

**Dan9** Daniel turned attention to the LORD God to seek Him by prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes, and confession:



O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and mercy with those who love Him and keep His commands, we have sinned; we have done iniquity; we have acted wickedly; we have rebelled; we have turned away from Your commands and ordinances. We have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your Name to our kings, our leaders and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. You Lord are righteousness, but shame covers our face to this day: the people of our nation... because we have behaved unfaithfully toward You... because we have sinned against You.

The Lord our God is compassionate and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him. We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in His instruction that He set before us through His servants. All our nation has transgressed Your law and has turned away, not obeying Your voice. The curse and sworn judgment written in the Torah of Moses the servant of God is poured out upon us, for we have sinned against Him. He confirmed His words against us and against our rulers who ruled over us by bringing on us great calamity. Under the whole heaven nothing like this has ever been seen like this in our nation! All this calamity came on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning away from our iniquities and paying attention to Your truth. So the LORD is intent on bringing calamity upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in all His deeds, while we have not paid attention to His voice.

LORD our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and made for Yourself a Name to this day, we have sinned, we have acted wickedly. Lord, in keeping with all Your righteous acts, please let Your anger and Your fury turn away from our Capitol. Because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, our nation and Your people are an object of scorn to all those around us. So now, our God, listen to the prayers and petitions of Your servants, and cause Your face to shine upon Your devastated sanctuary, for the sake of my Lord. Give ear, my God, and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolation and the nation called by Your Name. We do not present our supplications before You because of our own righteousness, but because of Your great mercies.

LORD, hear and forgive! For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay! For Your nation and Your people are called by Your Name.

## TISHA B'AV

*Day of mourning over calamities from God  
Day of repentance from sin and a return to the LORD*



**2Ch7:14** when My people, who are called by My Name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land

**Lev26:15-41** ...if you reject My statutes, despise My ordinances... and you do not accept My discipline, but continue to walk in hostility toward Me... then I will walk in fury against you... But, if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, the unfaithfulness they practiced against Me, and how they walked in hostility toward Me... if their uncircumcised hearts become humbled, so that they accept the punishment for their iniquity, then I will remember My covenant with Jacob and Isaac and Abraham... and remember the land

**Tisha B'Av** (תשעה באב "the Ninth of Av") is a fast remembering the destruction of the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem, as well as other tragedies that occurred on this date. In Israel, public places of entertainment and restaurants are closed on the eve of Tisha B'Av. When it falls on Shabbat, it is observed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Av.

1445BCE: 10 spies give a bad report, Israel refuses the Land

591BCE: LORD refuses to answer elders of Israel anymore [Ezk20:1]

587 BCE: First Temple destroyed

70CE: Second Temple destroyed

71CE: Jerusalem plowed with salt

135CE: Bar Kochba revolt ends in massacre at the of Battle at Betar

136CE: Hadrian razes Jerusalem; renames Jerusalem and Judea; builds a new Roman city there with temple to Jupiter on the Mount

138CE: Jews banned from Jerusalem (pain of death) except on Tisha B'Av

1096CE: First Crusade begins, resulting in 1.2m Jewish deaths

1290CE: Jews expelled from England

1306CE: Jews expelled from France on 10th of Av

1492CE: Jews expelled from Spain

1555CE: Jews moved into ghettos, in slavery, wearing yellow badges

1914CE: World War I begins, setting in motion WWI-WWII-Holocaust

1941CE: Heinrich Himmler's Final Solution receives Nazi approval

1942CE: Warsaw Ghetto deported to Treblinka

1994CE: Buenos Aires JCC is bombed on 10th Av

2005CE: Unilateral Israeli disengagement from Gaza on 10th Av

### **Traditional practice: Aug12@sundown - Aug13@nightfall**

Before the fast, eat a light meal of bread, water and hard-boiled egg.

Fasting, mourning, repentance. Work is permitted, but discouraged.

Many businesses in Israel are closed on the eve of the fast.

Reading: Lamentations

Is55:6-56:8, Dt4:25-42, Jer8:13-9:23

Chanting *Hasheivenu*

*Hasheivenu Adonai elekha venashuva. Chadesh yemaynu, k'kedem.*

### **Tisha B'Av Prayer Points for forgiveness for personal and national sin:**

- Being slack in actually speaking the actual Good News
- Ignoring the Word of God and true wisdom
- Failing to fully teach our children accountability to God, responsibility, bravery, work ethic, gentleness, self-control, gratitude, respect
- Permitting apostasy in our congregations and seminaries
- Allowing the elimination of God from education and public life
- Excusing murder, lies, theft, hatred and violence
- Failing to provide consequences for legal offenders
- Glorifying insolence, self-exaltation, arrogance, and boasting
- Promoting vulgar, violent, hateful, immoral strife as entertainment
- Endorsing an explosion of pharmakeia, sorcery, and divination
- Eroding the sanctity of life, committing 66m abortions (1.03m in 2023)
- Causing "little ones to stumble" by promoting permanent mutilation
- Failing to protect the biblical institution of marriage
- Promoting alternative sexuality and promiscuity
- Failing to help unwed and single mothers
- Failing to deal in kindness and compassion
- Failing to pray daily for our leaders
- Failing to be faithful in marriage
- Tolerating antisemitism
- Early drugging of children
- Failing to love the unlovely
- Expediting DIY abortion kits
- Defining biblical truth to be "hate speech"
- Proliferation of gun violence. Mass shootings
- Funding abortions for foreigners in foreign countries
- Banning options like abortion reversal and sexual conversion therapy
- Denying protection to babies who are accidentally born alive
- Incivility, and the inability to rationally consider alternatives
- Forcing conscientious objectors to perform biblically forbidden services
- Actively mocking and eroding traditional family structure and values
- Removing freedom of religion in favor of state sponsored humanism
- Numbing conscience-based guilt, shame, emptiness via drugs
- Making gender-affirming care a condition for adoption and fostering
- Ceding personal and congregational responsibilities to the government

