



# Shofar Lecture and Workshop NIHOP

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# TOPICS:

1. Prayer before Sounding a Shofar  
( a declaration of faith)
2. The Significance of Shofar  
and Its Prophetic Message
3. Shofar and the Chosen People of GOD –  
the Jews
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6. Shofar and its ministry in my life
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**1. Prayer before Sounding  
a Shofar  
( a declaration of faith)**



## HEBREW:

Baruch Ata Adonai, Eloheinu,  
Melech Haolam

Asher kidishanu bemitzbotav

Ve tiher otanu be damo shel

Bnu Yeshua Hamashiach,

Ve masha otanu be Ruach Hakodesh,

ve tziva lanu lishmo'a kolot hashofar.

Amen.



## **ENGLISH:**

**Blessed are You, oh Lord our GOD,  
King of the universe  
Who sanctify us by Your commandments  
Who has cleansed us by the Blood of  
Your Son Jesus Christ  
Who anoints us by Your Holy Spirit  
And commanded us to hear  
the sound of the shofar.**

**Amen.**



## **2. The Significance of Shofar and Its Prophetic Message**

# INTRODUCTION

**Trumpet** - in the Old Testament, translated from the Hebrew word **shofar** and from the word **Chatsotsrah** (khats-o-tser-aw)

**Teruah / Truw'ah (ter-oo-aw)** – Hebrew word implying the sounding of trumpets.

- an acclamation of joy / battle cry / alarm / joy / jubilee / loud noise / rejoicing / shouting / (high joyful) sound (ing)

# INTRODUCTION

**Trumpet** – in the New Testament, translated from the Greek word **σαλπιγξ** [salpigx] (sal-pinx)



# INTRODUCTION



- Shofar** – is defined as horn / ram's horn
  - is usually made from the horn of the ram, but horns from sheep, mountain goat, or antelope are also used
  - appears 72 times in the Old Testament
  - translated 68 times as trumpet, 4 times as cornet

# INTRODUCTION



- Shofar** – comes from a root word that means to “beautify”
- translated as a sense of incising / to cut into / carve / engrave
  - is meant to awaken the slumbering soul

# INTRODUCTION



- Chatsotsrah** – is defined as trumpet / clarion
  - appears 29 times in the New Testament as trumpet
  - used in Numbers 10:2 to refer to the silver trumpets

# EXAMPLES OF SHOFAROT



# THE SHOFAR



The connection between breath and knowledge of God is so deep that it is rooted in our languages. In English, “re**sp**iration” and “**sp**iritual” share the same root. In Hebrew, “*neshamah*” (soul) and “*neshēmah*” (*breath*) share the same root, while “*ruach*” can mean either “wind” or “spirit.”

# THE SHOFAR BLASTS







What do shofar blasts accomplish?

1. enthrone God's dominion
2. destroy Satan's dominion

# THE SHOFAR BLASTS

The four traditional patterns for sounding the shofar:

Pattern	Notation	Sample Sound
Tekiah	—————	
Shevarim	— — —	
Teruah	- - - - -	
Tekiah Gadolah	—————	

# THE SHOFAR BLASTS



**Tekiah**- one long blast with one or two tones

- represents the sound of triumph, joy, and happiness
- often used to announce the coming of the king
- the sound that God is staking the territory in which He is going to establish His Presence
- the sound that the enemy's territory is being taken by God and a stake is being driven into the head of the enemy



# THE SHOFAR BLASTS

- Tekiah**- the sound that was released when God gathered His people (*Exodus 19:19*)
- the sound that was released when Jericho fell
- the sound that destroyed the Midianites (*Judges 6*)

# THE SHOFAR BLASTS

**Shevarim** - consists of three blasts from a lower tone to a higher tone (three “short” *Tekiahs* sounded off in succession, the total length of the three blasts is as long as a “regular” *Tekiah*)

- a wailing sound and represents a sob or cry
- it is used as that attention getting sound that calls the congregation to worship

# THE SHOFAR BLASTS



**Shevarim** - it is the sound of God breaking in

- the sound that the enemy's grip is being broken
- the sound that destroys idols, breaks the neck, shatters the teeth, and smashes the chains of the enemy

# THE SHOFAR BLASTS



**Teruah** - consists of nine staccato notes blown in succession

- is a plea for mercy and also a sound for alarm
- the staccato blasts announce that God in His presence, has arrived and judgment is about to begin.

# THE SHOFAR BLASTS



**Teruah** - when the ark was brought forth, when the temple foundation was laid, whenever or wherever God was encountered the *Teruah* was blown

- releases an awakening sound
- it is a warning sound announcing that the Lord is about to show up and move in mighty ways

# THE SHOFAR BLASTS



**Tekiah Gadolah** - a Tekiah held as long as possible

- used to call upon God

# WHO BLOWS THE SHOFAR?

1. **God** (Zec 9:14, Exo 19:18-19)
2. **Angels** (Rev 8:6)
3. **Priests** (Jos 6:13) It is a priestly statute to blow the shofar (Num 10:8)
4. **Kings** (1 Sa 13:3)
5. **King's Trumpeters** (2Ki 11:13)
6. **Warriors** (Jdg 7:19)
7. **Worshippers** (Ps 150:3)
8. **Watchmen** (Ezk 33:3)
9. **Jesus** (1Th 4:16)

# WHO BLOWS THE SHOFAR?

Knowing the capacity and the role that God has called you, will give you the understanding how you should sound the shofar. Are you the *King's trumpeter*, standing by His side to sound the shofar as the King issues commands and decrees? Are you a *warrior* using the shofar in spiritual warfare to bring down strongholds? Are you performing a *priestly duty* in ministering to the Lord with the shofar in worship? Are you a *watchman* sounding the alarm to warn the people? Are you God's *earthly trumpet angels*, sounding the shofar to release something from heaven to earth?



# WHERE TO BLOW THE SHOFAR?



- 1. Before The Lord And King (Psa 98:6; 1Ch 13:8)**
- 2. In The Heavens (Rev 8:6)**
- 3. In Zion (Joel 2:1)**
- 4. Among The Nations (Jer 51:27)**
- 5. Over Offerings & Sacrifices (Num 10:10)**
- 6. In The City (Amos 3:6)**
- 7. Against Fenced Cities And High Towers  
(Zep 1:16)**
- 8. Throughout The Land (Lev 25:9)**

# WHEN TO BLOW THE SHOFAR?



- 1. On Holy Feasts** (*Ps 81:3; Lev 25:8; Lev 23:24*)
- 2. In The Day Of Gladness** (*Num 10:10*)
- 3. When Gathering The Congregation**  
(*Num 10:1*)
- 4. Bringing Up The Ark**  
(Ushering the Presence of God) (*1Ch 15:28*)
- 5. Temple Dedication** (*2Ch 5:11*)
- 6. In Celebration** (*1Ch 13:8*)
- 7. In Worship** (*Ps 150:3; 2Ch 29:26; Ps 96:6; 1Ch 16:37*)

# WHEN TO BLOW THE SHOFAR?



8. In Thanksgiving (*Ezr 3:11; Ps 27:6; Ps 33:2*)
9. In Victory Celebrations (*2Ch 20:25*)
10. In Anointing the King (*1Ki 1:34*)
11. In Making Proclamations (*Jer 51:27*)
12. When Making an Oath (*2Ch 15:14*)
13. When Calling for Help (*Neh 4:16*)
14. When Going to War (*Num 10:9*)
15. As a Watchman (*Ezk 33:3; Jer 6:17*)
16. The Day of the Lord (Heralds) (*Joel 2:1*)

# WHY BLOW THE SHOFAR?



- 1. To remind us of God's provision.** The ram that died in Isaac's place was a foreshadow of the Perfect Substitute, Y'shua (Jesus), Who died in our place (*Gen 22:13*)
- 2. To rally the troops for war** (*Neh 4:20; Jdg 3:27; Jer 4:19*)
- 3. To go against strongholds** (*Num 10:1*)
- 4. To confuse the enemy** (*Jdg 7:22*)
- 5. To announce the end of a battle** (*2Sa 2:28*)
- 6. To usher in God's Presence** (*2Sa 6:15*)

# WHY BLOW THE SHOFAR?



- 7.** To remind us that God is sovereign  
(*Ps 47:5*)
- 8.** To announce God's Presence and to praise and worship Him (*Ps 150:3*)
- 9.** As a wake up call to return to the Lord  
(*Joel 2:1; Isa 58:1*)
- 10.** As a warning of approaching danger  
(*Zep 1:14-16; Amos 3:6*)
- 11.** As a call to aliyah (calling the Jewish people to return to Israel) (*Isa 27:13*)

# WHY BLOW THE SHOFAR?



- 12.** To usher in the Day of the LORD (*Joel 2:1*)
- 13.** Start the Year of Jubilee (*Lev 25*)
- 14.** For the deliverance of Israel (*Zec 9:14-16*)
- 15.** For Evangelism

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE BLOW THE SHOFAR?



## 1. Our senses are sharpened.

When we're startled, the hypothalamus in our brain immediately starts producing hormones, altering our physiological state. One of the first is Neuropeptide-S, a small protein that makes us more alert. It decreases our need for sleep, and sharpens our alertness and feelings of energy.

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE BLOW THE SHOFAR?



## 2. Emotion grows stronger.

Another effect of sudden stress is simplification in our thought processes. When we're startled, our brains release catecholamines, neurotransmitters which stimulate a part of our brain called the amygdale, a center that relies on emotional – rather than purely rational – thought.



# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE BLOW THE SHOFAR?



## **3. Long-term memory is switched on.**

At the same time our amygdale is stimulated, so is our brain's nearby hippocampus, the region that stores long-term memories.

It helps make sure we don't waste these moments, that we learn from the stress we've just experienced.

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE BLOW THE SHOFAR?



## 4. Our brain becomes more active.

While all these changes are taking place, during times of stress our brains become more active overall. Nerve cells in our brains receive more messages than normal, and we experience increased brain activity. We're able to process much more information than during less-intense moments.

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE BLOW THE SHOFAR?



## 5. According to Ancient Rabbis

When the shofar is blown, it's as if all of the promises of God in the Scriptures are transmuted into the atmosphere and when these promises go forth, you have to change.

# **ANOINTINGS RELEASED WHEN WE BLOW THE SHOFAR**



- 1. An anointing for deliverance that will help you break free from captivity.**
- 2. An anointing of fruitfulness that will enable you to prosper in all that you do.**
- 3. An anointing for timing that will synchronize you with God's rhythms.**
- 4. An anointing for victory that will help you overcome all those things that have stood in your way, in the past.**

# **ANOINTINGS RELEASED WHEN WE BLOW THE SHOFAR**



- 5. The Shofar will release an anointing of the presence of God so that the awesome Presence of God can begin to enter in and rule over your life and your territory.**

# CORPORATE SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR



There is strength in numbers. In *Lev 26:8*, five will chase a hundred and a hundred will chase ten thousand. Corporate showphar blowing is prophetic and awesome. It is used in spiritual warfare to bring down strongholds (collapse of Jericho walls) and to attack the enemy camp (defeat of the Midianites).

It is used to usher the Glory of God (dedication of the temple). It is used to prepare the return of the Lord (seven trumpet angels in Revelation).

# CORPORATE SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR



## Biblical Accounts Where the Shofar Was Sounded Corporately

- 1. Battle of Jericho (*Jos 6:8*)**
- 2. Defeat Of The Midianites (*Jdg 7:16*)**
- 3. Dedication Of The Temple (*2Ch 5:12*)**
- 4. Seven Angels With the Seven Trumpets  
(*Rev 8:6*)**

# CORPORATE SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR



## Corporate Declaration After Sounding the Shofar

1. Shout! For The Lord Has Given You The City  
(*Jos 6:16*)
2. A Sword For The Lord And For Gideon (*Jdg 7:20*)
3. He Indeed Is Good For His Lovingkindness Is  
Everlasting (*2 Chronicles 5:13*)
4. The kingdom of the world has become the  
kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He  
will reign forever and ever. (*Rev 11:15*)



# CORPORATE SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR



## Specific Timing and Instruction to Blow

- 1. On The Seventh Day & After Marching Seven Times Around The City (*Jos 6:15*)**
- 2. Specific Instruction By Gideon (*Jdg 7:17*)**
- 3. In Unison And With One Voice (*2Ch 5:13*)**
- 4. In A Fixed Sequence (*Rev 8 - 11*)**

# PROPHETIC MESSAGE REGARDING THE SHOFAR



The ram's horn or the Shofar is an instrument, used in the natural and in the spirit realm for several things. First it is blown to usher in My Presence and Glory. In the Bible, it is most often referred to as the Trumpet, or the Trumpet of the Lord. It is also called the "Sound of the Lord", My sound. I have re-introduced My Horn into today's church, and I desire to see My people Blow My trumpet of Zion, to accomplish victory in today's church body. When the rams horn or Shofar is blown, it changes the atmosphere.

# PROPHETIC MESSAGE REGARDING THE SHOFAR



**The Shofar speaks to people in a language of sounds and repetition. Each is a distinct sound and each has a distinct message. Desire to learn about the use and administration of the sounds of the Shofar. Sound is important to Me in worship, coming from My people. Release the sound of the shofar into the heavenlies. See My Glory come in. Release the sound of the shofar, as you worship Me and see My ministering angels dispatched for your purposes.**

# **PROPHETIC MESSAGE REGARDING THE SHOFAR**



**Release the sound of the Shofar, and receive My Shekinah Presence. Creation was created by My Words, and My Sounds. Just as My Glory is released when you release praise unto Me, My Glory is released when you release the Shofar sounds into the Heavens. Need a change in Your Home and family? Need a change in your community or town?**

# PROPHETIC MESSAGE REGARDING THE SHOFAR




**Release the sound of My Shofar, and see them change. Release My Sounds, of Worship, warfare, warning or alarm, victory, and the sound of My Presence, when you blow My Shofar trumpet. As You release My sound of the Shofar, expect Me to show up and show out in your behalf, saith The Lord.**



# **3. Shofar and the Chosen People of GOD – the Jews**

and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets- indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD , and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praise the LORD saying: “For He is good. For His mercy endures forever,” that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of GOD.

(2Chro.5:12-14)



**“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that GOD is with you.”’**

**(Zech. 8:23)**

**Jesus is talking to a Samaritan woman..... You worship what you do not know ; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.**

**(Jn. 4:22)**





# **4. Shofar, a sacred instrument**

**a. By shedding the blood of an animal.**

**And GOD made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And GOD saw that it was good.**

**(Gen. 1:25)**

**b. Having the breath of life through us.**

**And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**

**(Gen. 2:7)**



# 5. Shofar and its audience

## **A. GOD**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: .....The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations. “When you go to war in your land against the enemy who oppresses you , then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies. Also in the day of your gladness, in your appointed feasts, and at the beginning of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be a memorial for you before your God: I am the LORD your God.”  
(Num.10:8-10)

## **B. THE PEOPLE**

“.....then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning , if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life.  
(Eze.33:4-5)

## **C. THE ADVERSARY**



# **6. Shofar and its ministry in my life**



# A. MASADA EXPERIENCE



נחל ציון

תמונה: ד"ר אריאל





אינטליגנטים, העוסקים במקצועות חופשיים, אני  
שים שפויים לחלוטין. הם מבקשים שאתן להם טי-  
פים לתצפיות מרהיבות על שיטפונות, אבל במיקום  
כטוח – מבלי שהם יהיו חשופים לסכנה, סיפר שחר  
באותו יום עמום. "בכל פעם אני משתדל להסביר  
להם את כללי ההתנהגות בשטח, מזהיר אותם שלא  
לקחת סיכונים. ובכל זאת, אני מוצא את עצמי



**צדים שיטפון השבוע.**  
"זה האקסטרים החדש,  
שלאחרונה התבזת, והתנישט  
בקרב יותר ויותר אנשים"

צילום: היטורט









## **B. GARDEN WEDDING EVENT**

# Rain stopped after praying and blowing of shofar.



Light to moderate rains.



# Rain stopped after praying and blowing of shofar.

Light to moderate rains.



# Rain stopped after praying and blowing of shofar.

It was drizzling when the shofar was blown...



# Rain stopped after praying and blowing of shofar.

The skies started to clear.



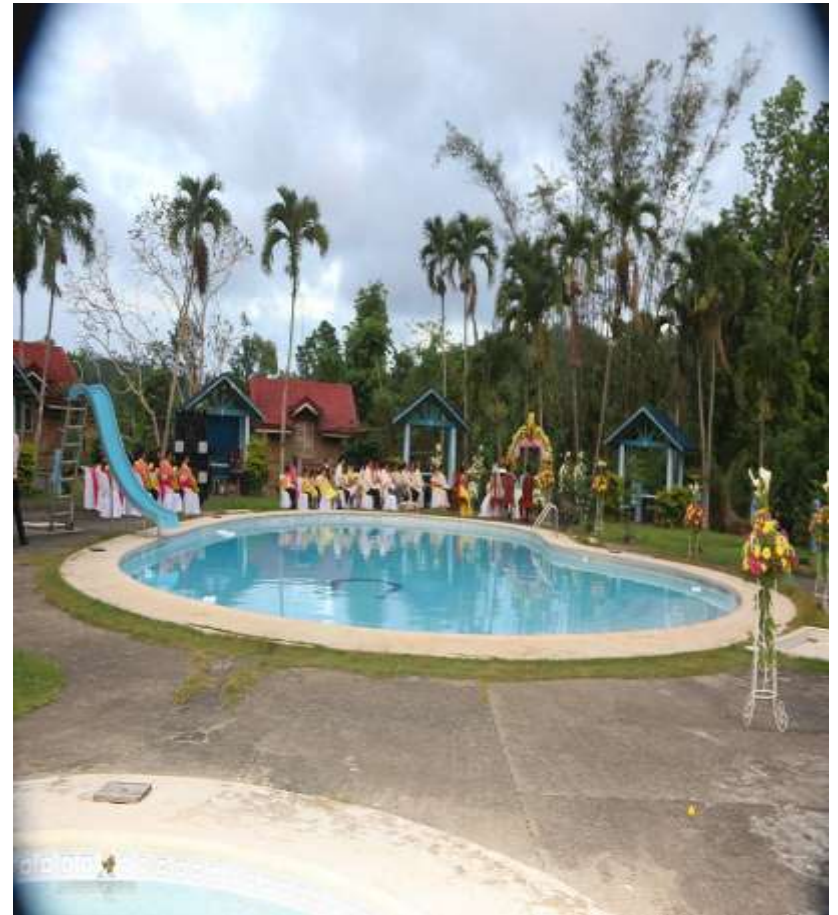


# Rain stopped after praying and blowing of shofar.

Before



After





## C. MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE

# Mountaintop Experience



# Mountaintop Experience



# Mountaintop Experience



# Mountaintop Experience



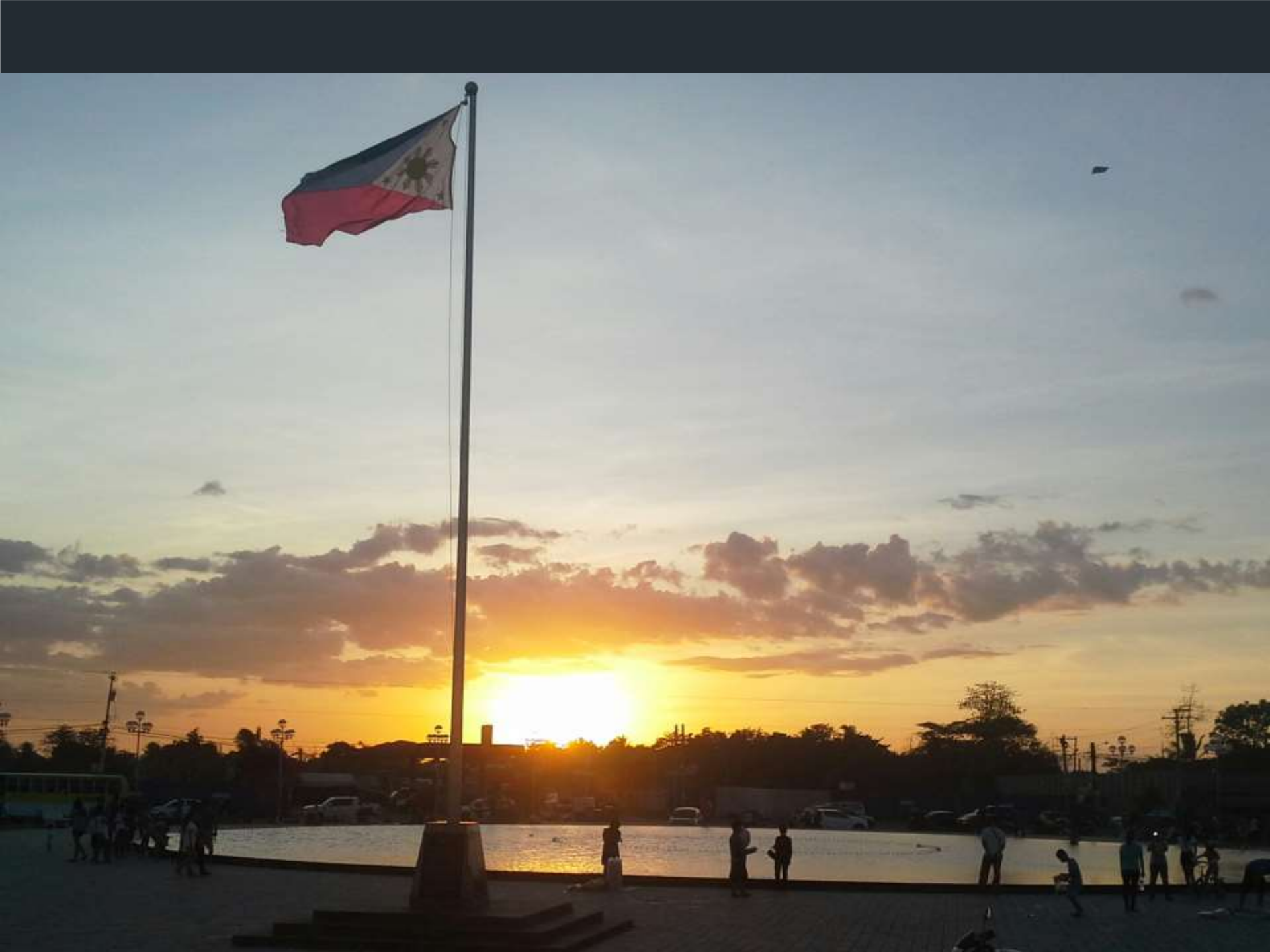
# Mountaintop Experience





**D. 12 SHOFAR SOUNDED AT NGC**














# **7. Shofar Blowers, an army of the LORD**



**The LORD gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it?**

**(Joel 2:11)**

**The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the GOD of glory thunders; the LORD is over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

**(Ps.29:3-4)**