



**Topeka Bible Church**  
*Rosh Hashanah and The Rapture*  
**Community Group Study Questions**  
**Leviticus 23:23-25 and selected passages**

1. How familiar are you with Rosh Hashanah? What does the ram's horn (shofar) symbolize (cf. *Numbers 10:9; 2 Chronicles 13:12*)? Do we read anything about Rosh Hashanah in the Bible (*Leviticus 23:23-25*)?
  
2. Why did God give the Israelites holidays (or feasts; *Leviticus 23:2ff*)? What can we (as Gentiles) learn from them? What event happened at the Feast of Passover (*Matthew 26:2; John 13:1*)? How about Pentecost (*Acts 2:1-4*)?
  
3. The Feasts of Trumpets, Booths (*Leviticus 23:34, 41*), and the Day of Atonement (*Leviticus 23:27; Exodus 30:10*) are high holy days. What did these feasts signify to the Jews? In what month did these feasts fall? Why is this significant (*Genesis 2:1-3*)?
  
4. How does the blowing of the ram's horn serve as a warning (*Joshua 6:4-6*)? What does God want us to remember about Him (*Isaiah 42:13; Jeremiah 20:11*)? How should we respond to God's warnings (*Isaiah 59:20; Revelation 2:16*)?

5. What is the connection between Rosh Hashanah (i.e. the Feast of Trumpets) and the resurrection and rapture of the church (*1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*)? Do you eagerly anticipate this day? When do you think this day will occur?
  
6. How should we prepare for the return of Jesus Christ (*Matthew 24:30-31*)? Who do you know (in your family, at your workplace, in your neighborhood) that needs to hear the hopeful message of the gospel of Jesus Christ (*Romans 1:16*)?
  
7. Spend some time in prayer, thanking God for His grace and salvation. Ask Him to give you ears to “hear” the warnings of the shofar. Pray for Him to mold you more into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ as you await His glorious return (*Romans 8:29-30*)!

**Memory Verse:**

**“Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘In the seventh month on the first of the month you shall have a rest, a reminder by blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.’”**

**(Leviticus 23:24, NASB)**