

Notes: Shabbat – July 13, 2013

Start: 10 am

Order of Service:

Meet and Greet
Introduction (if new people)
Announcements
Open in Prayer for service
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Praise and Worship Songs
Liturgy – Sh'ma
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Introduction: Tisha B'Av - A Date That Would Live On In Infamy

There are days that when you mention them, depending on your generation are immediately recognizable.

- December 7th, 1941
- November 22nd 1963
- September 11th, 2001

Now imagine that just one day on the calendar, in which one tragedy after another would happen to a people occurred.

This is not a what if, but fact.

The people – the Jewish people
The day – Tisha B'Av

A time of mourning: 5 events according to the Mishna – Taanit 4

on the 9th of Abh it was decreed that our ancestors should not enter the Holy Land; on that day the first and second Temples were destroyed, the city of Bethar was taken, and the site (of Jerusalem) was ploughed up (like a field). From the 1st of Abh it is incumbent upon a person to lessen his participation in joyful events (until after the 9th of that month).

Background: More has happened on this date to the Jewish people than any other date on record.

1. Destruction of Solomon's Temple: 586 BCE

- After years of wickedness and refusal to repent, Judah would now pay the price for her abominations
- During the 9th year of Zedekiah's reign, Nebuchadnezzar and his army would crush a new rebellion
- After a 1 ½ year battle, Jerusalem would fall in 586 BCE
- A month of executions and deportations in the month of Tammuz (4th month)
- From the 7th to the 10th of Av, the Babylonian captain completed his mission by burning and pillaging every part of Jerusalem. Torching the palaces and the Temple.
- Taking all from the Temple
- The Home of Adonai would be reduced to ashes.

Reference – Jeremiah 52; 2 Kings 25; Lamentations;

2Ki 25:8 In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which was also the nineteenth year of King N'vukhadnetzar, king of Bavel, N'vuzar'adan, the commander of the guard and an officer of the king of Bavel, entered Yerushalayim.

2Ki 25:9 He burned down the house of Adonai, the royal palace and all the houses in Yerushalayim – every notable person's house he burned to the ground.

2Ki 25:10 The whole army of the Kasdim, who were with the commander of the guard, broke down the walls of Yerushalayim on every side.

2Ki 25:11 N'vuzar'adan the commander of the guard then deported the remaining population of the city, the deserters who had defected to the king of Bavel and the rest of the common people.

2Ki 25:12 But the commander of the guard left behind some of the poor people of the land to be vineyard-workers and farmers.

2. Destruction of the Second Temple: 70 CE

- Jewish revolt against Rome – 66 CE to 73 CE
- 2/3 of the Jewish people were murdered and starved to death
- The Temple would burn for two days – beginning on the 9th
- Destroyed by the Roman Army under Titus

Mat 24:1 As Yeshua left the Temple and was going away, his talmidim came and called his attention to its buildings.

Mat 24:2 But he answered them, "You see all these? Yes! I tell you, they will be totally destroyed – not a single stone will be left standing!"

Zec 13:8 In time, throughout that land," says Adonai, "two-thirds of those in it will be destroyed – they will die, but one-third will remain.

Zec 13:9 That third part I will bring through the fire; I will refine them as silver is refined, I will test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is my people' and they will say, 'Adonai is my God.' "

3. Bar Kochba Revolt: 132 BCE

- Rome defeated Bar Kochba, destroyed the city of Betar and killed over 100,000 Jews

4. Bar Kochba Revolt – 133 BCE

- Turnus Rufus, leveled the site of the Temple
- Turned Jerusalem into a pagan city – Aelia Capitolina
- Surviving Jews were sold as slaves within the Roman Empire
- Roman law was established forbidding Jews from living in Jerusalem
- The result – ending any hope of Jewish independence for some 1800 years.

How did this become such a tragic day?

5. It All Started With The 12 Spies

Crying false tears – Numbers 14:1

Num 14:1 At this all the people of Isra'el cried out in dismay and wept all night long.

Num 14:2 Moreover, all the people of Isra'el began grumbling against Moshe and Aharon; the whole community told

them, "We wish we had died in the land of Egypt! or that we had died here in the desert!"

Num 14:3 Why is Adonai bringing us to this land, where we will die by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be taken as booty! Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?"

Num 14:4 And they said to each other, "Let's appoint a leader and return to Egypt!"

why are they crying and wanting to go back to Egypt?

Num 13:31 But the men who had gone with him said, "We can't attack those people, because they are stronger than we are";

Num 13:32 and they spread a negative report about the land they had reconnoitered for the people of Isra'el by saying, "The land we passed through in order to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. All the people we saw there were giant!"

Num 13:33 We saw the N'filim, the descendants of `Anak, who was from the N'filim; to ourselves we looked like grasshoppers by comparison, and we looked that way to them too!"

Taanit 4

"On the 9th of Abh it was decreed," etc. Whence do we know that? From the following Boraitha: We have learned that on the twenty-ninth day of Sivan Moses sent out the spies, as it is written [Numb. xiii. 25]: "And they returned from spying out the land at the end of forty days," and those forty days (included the day of their return, that is) were in reality forty less one, and Abayi said that in that year the month of Tamuz was a full month of thirty days, as it is written [Lam. i. 15]: "He hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men."

Further, it is written [Numb. xiv. 1]: "And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried aloud, and the people wept that night." Said Rabba in the name of R. Johanan: "That night was the eve preceding the ninth of Abh, and the Holy One, blessed be He, said: 'Ye have cried on this night in vain, and I shall ordain it that your generations shall lament on this day forever.'"

Other Days Associated with Tisha B'Av:

- 1095 CE – Crusades declared by Pope Urban II, Killing 10,000 Jews in the first month and destroying Jewish communities in France and Rhineland.
- 1290 CE - Jews were expelled from England by official decree
- 1492 CE – Jews were expelled from Spain, causing one of the greatest upheavals in Jewish history, due to the success of this community
- 1496 CE – Jews were expelled from Portugal
- 1555 CE – Jews were forced into ghettos for the first time in Rome
- 1914 CE – World War I began (August 1st) causing devastation across Europe and leading the way for WWII
- 1941 CE – Nazi Reinhard Heydrick was ordered to enact the “Final Solution” (July 31st) Next day = Tisha B'Av
- 1942 CE – Deportations from the Warsaw ghetto to the Treblinka death camp began
- 1994 CE – Bombing of AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aries killing 86 Jews

Conclusion: What can we learn from this date?

Tisha B'Av is a day where more destruction has fallen upon the Jewish people than any other day. It is a day where bad things always seem to happen. time of mourning.

Because of false tears from what you would call the first Tisha B'Av, when the people said we can't but Adonai was saying you can take possession of the land, defeat its inhabitants and live in peace.

An I can't mentality motivated by fear became faithlessness in Adonai, the one who had already demonstrated His

power and love for His people.

When your subjective fears dictate your objective reality, failure isn't an option, but a certainty.

When you think you can't, you are already defeated, because in your mind you have already lost.

Israel heard that the people were big and strong, that their cities were well protected, that in comparison to the people they were small like grasshoppers.

They were already defeated by what they had heard...and they cried because the battle for the land that Adonai promised had already been waged in their minds and they had lost.

A subjective picture of the situation was painted that led to the mindset of "we can't"

Tisha B'Av is a day to remind us of the loss that has been experienced as a community.

It is a day to remind us of all the things we could have done, but didn't.

When we didn't try hard enough, we didn't believe in ourselves or in Adonai

It is a day to remind us that this "I can't attitude still exists, that we haven't been freed from it yet.

When a challenge is before you, will you say I can't or will you say I can. Will you trust and follow Adonai?

Will Tisha B'Av always be like this - A day of destruction, a day of mourning?

Through Zechariah, Adonai makes the following proclamation:

Zec 8:19 "Adonai-Tzva'ot says, 'The fast days of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months are to become times of joy, gladness and cheer for the house of Y'hudah. Therefore, love truth and peace.'

Av is the fifth month, starting from Nissan.

This reminds me of the following:

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer there.

Rev 21:2 Also I saw the holy city, New Yerushalayim, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

Rev 21:3 I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "See! God's Sh'khinah is with mankind, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and he himself, God-with-them, will be their God.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will no longer be any death; and there will no longer be any mourning, crying or pain; because the old order has passed away."

But until then, we must continue to press on in faith, trusting in Adonai.

The first harbinger – the breach, removal of the hedge of protection

What do we do on November 11th, - A moment of silence, in remembrance of those who died for this country.

On Tuesday, remember these many days of destruction, many 9/11s, many Pearl Harbors experienced by one people. On Tuesday I would like you to read - Numbers 13 & 14; Jeremiah 52; 2 Kings 25; Lamentations

A time of fasting, where you remove joy from your life, subjecting yourselves to mourn, grieve and remember.