

The knives are covered, for no man-cut stones can make YHVH's altar table. Yeshua is the stone cut without hands. Father (and a son) remove the challah covering to reveal the round bread of Yom Teruah, symbolic of a full, prosperous, and complete year. Raisins remind us of YHVH's sweetness.

+ **The Bread Blessing**

Beginning with Father, each person breaks off a piece of bread and says the Blessing as the bread is passed. The breaking of bread symbolizes peace, when all weapons of war are done away with.

Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,
King of the universe and eternity,
Who brings forth bread from the earth.

+ **The Family Blessing**

Father raises his hands as he blesses the family:
YHVH bless you and keep you.
YHVH make His Face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
YHVH turn His Face toward you
and give you His Shalom.

+ **GOD's Sweetness a Blessing**

Father dips an apple piece in honey and says:
Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,
King of the universe and eternity,
Who creates sweetness for our mouths.
It is Your Will O YHVH our GOD
to renew a right spirit within us.
If any man is in the Anointed, he is a new creature;
the old things have passed away;
new things have come.
May we be as the "apple (pupil) of Your Eye".
How sweet are Your Words to our taste,
yes, sweeter than honey to our mouths.
We will now walk in this newness of Life.
Grant us a year filled with Your Sweet Blessings.
The honey/sugar and apple slices are shared.

Father then holds up the fruit basket and says:
Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,
King of the universe and eternity,
Who created all fruits.
As we enjoy Your Provisions, may we remember
the trees You planted in the Garden of Eden.
May we be trees of righteousness,
giving honor and praise to You.
The fruit is enjoyed during the meal.

+ **The Meal**

(Carrots symbolize YHVH's abundant blessings for us as we walk with Him in this new year.)

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

All pray:
Blessed are You, O YHVH our GOD,
King of the universe and eternity,
by Whom the universe is created.
It is by You alone that all have their being.
All power and authority is Yours forever.
We repent of our selfishness and rebellion.
We rejoice that You have provided a way
for us to return to You!
We thank You that You have ransomed us
back to You. We rejoice that Your Word is life.
May we ever be obedient to it.
May the Truth of the Covenant live forever in us.
FATHER, keep us ever mindful of Your Words
by Ezekiel. "Then he who hears the sound
of the trumpet and does not take warning,
and a sword comes and takes him away....
But had he taken warning,
he would have delivered his life."
On this Yom Teruah we again pray
for the peace of Jerusalem, Your Holy City.
Your Holy House will stand there again.
Thank You that the sacrifice of Abraham and Isaac
was completed by Your Only Son Yeshua
as He said, "It is finished."
At the sound of the shofar we tremble,
and humble ourselves before You our Creator.
As we hear the shofar may we remember
that there is none like You.
Thank You FATHER that Yeshua keeps us safe
from the judgment that comes to this earth.
Help us to be witnesses to Your Power and Glory
that those around us will understand
that it is only by You that we live.
As the Children of Israel return to Jerusalem
may the blowing of the shofar
remind us of that ingathering.
Prepare us for that "twinkling of the eye"
when we who are living and those who are dead
in the Anointed One will arise and meet in the sky.
And so shall we ever be with Yeshua,
our LORD and our GOD.
+ In Yeshua's Name, Amen +