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## Blessings To Everyone This Wonderful Month Of March!



"For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name."

- Psalms 33:21



Worship and Praise Be Unto God



Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise Him with the harp and lyre...

-Psalms 150:3



### Jericho, The Shofar, and Praise and Worship

Many different ways have been used in worship and praise of the Lord God. People have used their voice, instruments, dance, prayer, prayer language (tongues), and a great many other ways to bring honor and reverence in praise and worship to God. Although not often seen in many churches, but still practiced by some people as a part of certain church and congregations praise and worship teams, is the blowing of the Shofar. The Shofar is a Jewish name of either a ram's or antelope's horn that is used usually in the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) to signal the end of the day, or in a special four part ceremony for the prayers of Rosh Hashanah (head of the new year or Jewish New Year). In non Jewish ceremonies, the Shofar is used to basically declare war or to shout victory in the name of God before or during a church service. This is done primarily because the Shofar has been used throughout history as an instrument of war, or as an instrument to declare victory such as when it was blown in Israel as a symbol of victory after the end of the Six Day War in 1967. While the Six Day War is used as an example of the Shofar being blown in victory, the usage of it as an instrument of war can be seen all the way back to when the Israelites took on the Canaanites in the walled city of Jericho.

In the book of Joshua, it describes how the Israelites have entered into the Promised Land, but must now drive out all the enemies of Israel before they can settle into it. The first real enemies they face are the inhabitants of a very large walled city called Jericho. These walls were so thick that basically chariots could race on top of them. The Israelites were going to have their work cut out for them when they took these people on. The Judge of Israel at the time, Joshua, was a man that for 39 years had been trained to know the voice of the Lord, and how to listen and obey Him. As Joshua was preparing to go to war one day, the captain of the angels of the Lord appeared before Joshua and told Him how to conquer the city of Jericho. The orders were as follows: walk around the city for seven days, one time on the first six days, but seven times on the seventh day. Have the priest of Israel walk in front with trumpets of rams horns (Shofars) playing, but everyone else remain completely silent until the final day when all the times of circling the city had been completed. On the final lap around the city on the seventh day, shout as loud as you can, and the walls of the city will fall. Although probably confused a bit, Joshua obeyed the word of the Lord, and in Joshua 6:6, it says that Joshua summoned the priests, told them to take up the Ark of the Covenant, get the rams horns, and walk in front of the ark with them. After seven days of walking a total of fourteen times, it says in Joshua 6:20, that the people shouted, the priest blew the horns, and the walls of the city fell flat and the city was overtaken by the Israelites. By shouting and blowing the Shofars in warfare ordained by God, the Israelites claimed victory with a shout and sound of triumph.

It says in Joel 2:15, "Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly. "When the people of God are gathered together, it is probably a very good idea to include a Shofar into the mix. The reason for this is because when we praise and worship God, we are singing and shouting to Him. As the Israelites at Jericho shouted to God, they had Shofars follow along and it made a massive outpouring of triumph and obedience into the spirit. With our voices in a church singing to God, perhaps with the inclusion of the ram or antelopes horn included in the time of praise and worship to God, we can also pour a shout of triumph into the spirit on or even above the level of the Israelites at Jericho. All we have

to do is to make sure that our outpouring to God is true and pure, honoring and revering, and holy and heartfelt to Him.

Many praise and worship God to the fullest and truest levels of their abilities to do so for the sake of honoring God, but perhaps it still could be just a little bit more powerful. It says in 1 Corinthians 14:8, "Again, if the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for battle?" With praise and worship to God we are a strong force against the devil, but with a Shofar blast, we could be unstoppable. If so, then let us take up a horn blast as well as our voices when we come before God. Let us become truly complete in our praise and worship, and let us be fully triumphant in spirit as we lift up our honor and reverence to God.

-Blessings, Harry Salem III



## **February Itinerary**

**Suncoast Cathedral**

**Pastors Tim and Janet Suddreth**

**2300 62nd Ave. N.**

**St. Petersburg, FL 33702**

**Phone: (727)-522-2171**

**<http://www.suncoastcathedral.com/>**

**Sunday, March 6, 2011, 10:30 am, 6:00pm services**

**Monday, March 7, 2011, 7:00 pm, Men's and Ladies Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 7:00 pm, Relationship Enrichment Service**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 7:00 pm service**

**Christian Retreat Family Church**

**Pastors Phil and Jannette Derstine**

**1200 Glory Way Blvd.**

**Bradenton, FL 34212**

**Phone: (800)-782-6414**

**<http://www.christianretreat.org/>**

**Thursday, March 10, 2011, 7:00 pm service**

**Friday, March 11, 2011, 10:30 am, 7:00 pm services**

**Saturday, March 12, 2011, 10:30 am service**

**Sunday, March 13, 2011, 10:00 am service**

**Abundant Life Family Church High Desert**

**Pastors Mark and Kendra Graham**

**17555 Mauna Loa Suite 18**

**Hesperia, CA 92345**

**[www.abundantlivinghd.com](http://www.abundantlivinghd.com)**

**Friday, March 18, 2011, 7:30pm singles conference**

**Saturday, March 19, 2011, 10am relationship conference**

**Sunday, March 20th, 2011, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 pm services**

**The Rock Church**

**Pastors Rocky and Jodi Bezet**

**20810 Plank Road**

**Zachary, LA 70791**

**<http://www.therockchurchla.org/>**

**Friday, March 25, 2011, 7pm ladies conference**

**Saturday, March 26, 2011, 10am ladies conference**

**Sunday, March 27, 2011, 8:30 am, 10:30 am services**

**Wednesday, March 30th, 2011, 7:00 pm service**



### **An Opportunity to Worship!**

*Please join us at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual We Who Worship event June 10-11, 2011 at The Westin Mission Hills Resort and Spa in Rancho Mirage, CA. It is a life changing outpouring of His presence through corporate worship at His feet! Please go to our web site for more information! I believe God is gathering His people together for His glory to be poured forth! Please pray about joining us! It could change your life forever!*

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*Love, Cheryl*

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