



## Messiah House's Official Response

### IT'S NOT CALLED "ROSH HASHANAH"

Leviticus 23:24

*'Speak to the children of Israel saying, "In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, there shall be a Shabbat [rest], a remembrance of loud sounds, a holy gathering.'"*

This is what God placed into his divine calendar for His people to follow. They were to gather at His Dwelling Place and make a lot of noise. The Hebrew word "*teruah* תרועה" essentially means "a loud noise," but blowing trumpets and shofars have become traditional elements used to celebrate this day.

We know this day will ultimately be fulfilled when Yeshua returns.

1 Corinthians 15:52

*'...in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. The trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.'*

Besides an offering made by fire to the Lord, there was nothing more to this day. God did not give any further instructions on how to observe it. So, why did Rabbinic Judaism call this *Rosh Hashanah*?

The creators of the Talmud were philosophizing one day about the possible date of the creation of the world. They took the Hebrew letters of the word "*bereshit* בראשית" ("*in the beginning*") and they rearranged them to form א בתשרי ("Tishrei 1"), and declared the world had been created on Tishrei 1. That date thereafter became known as the Head of the Year ("*Rosh Hashanah*"). But we know that Tishrei is the seventh month, not the first month. But to these Rabbis, it didn't matter because they "knew better."

The Bible speaks about the dangers of fabricating religious doctrines.

Isaiah 29:13

*'Then the Lord said, "Because this people draws near with their mouth and honors me with their lips, but they have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men...'*

Yeshua quoted this same scripture, in full hearing of the Pharisees who came one day to test Him.

Matthew 15:7-9

*'You hypocrites! Isaiah spoke well of you when he said, "These people draw near to me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. And in vain they worship me, teaching as doctrine rules made by men.'"*

The Pharisees had created traditions that nullified the Word of God (Matthew 15:3-6). Many of these traditions linger in the form of today's Rabbinic Judaism (Judaism according to the Rabbis).

Leviticus 23 clearly states the New Year is in the spring, with Passover being two weeks after the New Year. Yom Teruah is in fact during the second half of the year. We reject the name "Rosh Hashanah" because that date is not the first of the year. We also reject that name because



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the Biblical name is *Yom Teruah*, and we as a community will hereafter refer to this holiday as *Yom Teruah*, the Feast of Trumpets.