WAR CRY

STUDY GUIDE

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JOSHUA 6:1-20

2026

This Is The Year Of Encounters & Visitations!

- This Is An Exodus 3:5 Year A Year Of Holy Ground.
- You Choose Your Daily Encounter, God Chooses Your Holy Visitation!

Historical Context and Biblical Facts

Biblically, a war cry is a forceful vocal expression associated with battle, alarm, triumph, praise, or faith.

HEBREW

רוּעַ (rûaʿ) = To shout, raise a battle cry, sound an alarm, or shout in triumph..

- It can describe a war cry, an alarm in battle, a triumphant shout, or a joyful shout of praise.
- It is directly connected to warfare, faith, obedience, and victory.

RÛʿ IS A SHOUT OF WAR, VICTORY, OR PRAISE!

HEBREW

תְּרוּעָה (terûʿâ) = A sound of battle, warning, celebration, or worship.

- It can describe the sound of warfare, warning, celebration, or worship.
- It is frequently connected with trumpets and loud public sound.

TERÛʿÂ IS THE SOUND OF A BATTLE CRY!

GREEK

κέλευσμα (keleusma) = A commanding shout, cry of command, or authoritative signal.

- It describes a forceful command or signal that initiates action.
- Paul uses it to describe the return of Jesus.
- This is not the direct Greek equivalent of rûaʿ, but it strongly connects to the biblical idea of a commanding shout.

KELEUSMA IS AN AUTHORITATIVE SHOUT THAT COMMANDS ACTION!

GREEK

κραυγή (kraugē) = A loud cry, shout, or outcry; it describes a strong, forceful vocal cry.

This Is A Story Of Joshua, A Spiritual Battle, Holy Ground, And A WAR CRY!

- Israel had been In Egypt for generations
- God raises up Moses to deliver Israel out of Egypt
- Israel crosses the Red Sea and begins their journey toward the Promised Land
- Because of their unbelief and rebellion, Israel wanders in the wilderness for 40 years
- An entire generation dies in the wilderness.
- A generation ruled by the flesh must die and a generation led by the Spirit must arise!
- During those years God is preparing a young leader named Joshua
- Joshua served as Moses' assistant (Numbers 11:28)
- He was with Moses during important moments of Israel's journey (Exodus 24:13)
- Joshua was one of the 12 spies sent into the Promised Land (Numbers 13:1-16)
- Only Joshua and Caleb believed God and brought back a report of faith
- Joshua spent years serving before he ever started leading
- Then Moses dies

JOSHUA 1:1-2

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the
son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise,
go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them,
to the people of Israel."

- Joshua is now responsible for leading a new generation into what their parents never possessed
- God leads Israel across the Jordan River
- They have finally entered the Promised Land
- Standing in front of them is the first major fortified city they face in the land... **JERICHO**

Jericho was an ancient fortress.

- Estimated city size: 6 to 10 acres.
- Mudbrick wall: about 6½ feet thick and 20-26 feet high.
- Estimated distance around the city: ½ to ¾ mile.
- Joshua told the people to consecrate themselves

JOSHUA 3:5

"Consecrate yourselves" comes before God leads them across the Jordan.

Consecrate means to set yourself apart for God and prepare to obey Him.

BUT BEFORE JOSHUA FIGHTS JERICHO... JOSHUA HAS AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD!

JOSHUA 5:13-15

13 When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a
man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua
went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" 14 And he
said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come."
And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What
does my lord say his servant?" 15 And the commander of the LORD's army said to
Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are
standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

JOSHUA WASN'T HIS ORIGINAL NAME!

NUMBERS 13:16

16 These were the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua.

Hoshea means "salvation."

Joshua means "The LORD is salvation."

"Moses was prophesying the introduction to the man of war!"

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Ephesians 6:12
- Exodus 32:17
- 2 Chronicles 13:15
- Judges 7:19-22
- Isaiah 58:8
- Revelation 13:4
- Joshua 6:5
- Matthew 26:50-52
- Numbers 13:16
- Joshua 3:5
- Numbers 10:9
- 2 Chronicles 5:12
- 2 Timothy 2:21
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- John 11:43
- 2 Chronicles 13:18
- Acts 2:1-4
- Zechariah 9:9
- Joshua 6:20
- Matthew 27:50-53
- Exodus 15:3
- Joshua 5:13-15
- Joshua 1:1-2
- 2 Chronicles 5:13-14
- Matthew 12:44-45
- Romans 6:6

WAR CRY

Simplified Definition: A war cry is a spiritual shout

A War Cry:

- Wakes up your Spirit man
- Proves the battle is really the Lord's
- Creates spiritual breakthrough
- Pushes back the darkness
- Exalts the King
- Wars against the antichrist spirit
- Is The Physical Version Of The Shofar

THE SHOFAR

HEBREW

שׁוֹפָר (shofar) = An ancient Hebrew wind instrument made from a hollowed animal horn, used in Scripture to sound signals for worship, assembly, warning, proclamation, and warfare; pronounced sho-FAR; it was also sounded to celebrate victories and feasts (new seasons), such as Rosh Hashanah!.

The shofar was for worship and war!

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7 Step Process of the Shofar:

STEP 1 It starts with a living animal

STEP 2 The animal dies

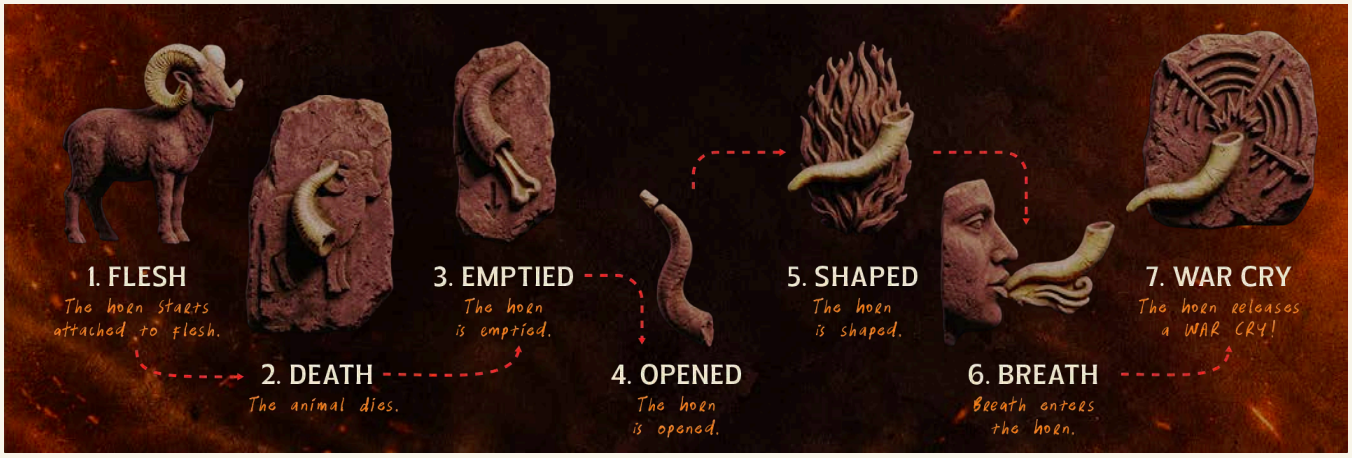
STEP 3 The horn is emptied

STEP 4 The horn is opened

STEP 5 The horn is shaped

STEP 6 Breath enters the horn

STEP 7 The horn releases a war cry



Spiritual Version of the Shofar

01	The shofar starts stuck to the flesh	→	**Your shout starts in the flesh**
02	The flesh dies	→	**You die to flesh**
03	The shofar is emptied	→	**You are emptied of self**
04	The shofar is opened	→	**You open yourself to God**
05	The shofar is shaped	→	**God shapes you**
06	Breath enters the shofar	→	**The Spirit fills you**
07	The shofar releases sound	→	**You release the war cry**



THE MAN OF WAR

Joshua had to get on God's side. He fell on his face, worshipped, and called himself God's servant.

Before Joshua commanded an army, he submitted to the Commander.

Jesus is the Man of War.

EXODUS 15:3

"The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is His name."

Jesus' spiritual warfare strategy was a war cry.

Jesus' war cry was "It is finished."

MATTHEW 27:50

"Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded to His Spirit."

The temple curtain tore in two from top to bottom, the Earth shook and rocks split, the tombs opened, and many Saints were raised; they came out and appeared after Jesus' resurrection.

When Jesus gave a war cry, dead people were raised to life.

Joshua met the Man of War, and his response was a war cry. On that great day, Jesus will return as the Man of War with a war cry.

HOLY GROUND

- **The preparation for battle is holy ground.**
- **Holy Ground prepares you for the war cry.**
- **Spiritual battles require spiritual strategies.**

Warnings/Disclaimers

- Just because you raised your VOICE and made a loud voice doesn't mean it's a shout of the Spirit.
- Before your shout becomes a weapon, the flesh has to die!
- The spiritual war cry flows from a life filled with the Spirit of God.
- It is spiritual when you are done shouting in the flesh and uncomfortable shouting in the Spirit.
- This is an "end days" spiritual strategy.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

- Take off your shoes and declare you are standing on holy ground
- Repent of the sin of the flesh
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you
- Breathe in the breath of God

REFLECTION

1. What did you learn about what happens when you release a war cry?

2. What did God reveal to you during this study about the Man of War?

3. What did God speak to you through the scriptures you read at the beginning of this study?

4. What practical advice are you committing to implement this week?

PRAYER of ENCOUNTERS

This is where I tell You... I love You, I love You, I love You!

This is where I tell You... You're Holy, You're Holy, You're Holy!

This is where I tell You... Thank You, thank You, thank You!

This is where I tell You... I need You, I need You, I need You!

This is where I tell You... Speak Lord, Your servant is listening!