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Yom Teruah is the festival of creation and recreation or new birth! Biblically it has absolutely, as in absolutely, nothing to do with our being forgiven from sin. That is what Yom Kippur is all about!

With Abraham the blood covenant was established for all generations of Yisraelites first. <u>The first covenant was the first one taking place as a Brit, Bein</u> <u>Hav'tarim (between the pieces; Beresheeth-15: 5-21), at the time of Avraham</u> <u>Avinu, taken from the words for you to "cut and to pass through."(Those who</u> make the covenant, like Avraham, set up two partitions and pass between them. Walking in a narrow place between two partitions. We'll see that later.

At Sinai it (<u>Bein Hav'tarim</u>) was expanded to make sure all Yisrael walked in blood covenant even when seeing YHWH's visible manifestations (Shemot 24:4-8) the second time (done as they walked between the pieces, as non-Levites laid out the carcasses before the people), and again the third time in Devarim 29:9-12-16 before entering the land, when it was passed on to a new generation who would engage in a new level of work for YHWH. A new generation had to have the eternal covenant renewed personally and deliberately for a third time.

Yahshua told us the way of faith was the STRAIGHT AND NARROW PATH between the pieces (heaven and earth!) Mattiyahu/Matthew 7:12-14. <u>His shed blood is the</u> <u>4th cutting of covenant "between the pieces" of His broken body, laid out for the</u> <u>world.</u> In Yahshua it is renewed to guarantee all of us Shabbat rest and chayai olam. <u>Yom Teruah is the festival of creation and recreation or new births!</u>

The entire world passes before Him like young sheep on Yom Teruah since Yom Teruah is the day of creation, or the renewal of all creation. As such, we all pass before Him between heaven and earth. Scripture doesn't tell us much about Teruah, or the reason for Yom Teruah. Much of what we know is tradition (Read Wayiqra 23: 24-25, Bamidbar 29:1-6). It is called <u>Yom Hazicharon the Day of</u> <u>Remembrance, but scripture doesn't tell us what we are remembering, or</u> <u>supposed to remember. It gives us rituals to follow, but no reason for the ritual is</u> <u>explained, as is the reason for days like Passover.</u>

That's where the Ruach Hakodesh must teach us the true meaning of the day! As Yisrael, we believe the world was created on Yom Teruah (Beresheeth 1:1), so for us it is a time to remember CREATION and for YHWH to renew, or RECREATE His covenant with us, as He has done throughout our history. <u>It appears that every individual renews his brit with YHWH every year on Yom Teruah, AS WE PASS BEFORE THE PIECES. WHAT PIECES? HEAVEN AND EARTH! THE TWO-KEY PIECES TO YHWH'S UNIVERSE. What two pieces? The two pieces of broken brotherhood between Yahudah and Ephraim? What two pieces? The broken pieces we make of our lives for the 360 days between renewals! What two pieces? The merging of our flesh with the purposes of the Ruach HaKodesh.</u>

The 5th cutting of between the pieces is an annual personal renewal of creation and regeneration, or a feast celebrating our new birth on Yom Teruah, along with the future rebirth of the heavens and earth! Those are two more pieces we walk through. The 5th renewal of "between the pieces," flows directly from the fourth, which is why according to lvrim 9:26. Yahshua appeared to die on Golgotha, and brought about the end of the age THEN, even though the end of the age or the 5th renewal, that of the heavens and earth, has not yet occurred. It was predicated on the 4th renewal between the pieces of His broken body.

Through first four recreations, and the latter recreation of the earth as our future home, we see that our lives are constant walks between these two pieces of His plan. We remember that plan to make all things new, as we gather on this day annually! Corintyah Bet 5:16-18, Gilyahna 21:1-5. Blowing the shofars <u>reminds us</u> that He will complete in our lives what he has started...Philipsiyah 1:6. Are you ready to sound the shofars with me, as we conduct our Rosh Chodesh in our new Moed hall? Lets march!