## Sounding the Two Shofars

by Richard Aaron Honorof, 1998

I am a Messianic Jew, and I have been a minister for the Lord Jesus since He saved me in 1973. I am both an American and also an Israeli citizen. I began in full time ministry for the Lord Jesus in the spring of 1982, right after the time I was raised up into Heaven by the Holy Spirit, and stood before God.

The name of my ministry is 'Feed My Sheep', a name given to me by Jesus Himself, in the spring of 1973. It is a permanent name, for it is 'the Word of God' that Jesus personally spoke and planted deep into me with the Power of His divine Love! This happened to me while I was reading the Bible from the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Book of John, where Jesus said to Peter "Feed My Sheep!" (John 21:16, 17)

I will never forget that experience, for it changed my life forever.

I was tortured in the demonic world for the next nine years after that, because of my lack of knowledge of my enemy and of God's Word, and because of my calling by God. But since my experience in 1982, the Lord has continually been working and setting me free by the power of His Holy Spirit. He has been restoring me, and He has been teaching me how to live in Victory. God is so Faithful!

In 1982, Passover weekend, in the Southern California desert, around 10 am, while in great agony, crying out to God to free me from the constant demonic torment that I was suffering from for many years, having just come out of nine years in the occult and New Age, I was suddenly raised up into Heaven while fully awake, where I found myself standing before the God of Heaven. His face was so brilliant, like the Sun Glowing in its full Glory, that I could not see the features of His face, except I could see that He wore a simple golden crown. I now know that I was standing before the One called The King of Glory!

Psalm 24 says it wonderfully: "Who is the King of Glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of Glory!" **I stood before the King of Glory**, who brought me out of the enemies hands, because of His great Mercy and Love and compassion for me, and because of His Blood which He shed for me on the cross to forgive all my sins. I don't deserve what He has done for me, and what He has continued to do for me over the years, since 1982. And I am forever grateful to Him.

The King of Heaven came over to me, and lovingly placed a crimson robe around my shoulders; no words were spoken. Shortly after that I found myself back down in the California desert, with a task in my heart to do for Him.

The 'Feed My Sheep' company was started in 1982. I sold materials primarily to Christian bookstores throughout the United States, but also to other countries, carrying a complete line of my own photography Scripture greeting cards and prints, Messianic art, Messianic books, and also Messianic music, until the fall of 1998, when I totally closed my company down and moved to Jerusalem, Israel.

After my experience of 1982, Jesus began directing me to write my first Scripture book for Him, using the Scriptures He had shown me in 1973, when I first began reading the Bible and was Saved, with the Holy Scriptures coming Alive off the pages of the Bible and entering my heart with God's Powerful divine Love! All of these Scriptures which God made come Alive were related to **Yeshua's first and second coming**.

For the next ten years, 1982 to 1992, I followed the Lord's direction, as Scripture by Scripture was put into position, to form a very special book, a very comprehensive collection of Messianic Scriptures from the Jewish Holy Scriptures, which shows us the prophesies on the life of the Messiah, found throughout the Tanakh only. These prophesies were written hundreds of years before Jesus's birth.

My first book was called,

## 'THE COMING MESSIAH! The Son of David'

It contained 192 pages, with over 550 different Scripture references to Messiah Yeshua's first coming. These Scriptures were all taken from the Old Testament Jewish Bible, to show Jesus's life prophesied before He came to earth. God had spoken these Scripture prophesies through His Old Testament Jewish prophets. This book shows most of the Scriptures prophesied about Jesus. The book was first published in 1992. When this book was finished, God directed me to begin announcing His Coming with both my new book and also with two shofars, first to the Christian bookstores throughout the United States, and then in 1995 to Israel.

Before my book was finished, I blew just one shofar, but after my first book was done, within a few short months the Holy Spirit directed me to begin blowing two kudu horn shofars at the same time. At that time I had no idea why. God has put this ability inside of me, to blow the two shofars, not only to make them sound as one, but to teach me how to 'let go' and surrender inside, as I blew the two shofars together.

I knew almost nothing about blowing a shofar when I began, and didn't know why God wanted me to do the two, except that I knew that it had something to do with announcing Jesus's Second Coming.

God then directed me to <u>list the biblical reasons and the scriptural</u> <u>basis for why I blow two shofars</u> for Him. Each of us as believers in Jesus have been created by God to fulfill a certain part of His divine plan for His soon return.

We have to be obedient to God's call on our lives, no matter what the cost. The ram God used as a substitute <u>for the life of Isaac</u>, so God could form the nation of Israel, was caught in the thicket <u>by **two horns**</u>. From this, the Orthodox religious Jews concluded that the Shofar which God originally sounded from the heavens above Mount Sinai was called <u>the First Trumpet</u>. They believe the Shofar call blown when Messiah comes <u>will wake up the dead</u>; this being the Resurrection of the

righteous dead. This is called **the Last Trumpet**. However, they incorrectly believe this will be blown on the Feast Day of Rosh Ha Shanah (Yom Teruah), the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month of Tishri.

The Lord has taught me that the blowing of two shofars at the same time, represents the fulfillment of God's plan for Israel. Biblically, the calling together of an assembly of 3 1/2 million Jewish people began in the Sinai with two silver trumpets, used to bring the people together before the Presence of the LORD, at the Tent of Meeting. Numbers 10:3

In 1995 and 1996, I was asked by the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem, I.C.E.J., to open their Feast of Tabernacles program at the Jerusalem Convention Center. God directed me to blow the two shofars together, so that things would be done in a more biblical way. [Numbers 10:3] Instead of two trumpeters, who would not blow exactly the same sound, or match the changes of levels, with exact timing and degree of anointing, the Lord directed me to sound the two shofars together 'for His Glory'. I have opened many meetings throughout the United States and in Israel, blowing the two kudu shofars together at the same time.

God has had me blowing the two shofars to announce the Return of our Messiah, King Yeshua. With the two shofars, I also proclaim 'the Majesty of our God', as the true King of Israel. Sounding the shofar is the biblical way to announce the coming of our new King, the King of Glory. King David had his son Solomon proclaimed as king, with high priest Zadok going before Solomon blowing the shofar, and shouting, "Long live king Solomon!" 1st Kings 1:39

Blowing the two shofars sometimes makes a wonderful sound which is carried up into the heavens, which the Holy Spirit does inside of me. I am His instrument, and I try my best to hit the right notes, <u>but God does it for me from within me</u>, so that I am not only able to hit the right notes in just the right way, <u>making the two shofars sound as one</u>, but I also enter into a deep surrender to God as I blow the two shofars together.

Many times God has brought His anointing over the audience, when I blow the two shofars. He uses this double shofar sound to open the heavens and to bring the Outpouring of His Spirit. The Holy Spirit basically does it all.

For on my own, at times I can hardly hit a clear note. This keeps me humble and surrendered, and prayerful when I blow, praying that the notes will be blown in just the right way on the two different shofars, to make them sound as one. Something happens in the Spirit, and God has set people free when this happens.

Quoting from Numbers 10:9... 'When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the (two) trumpets, and you shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies.' It may be this promise from the Word of God that I believe God uses to set His people free when the two shofars are blown.

It is important for the shofar to sound good, but it is also <u>very important to know the many Scripture promises of God</u> related to the blowing of the shofar. In 1996, God had me do a study of the Scriptures on the shofar, in which I listed 40 of the most important reasons for blowing the shofar, found in both Old and New Testaments. That eight page shofar study is still available today, and is free on my website, called: 'Sounding The Shofars.' <u>www.FeedMySheepJerusalem.com</u>

Since 1992, God has used me to help raise up an army of shofar blowers, mainly in the United States, but also from many countries around the world.

The Holy Spirit has proven to me that **Succoth** or **The Feast of Tabernacles** <u>is Yeshua's true Birthday</u>. And Succoth will also be the biblical feast when the <u>Marriage Supper of The Lamb</u> will take place (on Yeshua's birthday) <u>in Jerusalem</u>. I have finished my newest book

for the Lord, where these biblical truths and many other new revelations from the Lord are elaborated upon.

When I blow the shofars during **Succoth**, I am aware that I am doing this on Yeshua's true Birthday, and that I am also announcing the true biblical feast when **the Marriage Supper of The Lamb** will be held. (see Isaiah 25:6-10)

The Marriage Supper is different from **the Marriage**. These are two different biblical events, which will be held at different times, and in two different places. The Wedding will be held <u>in Heaven</u>, most likely on the Feast of Rosh HaShanah (Yom Teruah), and the Wedding Banquet, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, will be held back down on earth <u>in Jerusalem</u>, during Succoth, the Feast of Tabernacles.

I blow the two shofars not only to announce the Second Coming of King Jesus, but to announce that **King Jesus is the One who will blow the Great Shofar**, which will happen at His Second Coming. (Zechariah 9:14)

King Yeshua blows the Shofar when He returns to earth with His Bride on the day of <u>Yom Kippur</u>. Biblically, Yom Kippur is the only day when the High Priest was able to enter and leave the Holy of Holies. This Shofar call of God, clearly seen in Zechariah 9:14, is also seen many other places, as in Isaiah 27:13, where it is called 'the Great Shofar'. This Shofar will be blown on the year of Jubilee. (Leviticus 25:9, 10) These teaching are all part of my second book called:

## 'THE RETURN OF THE MESSIAH, THE KING OF GLORY!'

The shofars are now also being blown to wake-up Yeshua's sleeping Bride!

The Lord has taught me that the Church as a whole is not the Bride. But only a very select group within the Body of the saved Church will make up this special Bride, those most intimate with their Lover, Lord Yeshua (Jesus's real Hebrew name when He lived on earth in Israel). This will be a totally sold out group of frontline and faithful believers.

Revelation 19:7 reveals that Yeshua will be married to <u>His Wife</u>, <u>who will be Spiritual Israel</u>; She will be both Jews and Gentiles. His special Bride will be a firstfruits offering. (Revelation 14:4) And as Leviticus 23:17 clearly points out, the first-fruits offering is <u>two wheat loaves</u>. There may be 144,000 in each loaf, from <u>two different groups</u>.

Revelation 14:1-5 may be the loaf from the nations, and Revelation 7:3-8 may represent the Jewish part of the Bride. But I do not know this for sure.

Yeshua is <u>the Head</u> of the Body. His Bride will be <u>the Heart of the Body</u>, and will enjoy a most intimate relationship with Him. She will carry His anointing to the rest of the saved Body, those who are <u>the Guests</u> at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The Holy Spirit has taught me these truths. These are expounded upon in my new book on the Lord's return. Most saved believers are not the Bride of Messiah; they will be Yeshua's Guests (special friends) at His Marriage Supper.

The shofar call is <u>an urgent wake-up call for the whole Church</u>, for God's Church is sleeping, and Lord Yeshua's return is very near, even at the door!

The blowing of the two shofars announces that the Messiah is bringing both Jew and Gentile together into One united Body. This had always been God's plan and the Messiah's biblical calling. [Isaiah 49:6 and John 17:11]

God bless you, and thank you for taking the time to read this paper.

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