

# Shofar Video

## Materials Needed

device for showing *Sound of the Shofar* video at [www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-sound-of-the-shofar](http://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-sound-of-the-shofar).

## Prepare in Advance

Cue up the video.

### New Church Concept Trumpets

Divine truth from heaven was represented by the trumpets with which the three hundred men who were with Gideon sounded round about the camp of Midian, Amalek, and the sons of the east. The reason why the trumpets produced this effect was that they represented the Divine truth through the heavens, which is such that it perfects the good, but destroys the evil. The reason why it perfects the good is that these receive the Divine good which is in the truth, but it destroys the evil because these do not receive the Divine good. See *Arcana Coelestia* 8815.2

1. What musical instruments are loud? (answers may vary)
2. When Gideon lived on earth, one of the loudest instruments people had was the trumpet. At that time, trumpets were made from the horns of animals such as goats and sheep. Trumpets made from animal horns are also called “shofars”. (Two different kinds are shown below.)
3. Let’s hear what a shofar sounds like. Watch *Sound of the Shofar*, online at [www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-sound-of-the-shofar](http://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-sound-of-the-shofar).
4. Have you heard a trumpet like that before? What did it sound like to you?
5. Imagine how loud it would be if 300 trumpets sounded at the same time. How might you feel if 300 trumpets sounded all around you? Each of Gideon’s men had a trumpet in our story today. Let’s find out what happened when their enemies heard the trumpets around them in the middle of the night.

