

Word Study H3104 *yobel* jubilee, rams horn, trumpet

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Introduction

The first time ^A this word appears is in Exodus chapter 19 verse 13.

Exo 19:13

There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the **trumpet** [תִּבְלוֹל ^{hai-yo-Vel}] soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.

Here is a table of the translations and where this word occurs...

Translation	Verse(s)
Trumpet	Exo 19:13
Jubilee	Lev 25:10-13, 15, 28, 30-31, 33, 40, 50, 52, 54; Lev 27:17-18, 21, 23-24
Jubile	Num 36:4
Ram's Horn	Jos 6:4-6, 8, 13

Comments

I would argue that this is a bad translation or at least misleading because 1.) it describes what its physical characteristics not its purpose and function, 2) it's the only time it's translated that way, 3) it is also the first use of that word which is supposed to be a preminent position.

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^A Good hermeneutics suggest that the first use of a word is important so how it gets translated is important.

Exodus chapter 19 sets up the giving of the 10 commandments which are found in the next chapter, a most important chapter. To translate this as trumpet and not indicate the ramification (pun) of Jubilee and its huge legal consequences deprives the reader of an important context.

ToDo: what kind of connection can be made of Shavuot and 50 which is associated with *yovel*?^B The Torah was given on Shavuot (Pentecost) which is about counting 50 days and Yovel is counted as 49 + 1, but also associated with Trumpets / Yom Teruah

Relevant Verses

ToDo copy/paste the actual Hebrew word for Jubilee that is being used.

Lev 25 - The Sabbath Year and Year of Jubilee

the Sabbath of the seventh year

¹ And YHVH spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, ² Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto YHVH. ³ Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; ⁴ But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for YHVH: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. ⁵ **תנוח** That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land. ⁶ And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee. ⁷ And for thy cattle, and for the beast that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

The jubilee in the fiftieth year

⁸ And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. ⁹ Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. ¹⁰ And ye shall hallow **תנוח** the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. ¹¹ A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. ¹² For it is the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field. ¹³ In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession.

Of oppression

¹⁴ And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbor, or buyest ought of thy neighbor's hand, ye shall not oppress one another: ¹⁵ According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbor, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee: ¹⁶ According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee. ¹⁷ Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am YHVH your God.

^B **Gematria:** Hey= 5, Yood=10, bet=2, lamed=30 → 47

¹⁸ Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. ¹⁹ And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. ²⁰ And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: ²¹ Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. ²² And ye shall sow **אֶת** the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year; until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store.

²³ The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine, for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. ²⁴ And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. ²⁵ If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem **אֶת** that which his brother sold. ²⁶ And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it; ²⁷ Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession. ²⁸ But if he be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubilee: and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

²⁹ And if a man sell a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; within a full year may he redeem it. ³⁰ And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be established for ever to him that bought it throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubilee. ³¹ But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee. ³² Notwithstanding the cities of the Levites, and the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time. ³³ And if a man purchase of the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in the year of jubilee: for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel. ³⁴ But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their perpetual possession.

³⁵ And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee. ³⁶ Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. ³⁷ Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase. ³⁸ I am YHVH your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

³⁹ And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant: ⁴⁰ But as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee. ⁴¹ And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return. ⁴² For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen. ⁴³ Thou shalt not rule over him with rigor; but shalt fear thy God. ⁴⁴ Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be

of the heathen that are round about you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. ⁴⁵ Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession. ⁴⁶ And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigor.

The redemption of servants

⁴⁷ And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family: ⁴⁸ After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him: ⁴⁹ Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself. ⁵⁰ And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him. ⁵¹ If there be yet many years behind, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. ⁵² And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, and according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption. ⁵³ And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: and the other shall not rule with rigor over him in thy sight. ⁵⁴ And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, both he, and his children with him. ⁵⁵ For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am YHVH your God.

Lev 27 16-27 - of a field, and the redemption thereof

¹⁶ And if a man shall sanctify unto YHVH some part of a field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the seed thereof: an homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver. ¹⁷ If he sanctify his field from the year of jubilee, according to thy estimation it shall stand. ¹⁸ But if he sanctify his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubilee, and it shall be abated from thy estimation. ¹⁹ And if he that sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him. ²⁰ And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. ²¹ But the field, when it goeth out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto YHVH, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's. ²² And if a man sanctify unto YHVH a field which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of his possession; ²³ Then the priest אֵת shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, even unto the year of the jubilee: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto YHVH. ²⁴ In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land did belong. ²⁵ And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel. ²⁶ Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be YHVH's firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox, or sheep: it is YHVH's. ²⁷ And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem it according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth part of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

Num 36 - Zelophehad's Daughters Marry

The inheritance of daughters is remedied by marrying in their own tribes

¹ And the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel: ² And they said, YHVH commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by YHVH to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters. ³ And if they be married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance. ⁴ And when the jubilee of the children of Israel shall be, then shall their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers. ⁵ And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of YHVH, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph hath said well. ⁶ This is the thing which YHVH doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they marry.

Lest the inheritance should be removed from the tribe

⁷ So shall not the inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. ⁸ And every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers. ⁹ Neither shall the inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance.

The daughters of Zelophehad marry their father's brothers' sons

¹⁰ Even as YHVH commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad: ¹¹ For Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their father's brothers' sons: ¹² And they were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father. ¹³ These are the commandments and the judgments, which YHVH commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho.

Jos 6 - The Walls of Jericho Fall

Jericho is shut up

¹ Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in.

God instructs Joshua how to besiege it

² And YHVH said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor. ³ And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. ⁴ And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. ⁵ And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up

every man straight before him. ⁶ And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of YHVH. ⁷ And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of YHVH. ⁸ And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before YHVH, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of YHVH followed them. ⁹ And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rearward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets. ¹⁰ And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. ¹¹ So the ark of YHVH compassed the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

The city is composed

¹² And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of YHVH. ¹³ And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of YHVH went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rearward came after the ark of YHVH, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

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יֹבֵל / יֹבֵל

yôbêl

BDB Definition:

1) ram, ram's horn, trumpet, cornet

1a) ram (only in combination)

1a1) ram's horn, trumpet

1b) jubilee year (marked by the blowing of cornets) (metonymy)

Part of Speech: noun masculine

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jubilee, 20 [Lev 25:10-13](#) (4), [Lev 25:15](#), [Lev 25:28](#) (2), [Lev 25:30-31](#) (2), [Lev 25:33](#), [Lev 25:40](#), [Lev 25:50](#), [Lev 25:52](#), [Lev 25:54](#), [Lev 27:17-18](#) (3), [Lev 27:21](#), [Lev 27:23-24](#) (2)

rams' horns, 4 [Jos 6:4](#), [Jos 6:6](#), [Jos 6:8](#), [Jos 6:13](#)

jubile, 1 [Num 36:4](#)

ram's, 1 [Jos 6:4-5](#) (2)

trumpet, 1 [Exo 19:13](#)

WordStudy

A common noun referring to a ram's horn, a trumpet, the jubilee. It is used in the phrase *qeren yôbêl*, "horn of a ram" ([Jos 6:5](#)) or in the phrase *šôp^erôt hayyôb^elîym* "shophars (rams' horns) of rams" which is rendered as "trumpets of rams' horns" (e.g., NASB, [Jos 6:4](#)). Its most famous use is in the phrase "year of the ram's horn," which means the Year of Jubilee that was announced by blowing a ram's horn ([Lev 25:13](#)). The word is used alone with the definite article or without it to mean simply the Jubilee ([Lev 25:10-12](#); [Lev 25:15](#)). Its most spectacular use was at Sinai to inaugurate God's appearance and the giving of the Law ([Exo 19:13](#)).

Strong's

Apparently from [H2986](#); the *blast* of a horn (from its *continuous* sound); specifically the *signal* of the silver trumpets; hence the instrument itself and the festival thus introduced: - jubile, ram's horn, trumpet.

LXX: G859 *aphesis*, G2413 *hieros*, G4536 *salpigx*