



Make Way for the King

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The crowd had gathered, pressing into the square with a sense of palpable expectation. Suddenly, the sound of trumpets pierced the steady hum of animated conversations and the playful clamor of children. A sharply uniformed herald's voice rose above the din, commanding, "Make way for the King!"

The people instinctively pulled back, clearing a path that led directly to the heart of the square.

Once more, the trumpets rang out, this time revealing four impeccably dressed soldiers, each holding a long, gleaming silver trumpet. From each one hung banners emblazoned with the royal crest — a roaring lion — in brilliant blue, white, and gold.

Behind the trumpeters marched a score of soldiers, perfectly synchronized in their ceremonial attire. Again, the herald called, "Make way for the King!"

A hush fell over the crowd. For a moment, there was silence, until gasps of awe rippled through the onlookers. A majestic white horse made its way up the cobblestone path, its hooves clipping and clopping rhythmically. Draped in blue silk, trimmed with gold, the horse was a vision of royal elegance. Silver-studded leather reins sparkled with gems, but it was the rider who truly captured every gaze.

Seated tall and confident, the king was robed in a regal display of velvet, fur, silk, and cashmere. His finely trimmed beard framed a face of striking strength, with chiseled jaw and firm cheeks. Upon his brow rested a golden crown, a diadem of simple elegance. His eyes, sharp with wisdom and intent, swept over his loyal subjects, and as they met his gaze, joy surged through the crowd. His lips curled into a warm, approving smile.

The king had come.

Yom T'ruah, or the Feast of Trumpets, is often linked with the announcement of the coming of the King Messiah and His coronation over Israel and the nations. In celebration, we eat special round challot, symbolizing the circular shape of a royal crown.

There's something deeply stirring about the arrival and coronation of a good and righteous king, whether in books or movies. This imagery points to a greater truth: Messiah Yeshua will one day take His rightful place on the throne of Jerusalem, establishing justice and peace for the whole world.



Revelation 19 offers one depiction of the Messiah's return. Verse 16 declares, **"On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."* Earlier, in Revelation 17:14, we are assured, **"They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."*

I've made it my goal to be among those "faithful followers," preparing the way for the King through my life. Will you join me? Here are a few ways we can prepare the way for the King:



1. Gossip the Gospel

Sharing our faith in Yeshua doesn't need to be as difficult as we have made it. When we are excited about good news, we naturally share it with friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors—like spreading the latest gossip. The Kingdom invitation is about getting right with God and restoring everything marred by sin.

The joy of your salvation should lead you to invite others to share in that joy and introduce them to the King. As Yeshua said, the “Gospel of the Kingdom must be proclaimed to the whole world before the end will come.” (Matt. 24:14) If we long for Yeshua's return as King, we must participate in the work of proclamation. Let us “make way for the King!”

2. Holiness and Godliness

Yes, the world is filled with evil, and things may get worse before they are made right for eternity. But we are called to live in confidence and faith, not fear.

The Apostle Peter urges us to remain steadfast, preparing for and hastening the coming of the Lord. In 2 Peter 3:10-12, we are reminded that the “day of the Lord will come like a thief,” and that we are to live in holiness and godliness as we await His return.

Holiness means being set apart from the world's ways, thinking, and behaviors. When people look at you, they should see someone distinct from those serving the “kingdoms of this world.”

Yet, while separated from the world, you are called to godliness—demonstrating God's nature, character, and power to those around you. We are not only to declare God's Kingdom but to display it through our lives.

3. Pray for Revival in Israel and the Nations

The salvation of Israel is intertwined with the fullness of the nations. Whether this fullness refers to a specific number or the quality and effectiveness of the body of believers, we are called to pursue revival through prayer and repentance. Yom T'ruah is a day to blow the trumpets, warning of impending judgment and calling people to repentance. The days between Yom T'ruah and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) serve as a symbolic season of grace—time to beckon people to return to the Lord.

Let us petition our Father for a spirit of repentance over our nation and the Jewish people worldwide.

At the final shofar, we will witness the King's return, coming on the clouds with power and glory. Yeshua speaks of this in Matthew 24:29-31, saying, "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light...then the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

With a great shofar blast, He will gather His chosen from the four corners of the earth.

This *Yom T'rudah*, may we all heed the trumpet's call and commit to "Make Way for the King!"

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