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Message from Pastor Mark

Shalom one and all!

Can you believe the month of August is here! It coincides exactly with the month of Av this year with both Aug 1st and Av 1st being the same date. Many know this is a historic month! We are in the last stretch of the Dire Straits culminating Aug 9th with it being the 9th of Av. The very day the 10 spies brought the evil report against the Promised Land. This Aug 9th is the very day the Temple was destroyed both times! In 586BC and in 70AD.

The weekend of Aug 13th thru the 15th we have two exciting things going on. On Aug 13th will be the Shema heard around the world. Where churches all over the United States and 6 continents will join with the Jewish people declaring there is only One God and His name is YHVH! We will also be hosting Proclaiming Justice to the Nations with Laurie Cardoza-Moore Saturday morning during our service. I'll be speaking on the topic of Replacement Theology with its effects in the current day church and she will be speaking about the importance of educating Christians about their Biblical responsibility to stand with their Jewish brethren and the State of Israel. Then, Monday night we will have the showing of the Film ***The Forgotten People - Christianity and the Holocaust***. Afterwards we will have a panel discussion with members of the Jewish community.

Then 2 weeks later we will be having on the Shabbat morning of Labor Day weekend our normal Torah teaching followed by Paul Wilbur in Concert! Then on Monday night, Labor Day, we will be hosting Rabbi Moshe Goldsmith and his wife Leah from Itamar, Israel. After this we have the Puyallup Fair for 2 and a half weeks where we have a booth for supporting Israel and we will promote the Fall Feasts that are coming after that! Then of course our Israel trip with only 11 seats left! Go to the link on our website homepage and sign up while you can!

I think this fall will be a very prophetic time as we see History unfold. Fasten your seatbelts as it will be a wild ride. All of creation is crying out for the coming of the Messiah. Remember we will have our shofar blasts around the world in every time zone. You will want to sign up for this coming Rosh Hashana. We want people in every time zone around the world proclaiming Yeshua as King of Kings! We really need to be as united as possible if we want the Glory to fall. Every time it took the unity of everyone for the Glory to fall. In Moses Tabernacle, in Solomon's Temple, and in the book of Acts, only when they were in unity did the glory fall. The Bible says:

John 15:9a **"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you:"**

John 13:34b **"...as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."**

So let's see the progression: We are to love one another as Messiah loved us and He loved us as the Father loved Him.

How does the Father define love? In Hebrew we know the word for Father is Av אב in the ancient letters it looked like this:



It was a picture of an ox and a house, as Father is the strength of the house. Well the Hebrew word for love is Ahav/אהב and in the ancient letters it looked like this:



What is added right in the middle of the word for Father is the letter Hey which means to behold. It was the picture of a window showing what was inside. From this we can see love is when we reveal and behold the Father! We also know the letter Aleph represents God by itself. So from right to left we see from the pictures that love is having God revealed in our house! Do we want the revelation of the Father in our homes and in the house of God? Then we need to love one another as the Father loved the Son. The Bible says:

Matthew 24:12,13 **"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."**

In this dark cold world we need to be different and set apart. We need to be bringing love and the light of Torah to this world!

Be Blessed!

Pastor Mark



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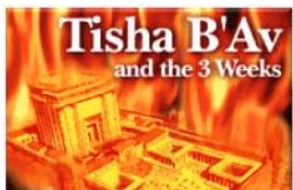
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TISHA B'AV

By Tom O'Haver



Tisha B'Av תשעה באב

Tisha B'Av means "The ninth (day) of the fifth month on God's calendar". This year it occurs on August 9th. This month's name is the same Hebrew word for father. Av came directly after the month that the golden calf was made, which was named "Idolatry" (Tammuz). Perhaps the symbolic reminder is to return to The Father after idolatry--what do you think? Regardless, that idea was not realized by the 10 of 12 spies that reported back to the Children of Israel on this very day in Bible History. Overwhelmed by fears over safety and welfare, they allowed doubt to take root. Standing in doubt, they were slanderous of God's Word and promise because He said He would go before them, fight their battles and deliver them into the land.

Tisha B'Av is also known as "The Fast of the Ninth of Av". It is a day of mourning to commemorate the many tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people, many of which have occurred on the ninth of Av (See Pastor Mark's Editorial above and the Fast Fun Facts for more details). It is the date when both the Holy Temples were destroyed, and exile, persecution and spiritual blackness began.

While the day recalls general tragedies which have befallen the Jewish people over the ages, the day focuses on commemoration of five events: the destruction of the two ancient Temples in Jerusalem, the sin of ten of the twelve scouts sent by Moses, who spoke disparagingly about the Promised Land, the razing of Jerusalem following the siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD, and the failure of Bar Kokhba's revolt against the Roman Empire.

The fast lasts about 25 hours, beginning at sunset on the eve of Tisha B'Av and ending at nightfall the next day. In addition to the prohibitions against eating or drinking, observant Jews also observe prohibitions against washing or bathing, applying creams or oils, or wearing leather shoes. In addition, mourning customs similar to those applicable to the shiva period immediately following the death of a close relative are traditionally followed for at least part of the day, including sitting on low stools, refraining from work, and not greeting others.

The Book of Lamentations is traditionally read, followed by the kinnot, a series of liturgical lamentations. In Sephardic communities, it is also customary to read the Book of Job.



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Many thanks for keeping me informed with this news letter. Very much appreciated. God bless.

From Oklahoma, USA

Awesome newsletter!!! WOOHOO!! I LOVE IT!!

From Texas, USA

I would love to recieve your newsletter and teachings

From Pennsylvania, USA

Could you please add me to your email newsletter list? Thank you! Shalom!

FAST-FUN-FACTS

By Tina Fallstead

On Tisha B'Av, five national calamities occurred:

- During the time of Moses, Jews in the desert accepted the slanderous report of the 10 Spies, and the decree was issued forbidding them from entering the Land of Israel. (1312 BCE)
- The First Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians, led by Nebuchadnezzar. 100,000 Jews were slaughtered and millions more exiled. (586 BCE)
- The Second Temple was destroyed by the Romans, led by Titus. Some two million Jews died, and another one million were exiled. (70 CE)
- The Bar Kochba revolt was crushed by Roman Emperor Hadrian. The city of Betar -- the Jews' last stand against the Romans -- was captured and liquidated. Over 100,000 Jews were slaughtered. (135 CE)
- The Temple area and its surroundings were plowed under by the Roman general Turnus Rufus. Jerusalem was rebuilt as a pagan city -- renamed Aelia Capitolina -- and access was forbidden to Jews.

Other grave misfortunes throughout Jewish history occurred on the Ninth of Av, including:

1. The Spanish Inquisition culminated with the expulsion of Jews from Spain on Tisha B'Av in 1492.
2. World War One broke out on the eve of Tisha B'Av in 1914 when Germany declared war on Russia. German resentment from the war set the stage for the Holocaust.
3. On the eve of Tisha B'Av 1942, the mass deportation began of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto, en route to Treblinka.



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RECIPES

By Tina Fallstead

During the nine days before Tisha B'Av (the 9th of Av), the day that the temple was destroyed (among other tragic events throughout Jewish history) there is a custom not to eat meat as a sign of mourning, so dairy foods are eaten. Dairy foods can be high in fat, calories and cholesterol. The key to making dairy meals healthier is to use lower fat cheeses and milk, lots of fresh vegetables, fish, and whole grains. What I love about the following dairy recipes is that they can easily be made low fat without any loss in taste. ***Taken from aish.com**

PARMESAN CRUSTED TILAPIA



***Taken from aish.com**

We all know that fish is good for you, and tilapia is really popular! Here is an easy recipe that uses a little bit of grated parmesan for great taste, and some colorful and flavorful paprika for that eye catching appetizing appeal!

6 tilapia fillets ¼ cup lowfat mayonnaise ¼ cup grated parmesan 2 teaspoons paprika non-stick vegetable spray

Preheat the oven to medium broil. Line a large cookie sheet with aluminum foil, then spray with non-stick vegetable spray. Place the tilapia fillets on the sheet leaving at least 1 inch between the fillets. Using a pastry brush or spatula, brush the fillets with mayonnaise. Evenly sprinkle the parmesan over the fillets, then dust with paprika. Broil for 20 minutes, until fillets are browned and completely cooked through. Serve with a crusty garlic bread and soup for a hearty meal!



THREE BEAN SOUP

*Taken from allrecipes.com

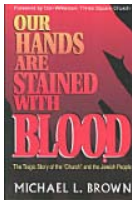
Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 3 small potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 medium carrots, sliced
- 3 (14.5 ounce) cans chicken broth
- 3 cups water
- 2 tablespoons parsley flakes
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 (15.5 ounce) can great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- 3 cups chopped fresh spinach

Directions:

In a Dutch oven, sauté onion in oil. Add the next nine ingredients. Simmer, uncovered, until vegetables are tender. Add beans and spinach; heat through.

RECOMMENDED READING



Our Hands are Stained with Blood

By Michael Brown

From the first "Christian" persecutions of the Jews in the fourth century to the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust, from Israel-bashing in today's press to anti-Semitism in today's pulpits, this shocking and painful book tells the tragic story every Christian must hear.



Replacement Theology

By Pastor Mark Biltz

What is Replacement Theology?

Replacement theology teaches that when it comes to the promises of God in scripture, the Church has "replaced" Israel. In this doctrine, the church views Israel as the "branch" that was broken off, (Romans 11:20), and the gentile church, now being grafted into the olive tree, has "replaced" the branch of Israel. In replacement theology, the Jewish people have no future in God's plan. Replacement theology falsely teaches that the Church has taken the place of the Israel.

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