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Before You Celebrate Trumpets, DO THIS!

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The Feast of Trumpets, or better known as Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the civil year on the Hebrew calendar, the very first feast day of the fall feast days of the Lord, and more importantly, it's called Yom Teruah. That's the ancient Hebrew, and it simply means "the day of blowing." Blowing what? A trumpet. That's why it's called the Feast of Trumpets. We're going to talk about it.

I'm Jim Staley, Passion for Truth Ministries, and today I'm not in my studio. As you can tell, it's not a green screen. It is real. Where I'm standing is absolutely spectacular, and I'm going to tell you exactly where I'm at in just a few minutes. But before I do, I felt like we should just have a conversation about the Feast of Trumpets and get to the heart of what trumpets is all about. So this is not gonna be a teaching, it's not gonna be in-depth going into the Hebrew and the Paleo-Hebrew and the pictograph and all of the layers that God has put into His word. Today, we're just gonna talk about the spirit of Yom Teruah, the blowing of the trumpets of God.

Feast of Trumpets. It is the first of the fall feast days. Like I mentioned before, this is when all of the ancient kings of Israel were inaugurated as king on this day. It's an extraordinary feast day because it's prophetic in every way towards Yeshua, Jesus, our Messiah, who's going to come in the clouds one day. And every knee is going to bow. Every tongue is going to confess that He is Lord—exactly the way that they did on the Feast of Yom Teruah in ancient Israel. Every knee would bow. Every tongue would confess that He is Lord. And that's one of the principles of Yom Teruah.

As much as we love to get into, "Well, it's just the beginning of a new civil year," even though Nisan 1, or right before Passover, is the beginning of the real biblical calendar, this is an exciting time because it begins the fall, it begins the preparation for Judgment Day on Yom Kippur and the great marriage supper of the Lamb during the Feast of Tabernacles, or better known in the Hebrew tongue as Sukkot. But this feast day, this is about bowing. This is about taking and bending the knee to the Bridegroom. As the bride of Christ gets ready and settles into her chamber and prepares for the coming of the Bridegroom, we, as the bride, have to first bow the knee. And this is why in many wedding ceremonies, this is exactly what they do. The husband and wife will bow the knee. This is declaring their oath, their marriage oath, that before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, they are subject to Him. He is the Lord. He is the King. They are confessing with their mouth that He is the Lord of their life and the Lord of their marriage. And so, I want to just encourage you that on this day, one of the things that you can do is simply bow the knee.

Now, bowing the knee physically is one thing, but bowing your heart, your mind, your will, and your emotions—boy, that's a whole other thing. And I've lived 50-plus years not bowing the knee. And sometimes bowing the knee means inside of a relationship. Maybe you're in a conflict right now and you simply need to bow the knee. What does that mean? It means to take your emotions, to take your superiority and put it in an inferior place. Put someone else's feelings above yours. Now that is a Feast of Trumpets principle number one. Put someone else's needs before yours. Even if you absolutely believe without a shadow of a doubt that you're right and that your needs are more important and that you are in that superior position. Well, so was Christ, and He did the most honorable thing that anyone could ever do. He crawled up on a cross and He died. That's how He shouted out to His Father with His trumpet. It was "Father, forgive them." Setting the example for all of us husbands to do just that—to bow the knee, to take the knee for our family, to sacrifice, to make sure that they go in the right direction. Now that doesn't mean you let people run over you, but it's just a principle that you need to apply—that humility in death, even if it's unjustified. God will raise you from the dead. He will stand out. He will give you kudos. You will earn lots of brownie points if you crawl on the cross and you follow the Feast of Trumpets principle number one: bow the knee.

All right, so let's talk about the Feast of Trumpets a little bit further and see what else we can learn. So one of the other principles that you can learn from the Feast of Trumpets is this: there's an anticipation. In an ancient Hebrew wedding, the bride would go away and wait for the bridegroom, who is gone preparing a place for his bride. He doesn't announce ahead of time when he's coming. He just comes. He shows up with his entourage, and there is this fantastic anticipation by the bride and all of the family that's waiting. They get an idea—they kind of have an idea—but they don't know the day or the hour. There's a spirit of anticipation. Can I ask you a question? How much do you anticipate to meet the Lord? How often do you meet with the Lord? Because the Feast of Trumpets is that internal Holy Spirit going off sound, that frequency that you

feel that says, "Be ready. Get ready. Anticipate Me," says the Lord. When you get up in the morning, do you get up in the morning? When do you have your time that you set aside with the Lord? Where is that moment where it's quiet and you can hear the water in the valley going and you feel the light, slight wind going across your face? When do you think about Him? When do you anticipate the next time that you're going to get to spend with Him? Anticipation is so important. It breeds excitement. It breeds intentionality.

Which brings me to my third point for the Feast of Trumpets. The Feast of Trumpets is all about a gathering. It's making a declaration of what authority sits on the throne. So the Feast of Trumpets is not about just singing songs and blowing shofars or trumpets. It's about an internal declaration that Yeshua, Jesus, is King in your life. It's reaffirming that—like an anniversary or like a birthday—where you take the time, my friend, and you look directly into the eyes of God and you have that moment, that very special ceremonial moment. Whatever that looks like—maybe it's a special meal, maybe you go to a park, maybe you do it with friends, maybe you do it in a church service if your church celebrates the Feast of Trumpets—and you declare that He's King.

Now it's easy to declare that He's King inside of a church service where everybody else is doing it. It's easy to do that, to say that He's King when you're in a religious atmosphere or when you feel that presence of God. But it's really difficult, my friends, to declare that Yeshua is King when you're in the middle of chaos in your life, or when you've really messed up, or when someone's hurt you, or when someone's done something wrong to you. That's when it matters the most, because that's when most people get off their throne, and they're ready to do something, and they're ready to get back their rights, their authority, and so on and so forth. Take control—if you're a man, that's a really popular thing that we do. But what God is asking for us to do is get off the throne, period, and put Him back in that place and trust Him with the things that we have no control over. And maybe the things that you want to have control over, you're never really supposed to have control over to begin with. This is the beauty of the Feast of Trumpets. It's declaring with your mouth, and maybe you do something in the physical that makes that permanent, that absolutely declares it in the physical. But declaring that He is the King and sitting on the throne is a declaration of authority.

You see, authority is all messed up in believers around the world. We have such a small understanding of what authority is. There's husbands out there that feel like they have to declare their authority. You know, I don't remember Yeshua ever really declaring His authority. He just exercised it. And how did He do it? He did it through bowing the knee, through sacrifice, through love and mercy and compassion. It's the most powerful authority in the universe—is compassion. You know, I remember once watching the movie "Schindler's List," and I remember that there was a part of the movie where one of the generals was shooting Jewish people in this camp with his gun. And the gentleman and star of the show, the movie, Mr. Schindler, said, "No, that's not authority. Real power is knowing that you could shoot them and choosing to pardon them instead." How often in our lives do we declare our authority and our power and we exercise it, and we might have the right to do this or do that, but the greater power is knowing that you have the authority and choosing to forgive—choosing compassion, choosing mercy, choosing the way of the cross. That's the third principle.

As we move forward to the Feast of Trumpets, and this is going to be very short, but I feel like we need to get to the heart of the Feast of Trumpets, the heart of Yom Teruah. It's about an expression. It's blowing. And what do we use to blow in our lives? We use our lungs. In the physicality of our life, it's just lung power. The air inside of us in Hebrew is called ruach. It's wind. It is the wind. Which wind are you blowing out of your life each and every day? Is it the wind of God, or is it your wind? Is it anger? Is it love? Is it gentleness? Is it kindness? Is it the fruits of the Spirit?

You know, can I be candid with you? Sometimes I struggle with the fruit of the Spirit. Sometimes I feel like—well, if you saw where I'm standing on the edge of a cliff, sometimes I feel like just letting myself go. Sometimes I feel like someone's pushing me, and sometimes I feel like I do it to myself. But at the end of the day, I recognize that there is absolutely no other way for me to truly be in the presence of God than to just let Him move me in the direction that He wants me to go. And I'm just never going to know that if I don't bow the knee, declare that He's King, and literally have compassion on other people, and understand what's coming out of me. Is it the wind of God that's coming out of me? Or is it the wind of Jim Staley? And oftentimes I find myself just blowing a lot of hot air. But the power of the Feast of Trumpets is blowing His air. It's declaring His love for mankind.

You know, I've got to share just a short story on the way here. I had to climb over a wall and come down on this 45-degree angle down into this valley where I felt like I was supposed to film. And when I got out of the truck, there was an autistic young man that's right up there. And this autistic young man literally started yelling at me—not yelling at me, but he was declaring to me—and he said, "I hope you have a good day, and I hope you have a safe day." And remember, God wants us to be nice to one another. You know, I feel like there's no better message for the Feast of Trumpets than God says, "Be nice to one another." Let the air that comes out of you be clean. Let it be pure. Let it be filled with righteousness, holiness, love, compassion. Let the fruits of the Spirit show so vividly in your life that there's simply nothing else that people will see than the trumpet of God.

So in the end, I want to challenge you. Who's sitting on your throne? What authority are you exercising? Are you exercising authority, blowing a trumpet blast very loud until everybody knows that you are in the room? Are you blowing the trumpet to let people know that they're loved, that they're cared for, that they're valued, that they're appreciated? Because this is the way of the cross. This is the Valley of Zion. And by the way, that's exactly where I'm at. I'm at Zion National Park. Incredible park on every level. What's behind me does not even do justice to what I'm even looking at right now. As a matter of fact, let me show you what I'm looking at, because as the sun sets, you can see exactly what it looks like. This is one of the most beautiful places I have ever been in my life. The gentleman that named this park many, many years ago—over 100 years ago—named it for one reason. When he found this, he found an oasis in the desert. And he said, "This is just like Jerusalem—an oasis in the desert."

So let me ask you a question. Are you Zion for your home? Are you an oasis in the desert? When there's chaos all around you, when everything falls apart, where are you? What are you? Are you the oasis, the Jerusalem, the Zion in the desert? The Feast of Trumpets is more than just blasting a shofar and declaring that He is King. It's about the internal struggle that we have as human beings to actually make that happen. And I feel like it's a daily struggle for me. If you feel like it's a daily

struggle for you, welcome aboard. We're all in this together. But in the end, it's more than just me and you. It's about me, you, and Him. It's about Him helping you walk through this process. Because these rocks behind me, they declare His glory regardless of whether we do or not.

So my friends, bow the knee, make the declaration, walk in humility, live in a position of compassion and mercy, and let's do what my autistic friend said up here: be kind to one another, because that's what God wants us to do. I'm Jim Staley with Passion for Truth Ministries. If you want to learn all about the Feast of Trumpets, I encourage you to click some of the links in the description, go to our playlist on YouTube. You can find all kinds of videos on the Feast of Trumpets that I've done over the years. Until then, I'm Jim Staley with Passion for Truth Ministries. I'll see you in the next video.

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