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I have been meaning to write about the issue of the shupayr or ram's horn for quite some time. Then I received an email that illustrated my thoughts on this issue anyhow. I will not quote the name and website of the author, because they believe in the New Testament. In his email he said that I need not refer to him or his site. So I am not doing him any unrighteousness in this regard. The author does have some very valid points that people ought to consider. I also asked if I may edit it for content and he accepted that as well. Here is what he wrote regarding the issue of the shupayr.

"When it comes to the Shofar, most of us want the biggest and loudest, which is okay, since this is how communication is done in desolate places. Horns, sea shells, and loud noises were the first wave of long distance communication, but in Scripture we were never told to use anything but what YaHuWaH has told us to use. We are not to even worship YaHuWaH in our own way.

Today we seem to do exactly that, instead of reading what Scripture tells us, we listen to the Pastor or Rabbi more than we study, and this is where people have gone to their own understanding and not that of YaHuWaH.

When it comes to the Shofar a lot of people want the Yemenite Antelope Shofar. It comes in different sizes, is long, big, and produces a loud sound."

At this point, the author notes quite significantly that Satanists and heathens throughout the ages had used the antelope or goat horns in their cultic worship and falsehood. The point is, we do not find a reference to any horn used for worship in Scripture excepting for the ram's horn.

The writer then moves on to quote numerous texts with reference to the ram in B'rasheet (Gen.) 22:13 and Sh'moot (Ex.) 29:15-16 and concludes that "All throughout Scripture you will never see Father YaHuWaH have man use any other kind of animal horn except for the Shofar. It simply does not exist."

If people study their Turah (Scripture) and claim to follow the Most High, they will conduct themselves carefully when it comes to matters of worship, fasting and prayer. They will study the models for these things as laid out for us in the Turah (Scripture). They will not deviate from these models to start doing their own thing, enquire of the heathen, or to stray from the ways of the Most High. We indeed sound the shupayr or ram's horn at the time of Rawsh Kh'dash (New Moon festival) and on the festival days of YaH. If you are able to raise your own sheep and obtain a large horn from the male and make yourself a shupayr, this would be even more significant to a person than simply buying one from some Jewish store.

Cheers, Sha'ul