



# VISION SUNDAY

## Part 1

‘Arise Shine’

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## Oxford Dictionary | **Vision** noun

1. the faculty or state of being able to see.
2. the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom... *"the organization had lost its vision and direction"*

## **châzôn** HEBREW

a sight (mentally), that is, a dream, revelation, or oracle: - vision.

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# Who decides where we are going?

**Psalms 127:1** Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.

**Jeremiah 11:11** “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

# 1. Vision:

Why?

**Proverbs 29:18 KJV** Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Christians: **Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.



## What vision is not?

**1. Jeremiah 23:16** This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.”

Cultlike

**2. There are many destinations [*visions*], but those destinations are not necessarily God's heart -**

**Romans 12:2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Culturelike

# Visions that do not withstand the tests of Scripture:

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Practical example 😊 →





### 3. Careful: Fresh vision for the flesh!

Just wanting different, but not His will:

→ *The Word is clear, full of visionary truths: Love God, neighbour; Be a disciple and make disciples; Lose your life, you will find it; Do not gather treasures on earth; Keep your eyes on things that is above and not beneath; Give and it shall be given back to you, etc.*

Fresh vision can never negate the visionary commands of Scripture and what God has already ordained.

**Comfortable and Curious**

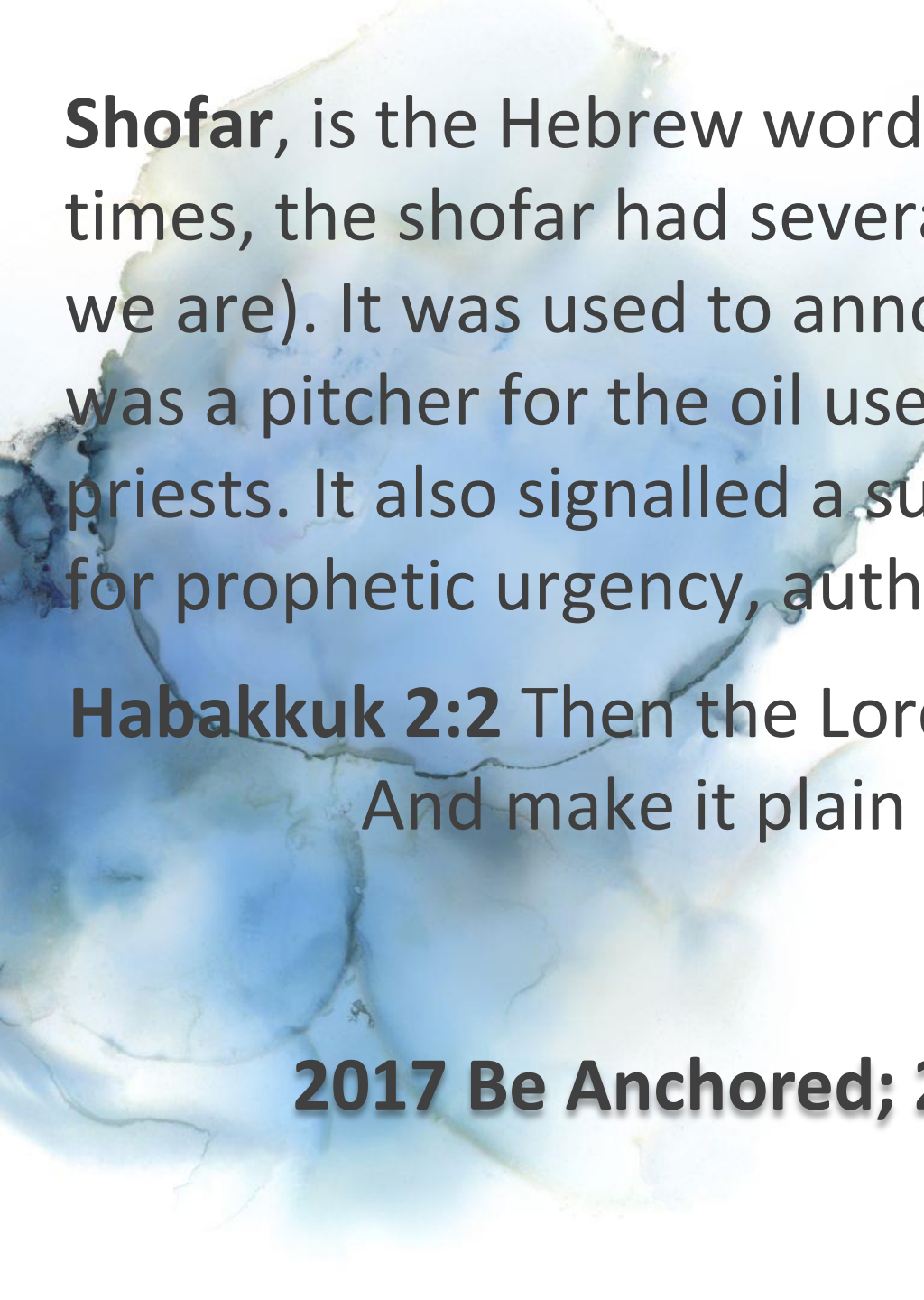


**Who we are -**

As Shofar we are prophetic...

**Definition: Prophecy** | prophéteia:

GREEK Prophecy is the gift of communicating and enforcing revealed truth, **the revealed truth of God** [vision] - a prediction of what will happen in the future. Foretelling or Forth-telling  
pró, "**before**" and phēmí, "**make clear**, assert as a priority" properly, what is clarified beforehand; prophecy which involves divinely-empowered forthtelling (asserting the mind of God) or foretelling (prediction).



**Shofar**, is the Hebrew word for the ceremonial ram's horn. In Biblical times, the shofar had several uses (all of which are significant to who we are). It was used to announce the advent of times and seasons. It was a pitcher for the oil used for anointing and inducting kings and priests. It also signalled a summons to war. The shofar is a metaphor for prophetic urgency, authority and mobilisation.

**Habakkuk 2:2** Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision  
And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it."

God has faithfully led us:

**2017 Be Anchored; 2018 Go Low; 2019; Jesus is Enough; 2020  
Inside OUT; 2021-2023 New Life...**



### 3. Arise, Shine – 2024



**ARISE, SHINE**

Y O U R   L I G H T   H A S   C O M E



## Isaiah 60 NIV The Glory of Zion

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. 2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. 3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.”

# Prayer



**ARISE, SHINE**

YOUR LIGHT HAS COME