



## A conversation with Scott and Michal Sullivan

A vision appeared to Paul in the night:  
a man of Macedonia was standing and  
appealing to him, and saying, “Come  
over to Macedonia and **help** us.”

Acts 16:9

God calls us to help others

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## A conversation with Vitor and Amanda Freitas

- Jesus said, “This is My commandment, that you **love** one another, just as I have loved you.” John 15:12

God calls us to love others

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**What if God calls us to say  
“Never Again”?**

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# Today is...

Sunday, August 11, 2019

10<sup>th</sup> day of Av in year 5779

## Tisha B'Av תשעה באב

The 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av

**Tisha B'Av** is regarded as the **saddest day on the Jewish calendar** and is believed to be a day destined for tragedy.

No.	English	Hebrew	days	equivalent
1	Nisan	ניסן	30	Mar - Apr
2	Iyar	אייר	29	Apr - May
3	Sivan	סיון	30	May - Jun
4	Tammuz	תמוז	29	Jun - Jul
5	Av	אב	30	Jul - Aug
6	Elul	אלול	29	Aug - Sep
7	Tishrei	תשרי	30	Sep - Oct
8	Cheshvan	חשוון	29/30	Oct - Nov
9	Kislev	כסליו	30/29	Nov - Dec
10	Tevet	טבת	29	Dec - Jan
11	Shevat	שבט	30	Jan - Feb
12L	Adar I	אדר א'	30	leap year
12	Adar	אדר ב'	29	Feb - Mar

# Tish'a B'Av תשעה באב

- Observance of the day includes five prohibitions, including a 25-hour fast.
- The Book of Lamentations, which mourns the destruction of Jerusalem is read in the synagogue, followed by the recitation of *kinnot*, liturgical dirges that lament the loss of the Temples and Jerusalem.
- Tisha B'Av is the final, climactic day of a 21-day period of increasing mourning called the Three Weeks. Also called *Bein HaMetzarim*, or “between the straits,” a quote from Lamentations 1:3.
- The mourning period leading up to Tisha B'Av begins in the previous month, on Tammuz 17, a day that commemorates the first breach of Jerusalem’s walls by the Babylonians before they destroyed the first temple. During the Three Weeks, observant Jews refrain from holding public celebrations. No weddings are scheduled during the three weeks leading up to Tisha B'Av. The focus is on mourning and repentance. The final nine days, starting with Av 1, require increased austerity.
- On Shabbat during the Three Weeks, the Haftarahs are taken from chapters in Isaiah and Jeremiah dealing with the Temple's destruction and the exile of the Jewish people.

Sources: Wikipedia <https://jewsforjesus.org/jewish-resources/community/jewish-holidays/tisha-bav/> <https://www.gotquestions.org/Tisha-B-Av.html>

<http://www.aish.com/h/9av/oal/48943916.html>

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# 17th Day of Tammuz

<http://www.aish.com/h/9av/oal/96779149.html>  
by Rabbi Shraga Simmons

The beginning of a 3-week period of mourning is the 17th of Tammuz, a fast day commemorating the fall of Jerusalem, prior to the destruction of the Holy Temple.

On the 17th of Tammuz, no eating or drinking is permitted from the break of dawn until dusk.

Five great catastrophes occurred in Jewish history on 17th of Tammuz:

1. **Moses broke the tablets of the Commandments at Mount Sinai** – in response to the sin of the Golden Calf.
2. **The daily offerings in the First Temple were suspended during the siege of Jerusalem**, after the Kohanim (priests) could no longer obtain animals.
3. **Jerusalem's walls were breached**, prior to the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 AD.
4. Prior to the Great Revolt, **Roman general Apostamos burned a Torah scroll** – setting a precedent for the horrifying burning of Jewish books throughout the centuries.
5. An **idolatrous image was placed in the Sanctuary of the Holy Temple** – a brazen act of blasphemy and desecration.

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**What happened on Tisha B'Av?**

**What happened on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Av?**

**Numbers 13-14**

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# What happened on 9 Av?

In 1313 BC, Moses sent 12 spies to scout out the Land of Canaan. After 40 days, the 12 spies returned from the Promised Land with frightening reports, and the Israelites balked at the prospect of entering the land.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses saying, “Send out for yourself men so that they may spy out the land of Canaan, **which I am going to give to the sons of Israel**; you shall send a man from each of their fathers’ tribes, every one a leader among them.”

Numbers 13:1-2

When Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, he said to them, “Go up there into the Negev; then go up into the hill country. See what the land is like, and whether the people who live in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many. How is the land in which they live, is it good or bad? And how are the cities in which they live, are they like open camps or with fortifications?” Numbers 13:17-19

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## The Land of Canaan Explored by the Twelve Men



Moses sent the twelve spies, including Joshua and Caleb, to explore the whole land of Canaan, from the Kadesh region in the south to as far north as Lebo Hamath – over 150 miles.

The spies travelled north, secretly, for three weeks from the Desert of Zin in the south, beyond Beersheba (where Isaac had settled some three hundred years earlier in c.1730BC) and on past Shechem (where Jacob had set up an altar and bought land for a tomb in c.1691BC). From here they continued north to Rehob and Lebo Hamath ('Hamath Pass') in the far north of Canaan near Damascus. On their way back south, they passed Hebron (where Abraham was buried in Machpelah Cave in c.1815BC) and cut a large cluster of grapes from the Valley of Eshcol ('Eshcol' means 'a cluster') before returning after forty days to the Israelite camp at Kadesh oasis in the Desert of Paran.

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**When they returned from spying out the land, at the end of forty days,** they proceeded to come to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; and they brought back word to them and to all the congregation and showed them the fruit of the land. Thus they told him, and said, “We went in to the land where you sent us; and it certainly does flow with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Nevertheless, the people who live in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; and moreover, we saw the descendants of Anak there. Amalek is living in the land of the Negev and the Hittites and the Jebusites and the Amorites are living in the hill country, and the Canaanites are living by the sea and by the side of the Jordan.” Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we will surely overcome it.” **But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us.”** So they gave out to the sons of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size. There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); **and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight,** and so we were in their sight.”

Numbers 13:25-33

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**Then all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night (9 Av).** All the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron; and the whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become plunder; would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” So they said to one another, “Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt.” Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in the presence of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel. Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, **“The land which we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord is pleased with us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us—a land which flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord; and do not fear the people of the land, for they will be our prey. Their protection has been removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.”** But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Then the glory of the Lord appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel. **The Lord said to Moses, “How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst?”**

Numbers 14:1-11

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(Moses prayed) “Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your lovingkindness, just as You also have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.” So the Lord said, “I have pardoned them according to your word; but indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord. Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it.” Numbers 14:19-23

“Your sons shall be shepherds for forty years in the wilderness, and they will suffer for your unfaithfulness, until your corpses lie in the wilderness. **According to the number of days which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day you shall bear your guilt a year, even forty years, and you will know My opposition.** I, the Lord, have spoken, surely this I will do to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be destroyed, and there they will die.’ ” Numbers 14:33-35

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# What else happened on 9 Av?

**First Temple built by King Solomon destroyed (burned) by Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians in 586 BC**

Construction described: 1 Kings 5:1-12, 6:38

Destruction described: 2 Kings 25:1-12, Jeremiah 52:29

Officials and priests were killed as well as countless other Jews. Many thousands who escaped the genocide were taken captive by the Babylonians, bringing an end to the Davidic Empire and beginning the first exile out of the Promised Land.



According to Jewish teaching, the First Temple was destroyed due to the sins of murder, adultery and idol worship.

<https://kehilaneews.com/2017/07/31/jews-commemorate-tisha-bav-on-tuesday/>

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# What else happened on 9 Av?

**First Temple built by King Solomon destroyed (burned) by Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians in 586 BC**

Now in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month (of King Zedekiah's reign—January 588 BC), Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it and built a siege wall all around it. So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. On the ninth day of the fourth month (of King Zedekiah's 11<sup>th</sup> year – July 586 BC) the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. **Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled** by night by way of the gate between the two walls beside the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah.

2 Kings 25:1-4

Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. **He burned the house of the Lord**, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire.

2 Kings 25:8-9

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# What else happened on 9 Av?

## Second Temple destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD

- Second Temple foundation laid in 520 BC under leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah after return from exile. (Ezra 3:10-13)
- In 516 BC, Second Temple is completed. “And the elders of the Jews were successful in building through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they finished building according to the command of the God of Israel and the decree of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. **This temple was completed** on the third day of the month Adar; it was the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.” Ezra 6:14-15
- Herod the Great expands Second Temple for years, beginning in 20 BC.
- Jesus and His disciples worshipped in the Second Temple. Jesus taught in the Temple.
- The Second Temple was destroyed according to Jewish tradition for **the sin of baseless hatred (sinat chinam)** among the Jewish People.

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# What else happened on 9 Av?

Second Temple destroyed by Romans in 70 AD

Destruction of the Second Temple fulfilled the prophecy of Jesus in Matthew 24 and Luke 21.

“Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, ‘Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, **not one stone here will be left upon another**, which will not be torn down.’” Matthew 24:1-2

\*prophecy of Jesus spoken in approx. 29 AD



**Model of Second Jewish Temple**

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**The Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans Under the Command of Titus, AD 70, by David Roberts**

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# What else happened on 9 Av?

- **In 71 AD**, after destruction of the Second Temple, the Romans plow Jerusalem over with salt
- **In 130 AD**, Hadrian orders Governor Turnus Rufus to plow Jerusalem over and rebuild it as a pagan city
- **In 135 AD**, the Bar Kochba revolt against the Romans and Emperor Hadrian ended in defeat. Jews of Betar were butchered on 9<sup>th</sup> of Av. Betar, the last stronghold of the Jewish leaders, falls, with over 100,000 Jews being slaughtered. This is the start of the Jewish Diaspora.
- **In 136 AD**, the Temple Mount was plowed and Jerusalem is rebuilt as the Roman city of **Aelia Capitolina**. The heathen temple to Jupiter is built on the Jewish Temple site. The name of the region of "Israel" is also changed to "Palaestina." (This attempt to disavow the land from its Jewish roots was echoed by the British in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in their labeling the land "Palestine.")
- **In 1096 AD**, Pope Urban II declares the start of the First Crusade. Over one quarter of the Jewish population of Germany and northern France were killed during the First Crusade (1096-1099).
- **In 1290 AD**, Jews expelled from England. Many went to Poland; no more Jews in England until Oliver Cromwell's edict in 1656. Happened under pressure of Archbishop of Canterbury. 17,000 were expelled but many did not make it to Europe because of being thrown into the sea to obtain their personal belongings.



# What else happened on 9 Av?

- **In 1492 AD, Jews expelled from Spain in the Alhambra Decree.** Had to be carried out by July 31. 200,000 expelled. Edict was formally revoked on Dec 16, 1968. Forced Jews to be baptized or be banished. Some Jews converted but practiced Judaism in secret. The largest expulsion of Jews in Europe prior to the Holocaust.
- **In 1555 AD, Papal Bull of Pope Paul IV confines Jews into a walled ghetto in Rome.** Jews must wear badges and live in ghettos with no property outside. 3,000 people lived in 8 acres. Women wore yellow veil or scarf. Men had to wear a piece of yellow cloth on their hat. The Jews would be imprisoned in the Jewish ghetto in Rome until emancipation in 1870. This pressured Jews to retreat inward to explore the spiritual world, since their physical world was so restrained, and would propel Kabbalah. It turned into a much more popular area of Jewish study than ever before.
- **In 1648 AD, the Cossacks massacre 100,000 East European Jews.** The Chmielnicki Uprising against Jews by Cossacks: 300 communities destroyed. 6,000 killed in Nemirov in Ukraine. Murders in Tulchin, Polonnoye, Volhynia, Bar, Lvov.
- **In 1914 AD, World War I begins.** Germany declares war on Russia. From a Jewish perspective this is the day that transformed the European conflict between the Austro-Hungarian Empire to a World War between opposing alliances. WWI caused massive upheaval in European Jewry. European Jewish immigration to North and South America is almost brought to a halt due to the disruption of WWI. In Russia, 600,000 Jews moved and an estimated 100,000 die of exposure or starvation. In Eastern Europe during WWI, hundreds of thousands of Jews are killed; 200,000 died in Ukraine alone. Source: [www.Root-Source.com](http://www.Root-Source.com)

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# What else happened on 9 Av?

- **In 1941 AD**, Heinrich Himmler receives approval from the Nazi Party for the “Final Solution” of the Jews. The "Final Solution" called for the murder of all European Jews by gassing, shooting, and other means. Six million Jewish men, women, and children were killed during the Holocaust—two-thirds of the Jews living in Europe before World War II.
- **In 1942 AD**, the Treblinka extermination camp becomes operational in Poland and Jews from Warsaw Ghetto are transported there. It is estimated that between 800,000 and 950,000 Jews were killed in its gas chambers.
- **In 2005 AD**, the forced evacuation of Israeli Jews from the Gaza Strip. On 9 Av, Israel planned to forcibly evacuate all Jews from the Gaza Strip, but it was rescheduled for the next day, 10 Av, after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon realized he had "coincidentally" slated his unilateral disengagement on 9 Av.
- **In 2013 AD**, the European Union announced that all written cooperative agreements by its member states with Israel must state that East Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria are not considered Israel and cannot benefit by EU agreements.



# Why the continuous attacks on the Jewish people?

**Spiritual Warfare**

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God said to Abram, “I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an **everlasting covenant**, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an **everlasting possession**; and I will be their God.”

Genesis 17:7-8

Are God and His Word trustworthy?

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**How should followers of Jesus  
respond to Tisha B'Av?**

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# How should followers of Jesus respond to Tisha B'Av?

## 1. Recognize that the Abrahamic Covenant is still valid

- Recognize that God is committed to defend Israel, despite its past disobedience, and He remembers the Abrahamic Covenant.
- The Lord said, “Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an **everlasting** covenant with you.” Ezekiel 16:60
- Paul wrote, “I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.” Romans 11:1

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# How should followers of Jesus respond to Tisha B'Av?

## 2. Reject the false teaching of Replacement Theology

Part of Satan's strategy has been to infect the Church with what was historically called **Supersessionism**. This is the idea that God has replaced the Jews with the Church. Satan hates the Jews with a passion for several reasons:

- God chose the Jews to be His witnesses to the world
- Through them God gave the world the Bible
- Through them God gave the world the Messiah
- God has promised that He will bless all the nations of the world through the Jews
- Satan is determined to destroy every Jew on planet earth so that God cannot keep His promises to them

Source: Dr. David Reagan

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# How should followers of Jesus respond to Tisha B'Av?

## 2. Reject the false teaching of Replacement Theology

Replacement theology removes from Israel a national destiny in the land of Canaan (Promised Land) because of her rejection of Jesus' Messianic credentials. All the biblical statements of Israel enjoying future blessings in the land of Canaan are said to be descriptions of the spiritual blessings that now accrue to the Church. The expectation of a physical kingdom has been spiritualized and taken from Israel and given to the Gentiles (Matthew 21:43), even though Jesus never denied that the physical kingdom would be restored to Israel (Acts 1:6-7). Israel has always been God's vehicle of world redemption (Romans 9:1-5). In a way, she is God's microphone, the means by which He speaks to a lost world. Moreover, she has birthed all God's covenants into the world and has now come back to her ancient homeland, by the promise of the Abrahamic Covenant, to birth the final great covenant of history, the Davidic Covenant. Herein lies the ultimate purpose of her modern-day restoration. Jesus will return to Zion as the root and offspring of David (Revelation 22:1-6; Psalm 2:1-12; Psalm 72:5-11). - Rev. Malcolm Hedding

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## How should followers of Jesus respond to Tisha B'Av?

3. Recognize that the Abrahamic Covenant is still valid and non-Jews can participate in its fulfillment

God said to Abram, “And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.” Genesis 12:3

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# How should followers of Jesus respond to Tisha B'Av?

## 4. Recognize that much of the persecution of the Jews has been done in the name of Christianity

### In 1096 AD, on 9 Av, Pope Urban II declares the start of the First Crusade

- **Over 1.2 million Jews killed.** Over one quarter of the Jewish population of Germany and northern France were killed during the First Crusade (1096-1099), mostly during the months of April-June. It was estimated that in Germany, prior to the First Crusade, there were approximately 20,000 Jews.
- After being attacked by a mob and threatened with death, Bishop Egelbert offered to save all Jews who were willing to be baptized. Most Jews chose to drown themselves instead.
- On his way to join the Crusade led by Peter the Hermit, he attacked the synagogue at Speyer. The Jews defended themselves but were systematically slain. Until this time atrocities in Europe were sporadic. From here on in they became organized and frequent, and Jewish martyrdom began in earnest. Approximately 5,000 Jews were murdered in Emicho, Germany in 1096.
- In the Worms Massacre in Germany, the Jewish survivors hid in the Bishop's palace for one week, after which they were either murdered or forcibly baptized.
- Mayence (Mainz) Germany - Count Emicho entered Mayence. Approximately 1,200 Jews took refuge in the Episcopal Palace and, seeing no other escape from forced conversion, chose suicide using ritual slaughter knives. Each family head killed his wife and children, with the leaders killing themselves last. The idea of suicide, normally abhorrent, was considered acceptable or even preferable under these circumstances. One Jew by the name of Isaac, his two daughters and a friend called Uriah allowed themselves to be baptized. Within a few weeks Isaac, who was remorseful of his act, killed his daughters and burned his own house. He and Uriah went to the local synagogue, locked themselves in and burned it down. A large part of the city was destroyed.
- **Godfrey de Bouillon Massacres Jews in Jerusalem - Entered Jerusalem, drove all the Jews into the synagogue and set them afire while he marched around the synagogue singing, "Christ, we adore thee."** This marked the end of Jerusalem as a Jewish center for centuries, although Jews did return in limited numbers after the Moslem reconquest in 1187.
- It is estimated that between 20,000 and 30,000 Jews were massacred or captured and sold as slaves in Italy.
- Pope Innocent III in 1205 AD wrote to archbishops of Sens and Paris that the Jews by their own guilt are consigned to perpetual servitude because they crucified the Lord. "Although they ought not to be killed, lest the Christian forget the Divine Law, yet as wanderers ought they remain upon the Earth, until their countenances be filled with shame."

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# Martin Luther quotes

- "I am well aware they (Jews) deny all of this. However **it all coincides with the judgment of Christ which declares that they are venomous, bitter, vindictive, tricky serpents, assassins, and children of the devil.**"
  - "Now let me commend these Jews sincerely to whoever feels the desire to shelter and feed them, to honor them, to be fleeced, robbed, plundered, defamed, vilified by them, and to suffer every evil at their hands - **these venomous serpents are the devil's children, who are the most vehement enemies of Christ our Lord and us all.** And if that is not enough, let him stuff them into his mouth, or crawl into their behind and worship this holy object... Then he will be a perfect Christian, filled with works of mercy - for which Christ will reward him on the day of judgment, together with the Jews - in the eternal fire of hell."
  - **Luther called the synagogue "a defiled bride,** yes an incorrigible whore and an evil slut with whom God ever had to wrangle, scuffle and fight. They have to look into the devil's black, dark, lying behind and worship his stench."
  - **He compared the Jewish scriptures to pig feces.** "You are not worthy of looking at the outside of the Bible, much less of reading it. You should read only the bible that is found under the sow's tail, and eat and drink the letters that drop from there."
  - **"The Jews are full of the devil's feces, which they wallow in like swine.** When Judas Iscariot hanged himself, his guts burst and emptied. Perhaps the Jews sent their servants with plates of silver and pots of gold to gather up Judas' piss with the other treasures, and they ate and drank his offal, and thereby acquire eyes so piercing that they discover in the Scriptures commentaries that neither Matthew or Isaiah himself found there, not to mention the rest of us cursed goyim."
- Source: Luther and the Jews: Putting right the lies by Richard Harvey



**Martin Luther**

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Reformation.

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# European Christians in 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- In 1922, Adolf Hitler publishes a speech on Christianity. **He claimed Jesus as his "Lord and Savior."** Hitler characterized Jesus as a fighter against the Jews, who recognized them for what they were and summoned men to fight against them.
- In 1925, Hitler published Mein Kampf and wrote, **"By defending against the Jew, I am fighting for the work of the Lord."**
- In 1928, Hitler calls his Nazi movement "Christian." **"We tolerate no one in our ranks who attacks the ideas of Christianity ... in fact our movement is Christian."**
- In 1933, Hitler speaks of his good relations with the Catholic Church. The Enabling Act grants Hitler dictatorial powers: "The Government of the Reich, which regards Christianity as the unshakable foundation of the morals and moral code of the nation, attaches the greatest value to friendly relations with the Holy See, and is endeavoring to develop them."
- In 1933, Hitler leverages the Catholic Church history for his treatment towards Jews. "The Catholic Church considered the Jews pestilent for 1,500 years, put them in ghettos, etc., because it recognized the Jews for what they were. [...] I recognize the representatives of this race as pestilent for the State and for the Church and perhaps I am thereby doing Christianity a great service by pushing them out of schools and public functions."
- In 1933, the German Evangelical Lutheran Church National Synod met. Called the "Brown Synod" because so many were from the Nazi party, they adopted the Aryan clause which stipulated the dismissal of church clergy with one Jewish grandparent, and the removal of the Old Testament from the Bible.

[https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Religious\\_views\\_of\\_Adolf\\_Hitler#1922](https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Religious_views_of_Adolf_Hitler#1922)

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# European Christians in 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- In 1933, Cardinal Bertram gives permission for Adolf Hitler to kill Jews. **“The Holy See has no intention of interfering in Germany’s internal affairs.** Will it be possible for the Holy See to put in a warm-hearted word for those who have been converted from Judaism to the Christian religion, since either they themselves, or their children or grandchildren, are now facing a wretched fate because of their lack of Aryan descent?”
- In 1933, Gerhard Kittel, a German Lutheran scholar, said that "the Jews need to continue to be dispersed in the Earth, to reinforce the image of the Jew as a stranger: wandering, restless and homeless on the face of the Earth."
- In 1935, 3 weeks before the Nuremberg Laws, Martin Niemöller (a German anti-Nazi theologian and Lutheran pastor) gives a speech that does not protect non-converted Jews, which was broadcast over radio in UK and US. "Jewish history was dark and sinister. Its people, under a curse, will ever reap contempt and hatred."
- In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws in Germany are passed, Jews become 'stateless' 64 years after the Jews are emancipated in 1871.
- In 1936, Cardinal August Hlond of Poland urges Catholics to boycott all Jewish businesses.
- In various times, Hitler quoted Pope Gregory VII, John Chrysostom, Thomas Aquinas and Martin Luther. He called Luther "one of the greatest Germans," "the mighty opponent of the Jews," "a great man, a giant". "He saw the Jew as we are only now beginning to see him today. But unfortunately too late, and not where he did the most harm - within Christianity itself. Ah, if he had seen the Jew at work there, seen him in his youth! Then he would not have attacked Catholicism, but the Jew behind it. Instead of totally rejecting the Church, he would have thrown his whole passionate weight against the real culprits."

[https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Religious\\_views\\_of\\_Adolf\\_Hitler#1922](https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Religious_views_of_Adolf_Hitler#1922)

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**Today, on Tisha B'Av, all over  
the world, Jews and Christians  
will read the Book  
Lamentations, written by  
Prophet Jeremiah**

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How lonely sits the city that was full of people! She has become like a widow who was once great among the nations! She who was a princess among the provinces has become a forced laborer! She weeps bitterly in the night and her tears are on her cheeks; she has none to comfort her among all her lovers. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. **Judah has gone into exile under affliction and under harsh servitude; she dwells among the nations, but she has found no rest; all her pursuers have overtaken her In the midst of distress** (“within the straits” *Bein HaMetzarim*). The roads of Zion are in mourning because no one comes to the appointed feasts. All her gates are desolate; her priests are groaning, her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is bitter. Her adversaries have become her masters, her enemies prosper; for the Lord has caused her grief because of the multitude of her transgressions; her little ones have gone away as captives before the adversary. All her majesty has departed from the daughter of Zion; her princes have become like deer that have found no pasture; and they have fled without strength before the pursuer. In the days of her affliction and homelessness Jerusalem remembers all her precious things that were from the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the adversary and no one helped her. The adversaries saw her, they mocked at her ruin. Jerusalem sinned greatly, therefore she has become an unclean thing. All who honored her despise her because they have seen her nakedness; even she herself groans and turns away.

Lamentations 1:1-8

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**Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us; look, and see our reproach!** Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our houses to aliens. We have become orphans without a father, our mothers are like widows. We have to pay for our drinking water, our wood comes to us at a price. Our pursuers are at our necks; we are worn out, there is no rest for us. We have submitted to Egypt and Assyria to get enough bread. Our fathers sinned, and are no more; it is we who have borne their iniquities. Slaves rule over us; there is no one to deliver us from their hand.

Lamentations 5:1-8

**The joy of our hearts has ceased; our dancing has been turned into mourning.** The crown has fallen from our head; woe to us, for we have sinned! Because of this our heart is faint, because of these things our eyes are dim; because of Mount Zion which lies desolate, foxes prowl in it. You, O Lord, rule forever; Your throne is from generation to generation. Why do You forget us forever? Why do You forsake us so long? **Restore us to You, O Lord, that we may be restored; renew our days as of old,** unless You have utterly rejected us and are exceedingly angry with us. Lamentations 5:15-22

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## Remember...

**First Temple was destroyed on 9<sup>th</sup> of Av in 586 BC**

**Second Temple was destroyed on 9<sup>th</sup> of Av in 70 AD**

## ■ **Third Temple is coming... maybe in our lifetimes**

The rabbi of the IDF's special commando unit, Captain Rabbi Avrumi Levin, sent out his Tisha B'Av halachic (Jewish religious law) guidelines to the soldiers in the commando unit where he serves. At the end of his letter he added, "In case the Temple is rebuilt, consider this document null and void." This of course makes perfect sense, as when the Temple will be rebuilt, the laws of Tisha B'Av in that guideline will become irrelevant.

<http://www.jewishpress.com/news/jewish-news/was-idf-commando-rabbi-joking-about-rebuilding-the-temple-in-his-tisha-bav-guideline/2018/07/09/>

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# The Third Temple... When will it be built?

by Dr. David R. Reagan

The Bible clearly teaches that a Third Temple will be built in the future. The First Temple that Solomon built was destroyed in 586 BC. The Second Temple (516 BC to 70 AD) was built after the Jews returned from Babylonian captivity. The platform on which it sat was greatly expanded and beautified by King Herod, as was the temple itself, but since the sacrifices were never stopped during this renovation and expansion, the new temple was still considered to be The Second Temple.

The Third Temple will exist during the Great Tribulation. Daniel refers to this temple when he says that *“the prince who is to come”* (the Antichrist) will enter it and stop the sacrifices in the middle of the Tribulation (Daniel 9:27). The Apostle Paul mentions it when he declares that the *“man of lawlessness”* will profane the temple by entering it and declaring himself to be God (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). Third Temple is also mentioned in the book of Revelation when John is told to measure it (Revelation 11:1-2).

The Bible does not reveal precisely when the temple will be rebuilt. The temple will be in existence when the Antichrist reveals himself (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4), and that will be in the middle of the Tribulation (Daniel 9:27). Since this will be only three and a half years into the Tribulation, many have concluded that the temple will likely be rebuilt before the Tribulation begins, because how could such a building be constructed in such a short period of time?

There is definitely going to be a Third Temple. It will likely be erected at the beginning of the Tribulation in the form of a tent temple, like the Tabernacle of Moses. A more permanent structure will then be built around and above it.

<http://christinprophecy.org/articles/the-third-temple/>

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The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it will come about that **in the last days** the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills; and **all the nations will stream to it**. And many peoples will come and say, “Come, **let us go up to the mountain of the Lord**, to the house of the God of Jacob; **that He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths.**” For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:1-3

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**What do the lessons of  
Tisha B'Av mean for  
Christ-followers today?**

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# Lessons from Tisha B'Av תשעה באב

1. God makes and keeps eternal covenants
2. We as sinful human beings break covenants
3. We experience great sadness when we are away from the presence of God
4. We need to remember the sorrows of the past

Agonizing over these events is meant to help us conquer those spiritual deficiencies which brought about these tragic events. Through the process of **תשובה teshuva** – repentance, self-introspection and a commitment to improve – we have the power to transform tragedy into joy. - Rabbi Shraga Simmons

5. Christians are called to “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”  
Romans 12:15
6. Spiritual warfare, Satanic efforts, continuously exist in our world... against Christians and Jews
7. The Third Temple will be rebuilt in the Last Days
8. Messiah is coming soon for both Jews and Gentiles
9. As Christians, we believe that Jesus is Messiah and offers us the pathway to God

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“Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘The **fast of the fourth**, the **fast of the fifth**, the **fast of the seventh** and the **fast of the tenth months will become joy, gladness, and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah**; so love truth and peace.’

“Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘It will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities. The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, “Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts; I will also go.” So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord.’ “Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘**In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.” ’ ’**”

Zechariah 8:19-23

<http://www.khouse.org/articles/1997/20/>

**The Fast of the Fourth**, the 17th of Tammuz, commemorated the occasion when Moses discovered them worshiping the golden calf and broke the two tables of the law. **The Fast of the Seventh**, the 3rd of Tishri, is the Fast of Gedaliah, commemorating the assassination of the governor appointed by Nebuchadnezzar to govern the Jews who remained in their homeland after the Temple had been destroyed in 586 BC. **The Fast of the Tenth**, the 10th of Tevet, was for the day that Nebuchadnezzar laid siege on Jerusalem. – Chuck Missler



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# A Time To Respond

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