is our job to 'raphah' and have our hearts healed. By practicing raphah during the Feasts we invite the Ruach to do the work on our hearts that Yahshua promised. Yahweh promised to heal our hearts and set them free. But we have to ask for it.

The Practice of Raphah

Raphah is pronounced: raw-faw. It is a Hebrew word that means to sink, relax, let it go, cease, wait, be still. We suggest that a heart must be guided into stillness (raphah) before it can repent (teshuvah). There is no way that one can teshuvah (repent; turn away from sin) unless one raphahs.

Raphah at the Feast

So, at the Feast on Sunday we are going to take 20 quiet minutes (I'll take the kiddos so you mommies can focus) to practice raphah.

You will write on a piece of paper all your current struggles -- practicing laying down all the things that are taking up room in your thoughts and your heart.

Perhaps you'll let go of the need to know; of the future; of the election; of even the desire to obey and what that looks like. Perhaps you will lay down an addiction, a job, money problems or a situation in front of you to solve. You'll want to write down things that you must let go of and things you must cease from fretting over. Perhaps you will write down things you need to repent of so that you can turn to him and follow his ways totally. If you have nothing to lay down you probably are not being honest.

Burn in Offering of Fire

Then you will hand me your list (I will not look at it) at the beginning of the Feast. When we go to make an offering of fire to Yahweh at the end of the night we will burn your lists -- symbolic of giving all of it to Yahweh.

Remember that we can not fix, cleanse or sanctify ourselves. That is Elohim's job. To raphah means to release and let go of ourselves and those parts that desire to strangle us. We practice raphah and letting go so that we can feast with a heart that is ready to accept the deep healing magic of Elohim's Mo'edim Season. If we don't let go, we may miss out on what he wants to give us this Feast season. Letting go is one of the hardest things we will ever do.

If you want, begin working on your list now. Bring it to the banquet on Sunday.

So, after reading our Raphah tradition and what it means

Will you make your list now or later?

If you begin it now, don't forget to bring it. I will ask for it at the beginning of the Feast.

#8 CONFIRM YOUR SEATS! CHECKLIST AND FEAST ETIQUETTE!

Shalom to all our Feast Attendees: PREPARE FOR THE FEAST!!

Welcome to Study Guide #8!

Today, is a short study guide. Watch Isaac's video looking at what Yahshua meant when the day before Yom Teruah he said "believe in me and you will be saved."

Fact #7: The Doors of the Wedding Feast Will Close

Showing up on time to Yahweh's Mo'edim is practice for showing up on time to the Great Wedding Feast to come. Teshuvah Ministries has a policy: you must show up on time to the Feast! The doors will close when we start and you will not be able to come in. We are very serious about this, because we are helping you practice for the Great Wedding Feast to come.

"But while they were on their way to buy it, the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut" Matthew 25:11. At some point the door shuts and late comers do not get in.

Feel free to early, but at least do not be late. Be on time.

Prepare Lesson #8: Believe What?

Isaac answering Maggie's question about just "believing" being all that is needed for salvation "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved...."

The whole religion of Christianity is based in the idea that all we have to do is "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." But is this really what he meant? This is primarily where we divide with Christians.

In order to understand what Yahshua meant we must not lift this verse out of it's context. The day before Yom Teruah Yahshua preached the Resurrection. He said, "See and believe." In Isaac's video he explains what Yahshua meant.

So, after watching Isaac's video:

Does "see and believe" mean to believe that he exists? or that we are to believe that he (Yahshua) is the prophet Yahweh sent that we would have to obey?

Did Yahshua speak his own words or his Father, Yahweh's words?
Yahweh's WORDS are found where?
What did Yahshua tell us to do?

Yom Teruah Trivia #8

Yahshua threw a banquet for Yom Teruah! Yep! The feeding of the 5,000+ was 2 days before Yom Teruah! :-)

#9 YOM TERUAH BANQUET PREPARATION: FINAL EMAIL BEFORE THE BANQUET AND CONSIDER A FEW THINGS.....

**Shalom to all our Feast Attendees:
PREPARE FOR THE FEAST!!**

Welcome to Study Guide #9!

As a final e-blast before the banquet on Sunday (Yom Echad) we have a few things for you to consider and do (see below). Thank-you for reading all these study guides. We hope they have helped you prepare for this very special Mo'edim! We look forward to feasting with you!

May YHVH, King of the Universe protect you as you make plans to attend and participate in this Appointment! Your faithfulness disrupts the evil kingdom and advances Yahovah's Kingdom! It is no small thing that you set this apart! it's actually a very epic thing you are doing.

KIDDO ACTIVITY: BOOK COVER COLORING CONTEST

All kiddos will get a Yom Teruah Activity Book at the Feast. But have them (or you) start now and download the cover here and bring it finished for our coloring contest.

ADULT ACTIVITY: "IF THIS WAS THE YOM TERUAH YAHSHUA WAS GOING TO COME..."

Please answer the following 2 questions and bring it to the Feast

NUMBER ONE: If this was actually the 7th Trumpet and we saw the "sign of the Son of Man's return in the sky" tonight, how would you have prepared differently than you did?

NUMBER TWO: If King Yahshua ripped through the clouds tonight what would you not be doing tomorrow? Can you let go of that, forever?

Prepare Lesson #9: How do we Prepare?

How Does the Scriptures Tell us to Prepare for this Day of Trumpets?

"A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for Yahovah; make straight in the desert a highway for our Elohim." Isaiah 40:3 and Matthew 3:1,3

These Scriptures are prophetic and they are directly connected to later day events that we are now experiencing. Yom Teruah is the next Mo'edim to be fulfilled. It is the first of the End Time Mo'edim! This is super exciting to be living in these last days to witness this! But it is crucial that we understand how to prepare for this day—and I'm not talking about stocking up on ammo and food people! I won't be unpacking this all in this e-blast, but perhaps we will talk about it at the Feast. :-)

Download Isaac's mind-map below to begin your study into how to prepare the way of Yahovah.....

To figure out what is meant by prepare in the above verses we must look at the original text in Hebrew. Look at this graphic to the left and compare the Hebrew and Greek words for prepare.

The Greek is total ambiguity! We need the Hebrew to help open up our mind to the real idea of what prepare means....

So, after considering how we are to prepare

How do we prepare for the Return of the King?

How do I make level paths?

Yom Teruah Trivia #9

In ancient times the priests announced the arrival of Yom Teruah by blowing 2 silver trumpets from the Temple. They also lit signal fires on the mountaintops across the land to let everyone who lived far off that the Mo'edim had arrived! Sounds kinda like in Lord of the Rings :)