

Let's learn about Shofars!

You may be wondering what significance a shofar holds, since they are blown every Sabbath before services. A shofar is a musical instrument made from a ram's horn. Shofars were used very often in the Old Testament. You may even remember reading that Moses blew the shofar to call the people together in the wilderness. Shofars were also used to announce the Sabbaths and Holy Days, warning of danger, signaling a battle, and proclaiming a new leader. In fact, the shofar is still widely used today from the early days of Israel!

So, how is a shofar created? It's a very difficult process of hollowing out a ram's horn, shaping, and polishing it, and it doesn't always end up



perfect. Many modern Jews say that when they see and hear a shofar, it reminds them of Yahweh mercifully providing a ram as He stopped the hand of Abraham from sacrificing his son Isaac.

Many people think that a trumpet and a shofar are always the same thing.

This is not true because a trumpet can be made of brass, but sometimes gold or silver for a special occasion. Shofars are specifically gotten from an animal. The book of Numbers, for example, mentions "trumpets" and a different Hebrew word was used, not "shofar."

Shofars come in a variety of sizes and shapes depending on the choice of animal and level of finish. One of the most powerful examples of shofar-blowing in the Bible is when Joshua and all of Israel marched around the city of Jericho. On the seventh day, seven priests marched around Jericho seven times and blew their shofars. The walls came tumbling down! Many artists depict the priests blowing silver trumpets, but that was not the case. They used shofars! May Yahweh bless your understanding.

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priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

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Do you remember?

- 1. How many times did the seven priests march around Jericho on the seventh day?
- A. One.
- B. Six.
- C. Seven.
- D. Ten.





- 2. What did the priests use to bring down the walls?
- A. Shofars made of rams horns.
- B. Silver trumpets.
- C. Flutes.
- D. Drums.





- 3. What are some reasons shofars were blown?
- A. To signal danger.
- B. On Holy Days.
- C. On Sabbaths.
- D. All of the above.
- 4. Which statements are false?
- A. Shofars and trumpets are always the same instrument.
- B. Joshua had exactly 1200 soldiers.
- C. All shofars are the same size and shape.
- D. All are false.



- 5. Which statements are true?
- A. Creating a shofar is a difficult process.
- B. Trumpets can be made of brass, gold, or silver depending on the occasion.
- C. All shofars come out perfect.
- D. Only A and B are correct.



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NAME THE KING



- 1. Name the king who wrote songs and poetry. (Psalm 18:50)
- 2. Which king built the temple in Jerusalem. (1 Kings 9:1)
- 3. Who was the king that the Apostle Paul almost persuaded to become a believer? (Acts 26:28)
- 4. Name the first king of Israel. (1 Samuel 9:17)
- 5. Name the king whose many wives caused him to sin. (1 Kings 11:3-4)
- 6. Who was the king who saw handwriting on a wall. (Daniel 5:1-5)



- 7. Who was king when Yahshua was born? (Matthew 2:1)
- 8. Which king married a Hebrew maiden? (Esther 2:16-17)
- 9. Which king began his reign at only eight years old? (2 Kings 22:1-2)
- 10. Name the king who burned Jeremiah's scroll. (Jeremiah 36:28)
- 11. Who was the king who refused to let the children of Israel leave Egypt? (Exodus 6:1-2)