

SHOFAR BLAST SEQUENCE

There are four different sounds associated with the blowing of the shofar during the Yom Teruah service. These sounds are interpreted as follows:

1. **TEKIAH - A pure unbroken sound** that calls man to search his heart, forsake his wrong ways, and seek forgiveness through repentance. The tekiah called the people to attention and to gather unto Moses. It is the calling note, calling your attention and holding you. It would be in general the summons that it is time to listen to God, to receive from Him the orders for the day.

2. **TERUAH- A broken, staccato, trembling sound.** It typifies the sorrow that comes to man when he realizes his misconduct and desires to change his ways. It is 9 blasts.

3. **SHEVARIM - A wave-like sound of alarm.** It is the note for bustling, speedy activity, the signal for breaking up, for striking tents and breaking up camp.

4. **TEKIAH GEDOLAH -** The prolonged, unbroken sound typifying a final appeal to sincere repentance and atonement.

The Shofar blowing on Yom Teruah is a combination of the various sounds.

The Tekiah is sounded first to call man's heart to give attention and hear the following 'sound' of the Shofar message. It is then followed by **the Teruah which would then give His order to break off and away from every attachment** that estranges us from God, leaving behind every worthless activity. The broken sound reminds us that we have a job of breaking of our evil inclination. Then the **Shevarim** 'speaks' for the heart of man initiating the call to repentance and godly sorrow of heart. The **Teruah** which then follows, calls one to, a new attitude, of faithfully following God's way of life. It is to rally us to come to a new place in God. The repetition of these sounds is for the purposed of penetrating deep into the recesses of man's being to bring a complete change of heart and complete reconciliation with our heavenly Father. These four sounds form a set, called a Tekiyot of shofar blasts. In the sounding of the Shofar the Tekiah is 1 blast, the Shevarim is 3 wavering continuous blasts, and the Teruah is 9 staccato blasts.

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9) TERUAH 9

1) TEKIAH GEDOLAH 1

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