

Notes: Shabbat – August 2, 2014

Start: 10 am

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**Introduction:** Tisha B'Av – A Day that will become Joy

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

- December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1963
- September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup> of Av 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 1<sup>st</sup> of Av it is incumbent upon a person to lessen his participation in joyful events (until after the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 (4<sup>th</sup> month)
- From the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> 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
- According to Josephus over 1 million of the Jewish people were murdered or starved to death
- The Temple would burn for two days – beginning on the 9<sup>th</sup>
- 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!"

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>) causing devastation across Europe and leading the way for WWII
- 1941 CE – Nazi Reinhard Heydrick was ordered to enact the “Final Solution” (July 31<sup>st</sup>) 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?

**Tishah B'Av** - The Ninth of Av, a fast day remembering the tragedies of the Jewish people (July/Aug). In the Bible, this is referred to as the Fast of the 5th month.

Av is the fifth month, starting from Nissan.

**Tzom Tammuz** - Fast of the 17th of Tammuz. Fast day commemorating the breaking down of the wall of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar and the cessation of Temple worship during the siege of Titus (Jun/Jul). In the Bible, this is referred to as the Fast of the 4th month.

**Tzom Gedaliah** - The fast right after Rosh Hashanah (on Tishri 3) commemorating the murder of the Judean governor Gedaliah by misguided zealots (Sept/Oct). In the Bible, this is referred to as the Fast of the 7th month.

**Asarah B'Tevet** - The 10th of Tevet, a fast day commemorating the fall of the Jerusalem. In the State of Israel, Kaddish (the Jewish prayer for the deceased) is recited on this day for people whose date or place of death is unknown (Dec/Jan). In the Bible, this is referred to as the Fast of the 10th month.

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.'

Creation and Survival of the State of Israel

The birth of Israel as a nation in 1948 was more than just the fulfillment of a dream held across 1,900 years—it was the modern fulfillment of ancient Bible prophecy.

According to the Scriptures, God promised that although He would banish the Jewish People from their Land because of disobedience, He would in the “latter days” bring them back and re-establish them in their Land.

**Neh 1:8** *Remember, please, the word you gave through your servant Moshe, 'If you break faith, I will scatter you among the peoples;*

**Neh 1:9** *but if you return to me, observe my mitzvot and obey them, then, even if your scattered ones are in the most distant part of heaven, nevertheless, I will collect them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen for bearing my name.'*

Likewise, the prophet Jeremiah wrote of a great restoration that would overshadow the exodus out of Egypt:

**Jer 16:14** " 'Therefore,' says Adonai, 'the day will come when people will no longer swear, "As Adonai lives, who

brought the people of Isra'el out of the land of Egypt,"

**Jer 16:15** but, "As Adonai lives, who brought the people of Isra'el out of the land to the north and out of all the countries where he drove them"; for I will bring them back to their own land, which I gave to their ancestors.

**Jer 16:16** " 'Look,' says Adonai, 'I will send for many fishermen, and they will fish for them. Afterwards, I will send for many hunters; and they will hunt them from every mountain and hill and out of caves in the rocks.

Finally, the prophet Isaiah declared,

**Isa 66:7** Before going into labor, she gave birth; before her pains came, she delivered a male child.

**Isa 66:8** Who ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Is a country born in one day? Is a nation brought forth all at once? For as soon as Tziyon went into labor, she brought forth her children.

**Isa 66:9** "Would I let the baby break through and not be born?" asks Adonai. "Would I, who cause the birth, shut the womb?" asks your God.

For the Jewish People, a quest for a Homeland that took almost 1,800 years was ended by a vote that took just three minutes. Although miraculous, it did not come without struggle, a struggle that continues to this day.

A declaration of statehood, like a declaration of independence did not simply mean that what you had declared would be accepted by those you were declaring it to.

America's war for independence lasted 9 years from 1775 to 1783.

So, the declaration of Israel becoming a state was followed by...Peace talks being held on Rhodes, under the chairmanship of UN mediator [Dr. Ralph Bunche](#). Israel signed armistices with Egypt (February 24), Lebanon (March 23), Jordan (April 3) and Syria (July 20).

However, no actual peace agreements were signed.

On May 11, 1949, Israel was admitted as a member of the United Nations

## **Regathering of Jewish People From the Nations**

The history of Israel cannot be told apart from the modern miracle of God's re-gathering of His People, scattered to the four corners of the earth. This re-gathering began back in the 19th century as Jewish settlers, fueled by their faith and conviction, came back to the Land of their Fathers. They cleared the swamps and revived the language of Hebrew.

Before, during, and immediately following the Holocaust, many European Jews tried to immigrate to Israel to escape death, but sadly, the British, who ruled Palestine until 1948, turned them away. Many went back to Europe where they were killed while others ended up in internment camps, never making it to the Promised Land.

After 1948 however, the floodgates opened and millions of Jews have returned to their Land. Ancient Jewish communities, perhaps even those who may have been descendants of the "Lost Tribes" of Israel, have made *aliyah* (the Hebrew word meaning "returning to Israel") from such far away places as China, India, and Ethiopia. With the fall of the Iron curtain there was an influx of Russian Jews making aliyah.

This regathering continues to happen and you are seeing it unfold before your very eyes.

## **Rebuilding the Temple**

The first Temple was built by David's son, Solomon, around 950 B.C.E. It was constructed according to the pattern of the tabernacle in the wilderness given to Moses to house the Ark of the Covenant. According to archaeologists, scholars, and historians, it was built on Mt. Moriah, the site where Abraham offered Isaac to be sacrificed. It was later destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E. and eventually rebuilt by the remnant that returned from captivity 70 years later.

Known as the Second Temple, it was later enlarged and beautified by Herod the Great during the latter part of the first century B.C.E. It was built on such a magnificent scale it became one of the great wonders of the ancient world. The

Temple was again destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. when they ransacked Jerusalem and burned the city to the ground. All that remains of the Temple today is a part of the western protection wall, known as the “Wailing Wall.”

During the seventh century, when Jerusalem was under the control of the Muslims, a mosque was built over what was thought to be the Holy of Holies. It remains there to this day.

The Temple Mount is hotly disputed and is perhaps the most valuable real estate in the world today. A movement has now emerged to rebuild the Temple again and that movement is quickly gaining momentum.

Everything needed for the Temple is ready. The only thing missing is the site to build it on.

We can speculate as to how this will happen, needless to say, I believe it will need to happen in order for Messiah to return.

This too is a hotly debated topic, regarding the when. Some say it will be Messiah who rebuilds the Temple while others believe it needs to stand in order for Messiah to return.

This debate leads us into...

## The Rise of Messianic Expectation

The fourth and final sign that we may be in the time the Bible refers to as the *Last Days* or the *End of Days* is the rise of Messianic expectation, particularly among Orthodox Jews living in Israel. The ancient prophets of Israel predicted not only the restoration of the Jewish People back to their promised homeland, but also a restoration back to their God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

They spoke of a Redeemer who would come to establish the “age to come” on the Earth. This would be marked by an era of universal peace, when

*Isa 11:6* The wolf will live with the lamb; the leopard lie down with the kid; calf, young lion and fattened lamb together, with a little child to lead them.

There is this expectation of peace when Messiah comes, yet this is what we already know...according to the verses prior to verse 6

**Isa 11:1** But a branch will emerge from the trunk of Yishai, a shoot will grow from his roots.

**Isa 11:2** The Spirit of Adonai will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and power, the Spirit of knowledge and fearing Adonai —

**Isa 11:3** he will be inspired by fearing Adonai. He will not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,

**Isa 11:4** but he will judge the impoverished justly; he will decide fairly for the humble of the land. He will strike the land with a rod from his mouth and slay the wicked with a breath from his lips.

**Isa 11:5** Justice will be the belt around his waist, faithfulness the sash around his hips.

Within the Jewish community they speculate...Who will this promised Messiah be?

Was he Rabbi Mendel Schneerson, known as the Lubavitcher Rebbe, as some still believe?

Some even ask - “Could Yeshua (Jesus) of Nazareth be the Messiah, as many Messianic Jews claim?”

Or is He yet to be revealed?

If you have been here long enough you should know by now there is no further speculation needed.

He came the first time, as a servant...

**Zec 9:9** Rejoice with all your heart, daughter of Tziyon! Shout out loud, daughter of Yerushalayim! Look! Your king is coming to you. He is righteous, and he is victorious. Yet he is humble — he's riding on a donkey, yes, on a lowly donkey's colt.

Declaring...

**Isa 61:1** The Spirit of Adonai Elohim is upon me, because Adonai has anointed me to announce good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim freedom to the captives, to let out into light those bound

in the dark;

**Isa 61:2** to proclaim the year of the favor of Adonai...

In Yeshua's words from Luke 4...

**Luk 4:20** After closing the scroll and returning it to the shammash, he sat down; and the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on him.

**Luk 4:21** He started to speak to them: "Today, as you heard it read, this passage of the Tanakh was fulfilled!"

And will return as promised by Daniel,

**Dan 7:13** "I kept watching the night visions, when I saw, coming with the clouds of heaven, someone like a son of man. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence.

**Dan 7:14** To him was given rulership, glory and a kingdom, so that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His rulership is an eternal rulership that will not pass away; and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

And Yeshua Himself,

**Mat 24:30** "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, all the tribes of the Land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with tremendous power and glory.

to accomplish the remainder of Isaiah 61:2...

and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,

**Isa 61:3** yes, provide for those in Tziyon who mourn, giving them garlands instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a cloak of praise instead of a heavy spirit, so that they will be called oaks of righteousness planted by Adonai, in which he takes pride.

Expectations at the time Yeshua arrived were extremely high given Israel's oppression by Rome.

Expectations have never been higher within the nations for Yeshua to return.

As the world goes from a simmer to a boil expectations continue to increase.

These things are happening in our lifetime.

History is important so that we are mindful of what transpired before us. To remind us of our tragedies and how they occurred, so that in our understanding, if we are the cause that we don't make the same mistakes as to cause the same results.

So, on Monday evening as you remember this day, please be mindful of what has already transpired. Yet also be mindful that through our tragedy, Adonai is forever faithful.

**Zec 12:1** A prophecy, the word of Adonai concerning Isra'el — here is the message from Adonai, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundation of the earth and formed the spirit inside human beings:

**Zec 12:2** "I will make Yerushalayim a cup that will stagger the surrounding peoples. Even Y'hudah will be caught up in the siege against Yerushalayim.

You have nations and religions pursuing control, claiming ownership...

Control of Jerusalem has been hotly contested for centuries, even millenia.

**Zec 12:3** When that day comes, I will make Yerushalayim a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who try to lift it will hurt themselves, and all the earth's nations will be massed against her.

Are we at the beginning of this prophecy? There have been many battles. Israel has been opposed for many years.

Today I believe it is heightening to levels never seen before.

When you have nations from South America removing their representatives from Israel in protest...

When you have articles, such as this one from the Huffington Post:

Headline: Ayatollah Khamenei and Netanyahu: Two Sides of a Coin

Written by: [Abolhassan Bani-Sadr](#) First president, the Islamic Republic of Iran

Claiming: The main purpose of Ayatollah Khamenei's recent call to arm the Palestinians is to bring the West Bank under the control of Hamas and Islamic Jihad and do away with the more moderate PLO. His attempt to exploit the unimaginable suffering of the Palestinians in Gaza is a reflection of his doctrine of 'victory through terrorization' (*al-nasro-belrob*).

From my point of view, this is the same policy that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been pursuing by inflicting such horror on the people of Gaza.

What Khamenei fails to understand is that when a person accepts the logic of armed violence, then he will inevitably accept that the people with the stronger military will prevail. Such a policy therefore only guarantees that the future will be a continuation of the present, which is a state of constant violence, domination and humiliation.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/abolhassan-banisadr/ayatollah-khamenei-and-netanyahu\\_b\\_5641890.html?ncid=txtlnkusaolp00000592](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/abolhassan-banisadr/ayatollah-khamenei-and-netanyahu_b_5641890.html?ncid=txtlnkusaolp00000592)

We are progressing, I believe rapidly to this point...

**Zec 12:4** When that day comes," says Adonai, "I will strike all the horses with panic and their riders with madness; I will keep watch over Y'hudah, but I will strike blind all the horses of the peoples.

**Zec 12:5** The leaders of Y'hudah will say to themselves, 'Those living in Yerushalayim are my strength through Adonai-Tzva'ot their God.'

**Zec 12:6** When that day comes, I will make the leaders of Y'hudah like a blazing fire pan in a pile of wood, like a fiery torch among sheaves of grain; they will devour all the surrounding peoples, on the right and on the left. Yerushalayim will be inhabited in her own place, Yerushalayim.

**Zec 12:7** Adonai will save the tents of Y'hudah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of those living in Yerushalayim will not appear greater than that of Y'hudah.

**Zec 12:8** When that day comes, Adonai will defend those living in Yerushalayim. On that day, even someone who stumbles will be like David; and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of Adonai before them.

**Zec 12:9** "When that day comes, I will seek to destroy all nations attacking Yerushalayim;

**Zec 12:10** and I will pour out on the house of David and on those living in Yerushalayim a spirit of grace and prayer; and they will look to me, whom they pierced." They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son; they will be in bitterness on his behalf like the bitterness for a firstborn son.

**Zec 12:11** When that day comes, there will be great mourning in Yerushalayim, mourning like that for Hadad-Rimmon in the Megiddo Valley.

**Zec 12:12** Then the land will mourn, each family by itself — the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Natan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

**Zec 12:13** the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shim`i by itself, and their wives by themselves;

**Zec 12:14** all the remaining families, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.

This mourning is due to the realization that the One who was killed, was killed for them some 2000 years ago. Though rejected by many, their blindness will be removed and clarity will reveal Yeshua as King and Messiah who first appeared to the Jewish people as the son of a carpenter.

In our tragedy via disobedience, He has remained faithful and in our lifetimes we are witnessing some of the most miraculous fulfillment of prophecy in millenia.



This day – Tisha b'av will soon cease to be a day of grieving, a day of fasting, because of the faithfulness of the One...

Who was,

Who is,

and Who is to come.