

The King is Coming

“Look! He is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him; and all the tribes of the Land will mourn him. Yes! Amen! (Rev 1:7)

The Son of Man is returning in the clouds and these are His witnesses (Believers in the Messiah) as it is written: *“So then, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us, too, put aside every impediment—that is, the sin which easily hampers our forward movement—and keep running with endurance in the contest set before us” (Heb. 12:1).* We can compare the account in Daniel: *“¹³I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. ¹⁴And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed”* with what John saw in Revelation: *“After these things, I looked; and there before me was a door standing open in heaven; and the voice like a trumpet which I had heard speaking with me before said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after these things.” Instantly I was in the Spirit, and there before me in heaven stood a throne, and on the throne someone was sitting” (Rev. 4:1-2).* The trumpet John heard was the sound of the shofar, the trumpet, Yom Teruah was speaking with him. On the day of the Awakening and the loud shout (Teruah), similar to the experience of the Children of Israel before Mount Sinai: *“¹⁸Now the entire Mount Sinai was in smoke, because Adonai had descended upon it in fire. The smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace. The whole mountain quaked greatly. ¹⁹When the sound of the shofar grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him with a thunderous sound” (Ex. 19:18-19).*

No wonder the Conference of American Rabbis holds fervently that the gates of heaven are opened on Yom Teruah: *“Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter, the one that remains faithful. (Isa 26:2). Adonai has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I shall enter through them, I shall give thanks to Adonai: This is the gate of Adonai; the righteous will enter through it” (Ps 118:18-20).* *“Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: that the King of glory may come in” (Psalm 24:7) ♪ Open up you ancient doors, fling wide you gates, and let the King of Glory come in and take His place ♪* (from the song we just sang, *King of Glory* by Andrew Gudgeon).

In the Hebrew Scriptures kings are enthroned in a four-part ceremony: First by the giving of a decree (*“I have set up My king upon Zion, My holy mountain.” ⁷I will declare the decree of Adonai. He said to me: “You are My Son—today I have become Your Father” Psalm 2:6-7*) and the giving of a rod/scepter, which is the emblem of a king. Can you remember that Scripture mentions the scepter and rod of Messiah? Secondly the ceremony of the taking of the throne: the king sits on his throne and is anointed as king. Yeshua came in the office of a prophet as *Messiah Ben Yosef*, resurrected and is currently exercising continually the office of *Cohen HaGadol* (the High Priest of heaven) and will return in the office of King of Kings as *Messiah Ben David*. Thirdly there was an acclamation/proclamation: *‘Long Live the King!’* This is followed by the clapping of hands: *“¹For the music director, a psalm for the sons of Korah. ²Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of joy! ³For Adonai Elyon is awesome, a great King over all the earth. ⁴He subdues peoples under us, and nations under our feet. ⁵He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of Jacob whom He loved. Selah! ⁶God is gone up amidst shouting, Adonai amidst the sound of the shofar. ⁷Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! ⁸For God is the King of all the earth. Sing praises with a skillful song” (Psalm 47:1-8)* Psalm 47 is the coronation Psalm. Verse 6 is the *shout and shofar* of Yom Teruah and verse 7-8 is the shouting and proclamation of the king with song! Fourthly the kingdom subjects come and visit the monarch after he has taken the throne: *“¹⁶Then all the survivors from all the nations that attacked Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, Adonai-Tzva’ot, and to celebrate Sukkot. ¹⁷Furthermore, if any of the nations on earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Adonai-Tzva’ot, they will have no rain. ¹⁸If the Egyptians do not go up and celebrate, they will have no rain. Instead, there will be the plague that Adonai will inflict on the nations that do not go up to celebrate Sukkot. ¹⁹This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate Sukkot” (Zechariah 14:16-19).* Thus, all the inhabitants of the earth must come every year and visit the King of Kings during *Succot* after Yom Teruah: *“‘For just as the new heavens and the new earth which I make will endure before Me,’ declares Adonai, ‘So your offspring and your name will*

endure. 'And it shall be from new moon to new moon and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all mankind will come to bow down before Me,' says Adonai" (Isa. 66:22-23). L'Shanah Tovah & Chag Sameach!