



תשעה באב

Tisha Ba'Av

Part 1 – A Brief History

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**Lamentations 1:1**

How lonely sits the city that was full of people...

## Jeremiah 25:8-11

Therefore, thus says Adonai of Hosts, “Because you have not obeyed My words, behold, I will send and take all the families of the north” declares Adonai, “and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them and make them a horror and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. Moreover, I will take from them the voice of exultation, and the voice of mirth, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of the millstones and the light of the lamp. This whole land will be a desolation and a horror and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Take the Voice of Exultation (ששון)	Joy of Salvation
Take the Voice of the Bridegroom	Messiah
Take the Voice of the Millstones	The Bread of Life
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Take the Light of the Lamp	The Light of Revelation
Take the Voice of the Bride	Community
Take the Voice of Mirth (שמחה)	Celebration

## Jeremiah 29:1, 4-6, 11, 13

Now these are the words of the letter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, the priests, the prophets and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. [...] Thus says Adonai of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, “Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce; take wives and become fathers of sons and daughters ... For I know the plans I have for you,” declares Adonai, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope ... You will seek Me and find Me when you seek with all your heart.”

Build Houses	29:5
Plant Gardens	29:5
Take Wives	29:6
<b>Plans for welfare</b>	<b>29:11</b>
Become Fathers	29:6
Eat Produce	29:5
Live in Houses	29:5

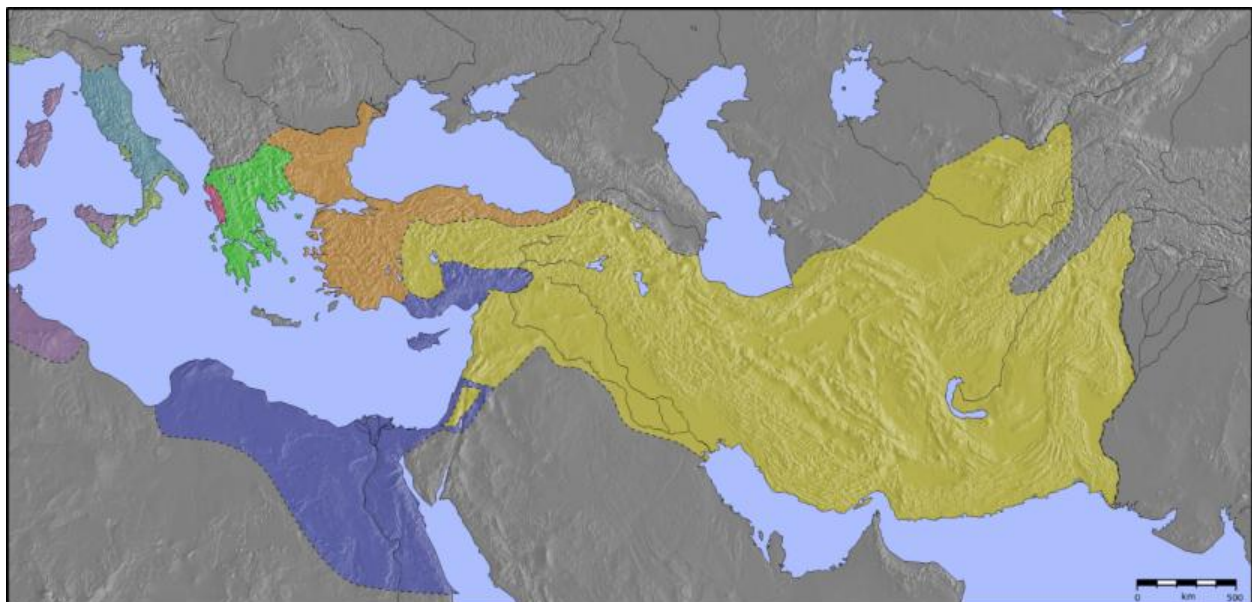
## Jeremiah 39:1-2

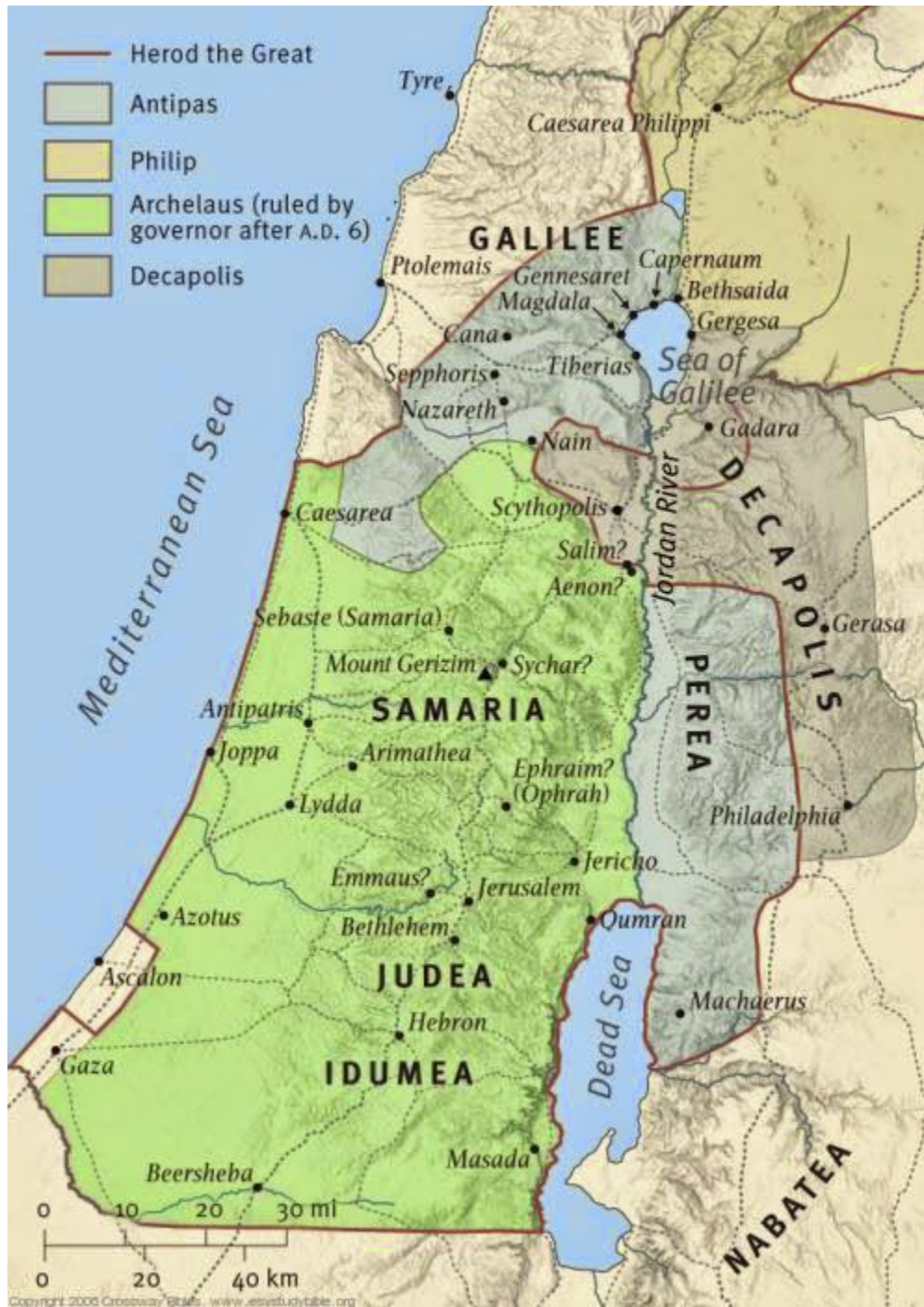
Now when Jerusalem was captured in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came to Jerusalem and laid siege to it; in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the city wall was breached.



## 2 Chronicles 36:21

...to fulfill the word of Adonai by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept Sabbath until seventy years were complete.





## **Mark 3:7-8**

“Yeshua withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed, and also from Judea, and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him.”

## **Luke 21: 12-15, 20-22, 24**

Before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake. It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none will be able to resist or refute... But, when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. Then those that are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; because these are days of vengeance so that all things which are written will be fulfilled ...Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.









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Part 2 – Messianic Insights

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**First ... a pop quiz**

(...just to see how well you've been paying attention to Adam):



**Question #1:**

In the words “*Tisha B’Av*”, what does **Tisha** mean?

**Answer:**

The number **9**.

**Question #2:**

What is the primary book of the Bible that is read in the synagogues on *Tisha B’Av*?

***Answer:***

**Lamentations**  
(or “*Eichah*” in Hebrew)

***Question #3:***

If having a Seder on Passover is a *mitzvah*,  
And fasting on Yom Kippur is a *mitzvah*,  
And blowing a shofar on Rosh Hashanah is a *mitzvah*...  
**What is the *mitzvah* for Tisha B'Av?**

(NOTE: Mitzvah means **good deed** or **commandment**)



***Answer:***

**Tears/crying.**

***Question #4:***

What is believed to have happened on  
*Tisha B'Av* in Numbers chapter 13?

***Answer:***

**The spies returned with an evil report.**

***Question #5:***

How many chapters are in the book of Lamentations?  
*(Go ahead and take a look.)*

***Answer:***

**5**



***Question #6:***

How many verses are in chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5?

***Answer:***

**22**

(There are **66** verses in chapter 3.)

***Question #7: (worth 2 points)***

What is special about the number of verses,  
and what pattern do they form?

***Answer:***

22 is the number of letters in the Hebrew Alphabet.  
The pattern is both an acrostic and a Menorah Pattern.



Ch 1 (22 vs)	Ch 2 (22 vs)	Ch 3 (66 vs)	Ch 4 (22 vs)	Ch 5 (22 vs)
א	א	אאא	א	ז
ב	ב	בבב	ב	ח
ג	ג	גגג	ג	ט
ד	ד	דדד	ד	י
ה	ה	ההה	ה	כ
ו	ו	ווו	ו	ל
ז	ז	זזז	ז	מ
ח	ח	חחח	ח	נ
ט	ט	טטט	ט	ס
י	י	ייי	י	ע
כ	כ	כככ	כ	פ
ל	ל	ללל	ל	צ
מ	מ	מממ	מ	ק
נ	נ	נננ	נ	ר
ס	ס	ססס	ס	ש
ע	פ	פפפ	פ	ת
ט	ע	עעע	ע	
א	צ	צצצ	צ	
ק	ק	קקק	ק	
ר	ר	ררר	ר	
ש	ש	ששש	ש	
ת	ת	תתת	ת	

**Chapter 1 is in correct alphabetical order...**

**But, why are the **ד** and the **ו** switched  
in chapters 2, 3, and 4?**

**And, why does chapter 5 not follow any pattern?**

***Answer:***

Possibly, back then the alphabet was written differently than today.

***Alternate answer from The Talmud***

***(Sanhedrin 104b)***

***“The Spies [in Numbers 13] spoke with their mouths what they had not seen with their eyes.”***

פ =



ע =



At the very end of the chapter (5:19-22) the author turns to God and says:

אַתָּה יְהוָה לְעוֹלָם תִּשָּׁב,  
בְּסֵאֶף לְדוֹר וָדוֹר.

<sup>19</sup> You, Adonai, rule forever;  
Your throne is from generation to  
generation.

לָמָּה לְנַצַּח תִּשְׁכַּחֵנוּ,  
תַּעֲזֹבֵנוּ לְאַרְךָ יָמִים.

<sup>20</sup> Why do You forget us forever?  
Why do You forsake us so long?

הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
וְנִשׁוּב (וְנִשׁוּבָה), חֲדָשׁ  
יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם.

<sup>21</sup> Restore us to You, Adonai, that we  
may be restored; Renew our days as  
of old,

כִּי אָם-מָאֵס מְאֹסָתָנוּ,  
קִצְפָּת עָלֵינוּ עַד-מְאֹד.

<sup>22</sup> Unless You have utterly rejected us  
*and* are exceedingly angry with us.

## *Spiritual Truth when dealing with tragedy:*

- 1) First, we often try to **rationalize** what happened.
- 2) Then, our emotions kick in and we start **acting based on our emotions** (we put our mouth before our eyes (our pei before our ayin)).
- 3) Finally, we only move forward when we **give up** trying to fix things on our own or appointing the blame. **Instead, we hold fast to our faith and we trust God to rebuild us.**

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**In light of the tragedy of Tisha B'Av what is our role in rebuilding the temple?**

**1) The temple will be rebuilt.**

*“May it be Your will that the Holy Temple be rebuilt quickly and in our days.”*



## Zechariah 8:19

“The fasts of the fourth, fifth [i.e., Tisha B’Av], seventh and tenth months will become joyful and glad occasions and happy festivals for Judah.”

### 2) But why do we need the Temple?

#### Let's *understand* the temple:

- 1) Many believers have a warped view of the Temple.
- 2) Look at Solomon's Dedication in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings.
- 3) The Temple was ***beautiful***.
- 4) There is nothing to be scared of.

## How does Yeshua fit in with The Temple?

- 1) **Temple** = God's dwelling place.
- 2) **Yeshua** = God's dwelling place.

### *Both fully contained God*

- 3) **John 2:19** – Yeshua answers them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”
- 4) “Gratuitous hatred” caused the destruction of the second temple.
- 5) Curtain torn in two when Yeshua was crucified.
- 6) The direction of Israel leads the rest of us.

## So, what does this mean for Gentile believers?

I don't know our calling for Tisha B'Av.

But, here are a couple of thoughts:

- a. Tisha B'Av is still a day of mourning for us since the Jewish nation still has not yet come to know Yeshua as their Messiah.
- b. Gentiles have a giant list of wrongs done to the Jewish nation in our history.
- c. We have the power to support Israel or abandon them.
- d. We can help direct Jews to their Messiah, Yeshua.
- e. Zechariah 6: The rebuilder of the Temple is called "The Branch".
- f. In summary: once Yeshua is accepted by Israel, **then the Temple will be rebuilt.**

**And we are slowly seeing the rebuilding of the Temple as we see more and more Jewish people come to know Messiah.**

**But in *Luke 12:51-53* Yeshua says:**

“Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law”

**What is stopping us from rebuilding the temple today?**

- 1) A mosque is there now.
- 2) The Temple Institute has already prepared all of the furnishings that will be used in the 3<sup>rd</sup> temple when it is time to be rebuilt.



**“When will the third Holy Temple be rebuilt? The old school thinks that will only happen in the distant future, when everyone is united by unconditional love. But that future is now. Today’s youth are already linking arms together and putting aside all differences, ready to rebuild. It is the inspiration of the Holy Temple itself, with its promise of hope and peace that brings together all people in unity. This is the generation that will rebuild the Holy Temple.”**

**(VIDEO)**