

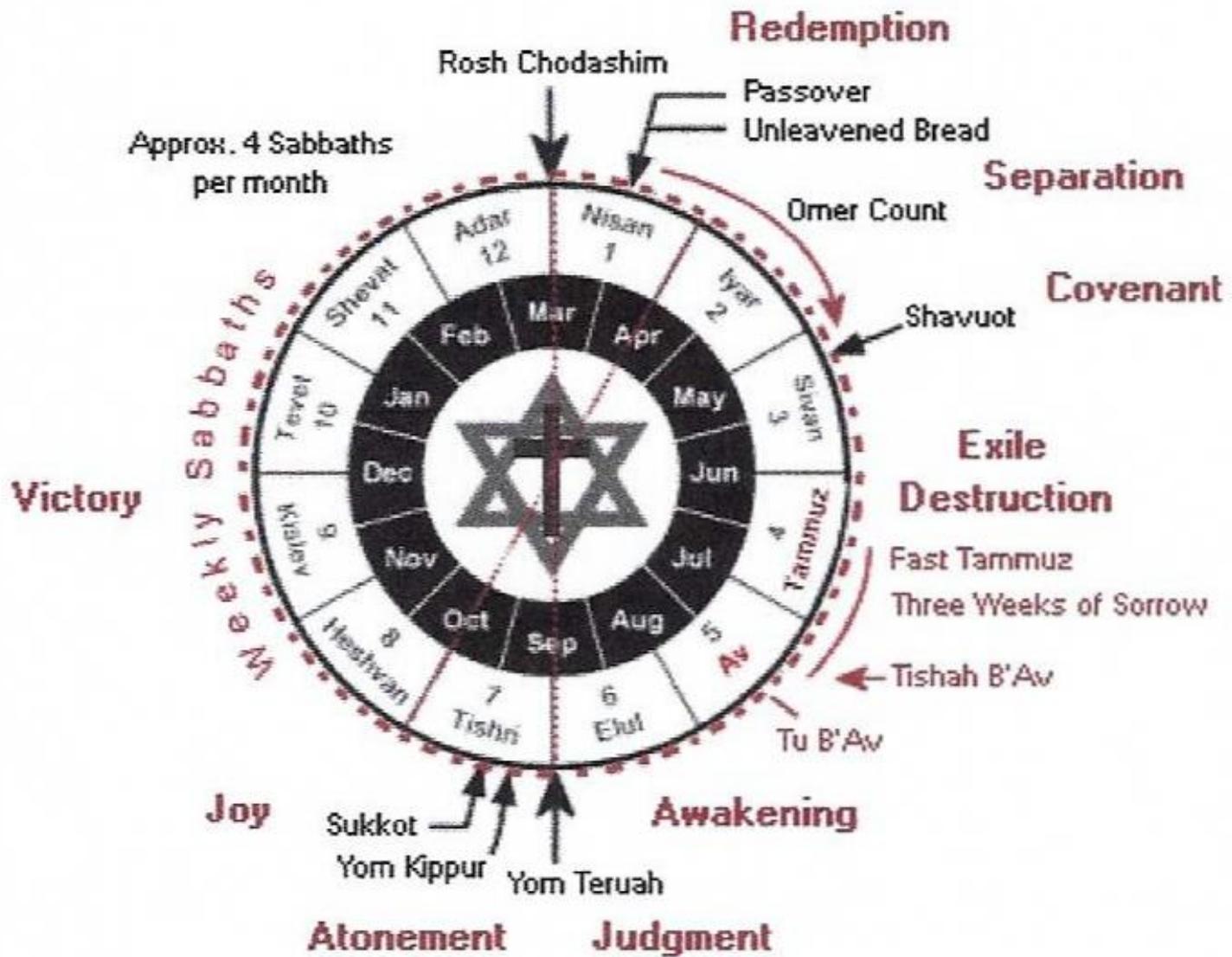
Tisha B'AV

9th of AV

Shabbat Chazon

שבת חזון

- Shabbat Chazon: Sabbath of Vision
- Isaiah 1:1-27 (Haftarah reading)
- “Black Sabbath” preceding Tisha B’Av
- Saddest Sabbath of the Year

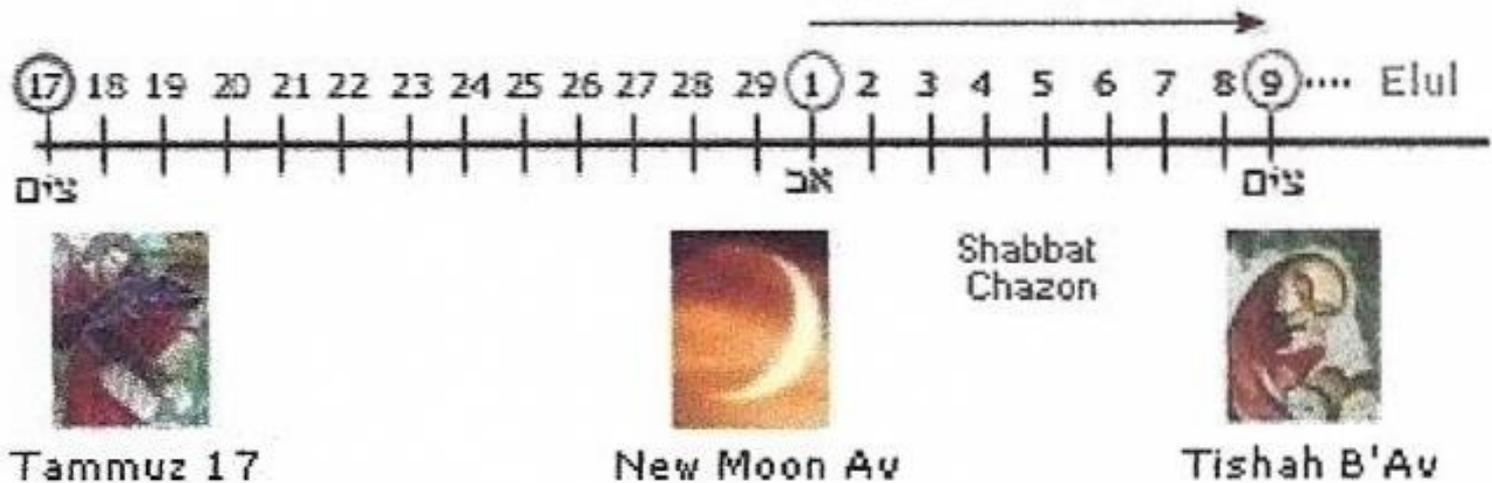


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Bein Ha-Metzarim
בין המצרים
“Between the Straits”
Lamentations 1:3

THREE WEEKS OF SORROW

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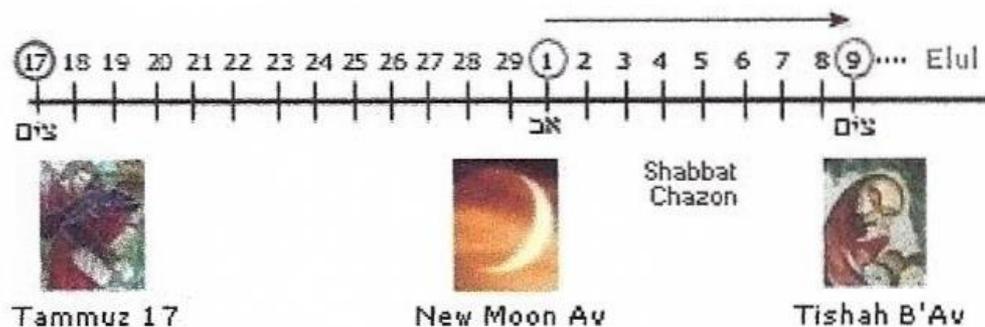


3 Weeks of Sorrow

- Period between Spring and Fall feasts known as a time of mourning for the Jewish people
- 3 Weeks: 17th of Tammuz (20 Jul 19) and 9th of Av (10 Aug 19)

THREE WEEKS OF SORROW

mourning for Zion



Tisha B'Av (9th of Av)

תשעה באב

- Saddest day on the Jewish Calendar
- Jewish Teaching (Talmud):

“On the Ninth of Av it was decreed on our fathers that they would not enter the Promised Land (Numbers 14), the Temple was destroyed (both) the first time (586 B.C.) and the second time (70 A.D.) (2 Kings 25:9 & Matthew 24:1-2). Beitar (the stronghold of the Bar Kochba rebellion) was captured, and the city (of Jerusalem) was plowed under.”

Historical Events

- **1312 BCE:** Twelve spies return from 40 days in Israel with evil reports of the land and giants.
- **586 BCE:** The destruction of the first Temple by the Babylonians, under Nebuchadnezzar.
- **70 CE:** Destruction of the second Temple by the Romans, under Titus, during the Siege of Jerusalem. More than 2,500,000 Jews died as a result of war, famine and disease. More than 1,000,000 Jews were sold as slaves by Romans or were killed and tortured in gladiatorial "games" and pagan celebrations.

Historical Events (Cont.)

- **71 CE:** On this day the Roman army plowed Jerusalem with salt.
- **130 CE:** The Roman Emperor Hadrian ordered Governor Tineius Rufus to plow Jerusalem over. This "plowing" fulfilled Micah 3: 12, to erase Judah from memory.
- **132 CE:** The Shimon Bar Kochba (acclaimed by many to be the Messiah) revolt was crushed. Rabbi Akiva was martyred and Fort of Beitar destroyed. More than 100,000 killed.
- **133 CE:** Hadrian established a heathen temple on the site of the Jewish Temple and rebuilt Jerusalem as a pagan city, which was renamed Aelia Capitolina, and the Jews were forbidden to enter. Hadrian also changed the name of the region from Israel to Palaestina.

Historical Events (Cont.)

- **1095 CE:** In the First Crusade declared by Pope Urban II, 10,000 Jews were killed in the first month. The Crusades brought death and destruction to thousands of Jews and totally obliterated many communities in the Rhineland and France.
- **1190 CE:** There was a mass suicide of 500 Jews as a result of the rich storming a castle in which the Jews had sought sanctuary in York, England.
- **1290 CE:** The expulsion of Jews from England by King Edward I "Longshanks" Plantagenet was accompanied by pogroms and confiscation of books and property. The Jews were given until All Saints Day, Nov. 1, to depart. (Pogroms are an organized, often officially encouraged, massacre or persecution of a minority group, especially against Jews.)

Historical Events (Cont.)

- **1306 CE:** The Jews were expelled from France.
- **1492 CE:** An inquisition in Spain and Portugal culminated in the expulsion of the Jews from the Iberian Peninsula. Families were separated and many died by drowning. There was a massive loss of property.
- **1626 CE:** The birth of Shabtai Tsvi, a false and apostate Messiah, was recorded.
- **1882 CE:** The pogroms against Russian Jews began.

Historical Events (Cont.)

- **1914 CE: Britain and Russia declare war on Germany and World War I begins.** Russia began the systematic persecution of its Jews. World War I issues were unresolved, ultimately causing World War II and the Holocaust. Seventy-five percent of the world's Jewry live in war zones. Jews fight in armies of all sides, with more than 120,000 Jewish casualties. More than 400 pogroms began immediately following the war in Hungary, Ukraine, Poland and Russia.
- **1941 CE: SS-Obergruppenführer Reinhard Heydrich was appointed by Hermann Goering to carry out the "Final Solution," the murder of all the Jews in Europe.** Two days later, on the **9th of Av, 1941**, SS commander Heinrich Himmler formally presented his plan to the Nazi Party on the Final Solution. One year later, to the day, the plan was formally implemented.
- **1942 CE: Deportations from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp began, and the first killings began there.** The first transport of "deportees" left Malkinia on July 23, 1942, in the morning hours. It was loaded with Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto, whose uprising had started on Passover.

Historical Events (Cont.)

- **1989 CE:** Iraq walks out of talks with Kuwait.
- **1994 CE:** The deadly bombing of the AMIA, the Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killed 86 people and wounded some 300 others.
- **2005 CE:** Jewish settlers in Gaza were forcibly expelled from their homes to enable the transfer of Gaza to the Arabs. After the transfer, the Arabs proceeded to destroy all remnants of the former Jewish communities and turned them into terrorist training camps and rocket launch sites. Years later, many of those expelled were still without homes

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **70 AD:** Roman Army destroyed Jerusalem. Over 1 million Jews killed and 97,000 taken into slavery and captivity, many others scattered.
- **132:** The Bar Kochba Rebellion (Bar Kochba was a false Messiah), caused the deaths of 500,000 Jews; thousands were sold into slavery or taken into captivity. Judaism no longer recognized as a legal religion. Israel as a nation was totally destroyed. **This was seen as a sign by many Christians that Israel had been rejected by her God, and that the Church was now “the New Israel.”**

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **135:** Serious Roman **persecution of the Jews began**. Jews were forbidden from practicing circumcision, reading the Torah, eating unleavened bread at Passover, etc.
- **315:** Constantine the Great published the Edict of Milan, which extended religious tolerance to Christians. **Jews lost many rights with this edict.**
- **325:** The **Council of Nicea** – the first edict in favor of the **“Venerable Day of the Sun” (Sunday)** was made at the Council. **Sabbath worship and other Jewish observances became heretical to the Christian faith.** Also, Christianity was now the official religion, and Jews could no longer have Roman citizenship.
- **379:** Theodosius the Great permitted the destruction of synagogues if they served any type of religious purpose.

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **391:** The Edict of Theodosius declared that Christianity was to be the only legal religion in the Roman Empire.
- **589:** The Third Council of Toledo (in Spain) ordered that children born of marriage between Jews and Christians be baptized by force. A policy of **forced conversion of all Jews** was initiated. Thousands of Jews fled. Thousands of other Jews converted.
- **613:** Very serious persecution began in Spain. **Jews were given the options of either leaving Spain or converting to Christianity.** Jewish children over seven years of age were taken from their parents and given a Christian education.
- **722:** In Constantinople, Jews were **forced to convert to Christianity.**
- **855:** Jews exiled from Italy.

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **1096:** The **First Crusade was launched**. Although the prime goal of the Crusades was to liberate Jerusalem from the Muslims, **Jews were a second target**. In Germany, in the cities along the Rhine River alone, 12,000 Jews were killed. This persecution and slaughter continued for eight additional Crusades until the year 1272.
- **1121:** Jews driven out of Flanders (now part of Belgium). They were neither to return nor to be tolerated until they **repented of the guilt of killing Jesus Christ**.
- **1130:** The Jews of London had to pay compensation of one million marks for allegedly killing a sick man.
- **1146:** Renewed persecution of the Jews in Germany at the beginning of the Second Crusade. **The French monk Rudolf called for the destruction of the Jews as an introduction to the Second Crusade**.

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **1181:** French King Philip **banished the Jews** from his domain. They were permitted to sell all movable possessions, but the permanent possessions, such as land and houses, reverted to the king.
- **1189: Jews were persecuted in England.** The Crown claimed all Jewish possessions. Many homes belonging to Jewish families were burned.
- **1215:** At the IV Lateran Church Council, **canon laws were passed requiring that “Jews and Muslims shall wear a special dress.”** Later, it was decreed that they also had to wear an oval badge. This was to enable them to be easily distinguished from Christians. This practice later spread to other countries.
- **1229:** The **Spanish Inquisition begins.** Later, in 1252, Pope Innocent IV authorizes the use of torture by the Inquisitors against Jews and other apostates.

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **1290:** Edward I **banishes the Jews from England.** 16,000 Jews were forced to leave the country.
- **1298: Persecution of the Jews in Franconia, Bavaria, and Austria.** 140 Jewish communities were destroyed, and more than 100,000 Jews were killed over a six-month period.
- **1306: 100,000 Jews are exiled from France.** They left the country with only the clothes on their backs and food for one day.
- **1348:** As the “Black Death” raged in Europe, **Jews were blamed for causing the Plague by poisoning wells.** About 5,000 Jews were burned alive at the stake. In Bavaria alone, 12,000 Jews perished. Near Tours, an immense trench was dug, filled with blazing wood, and in a single day, 160 Jews were burned.
- **1391: Jewish persecutions begin in Seville and in 70 other Jewish communities throughout Spain.** Jews were cruelly massacred and their bodies dismembered.
- **1394: Jews were exiled, for the second time, from France.**

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **1434: Jewish men in Augsburg had to sew yellow buttons to their clothes.** Jews were forced to wear a long undergarment, an overcoat with a yellow patch, bells, and tall pointed yellow hats with a large button.
- **1453: The Franciscan monk, Capistrano, persuaded the King of Poland to withdraw all rights of citizenship for Jewish People.**
- **1478:** Spanish Jews had been heavily persecuted from the 14th Century. Many had **converted to Christianity**. The Spanish Inquisition was set up by the church in order to detect insincere conversions.
- **1492:** Jews were given the **choice of being baptized as Christians or be banished from Spain**. 300,000 left Spain penniless. Many migrated to Portugal and Turkey, where they were later tortured, imprisoned, and killed. Others converted to Christianity, but often continued to practice Judaism in secret. In the years that followed, countless numbers of Jewish People were imprisoned, tortured, and murdered simply because they were Jews. All this was done in the name of Christ and Christianity.
- **1497: Jews were banished from Portugal.** 20,000 Jews left the country rather than be baptized as Christians. Many others became slaves.

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **1516:** The Governor of the Republic of Venice decided that Jews would be allowed to live only in one area of the city. The area was called the “**Ghetto Novo.**”
- **1540:** Jews were **exiled from Naples**, Italy.
- **1543: Martin Luther** published a pamphlet entitled, On Jews and Their Lies. Europe was especially rife with anti-Jewish sentiment; Luther added fuel to the fire by asking the question, “What shall we do with this rejected and condemned people, the Jews?” He recommended that houses of Jews be “razed and destroyed,” and their religious books burned. **This pamphlet and his later anti-Semitic writings, “Annals of the Jews,” paved the way theologically for Hitler and the Nazis in Germany.**
- **1582:** Jews were **expelled from Holland.**
- **1794: Restriction of Jews in Russia**, Jewish men were forced to serve 25 years in the Russian military. Many hundreds of thousands of Jews left Russia.
- **1846:** All former restrictions against the Jews in the Vatican State were restored by Pope Pius IX.

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **1900:** The **Protocols of the Elders of Zion** appeared in print in Russia for the first time. The Protocols argued that a worldwide conspiracy existed among Jewish leaders to set Christian nations against one another and dominate the world. It circulated widely in Russia, Germany, France, and the United States and created widespread anti-Semitism.
- **1903:** Renewed restrictions of Jews in Russia. Frequent **pogroms** (massacres) occurred against Jewish shtetls (ghettos) throughout Russia and Ukraine from 1903-1906. Jewish women were raped and beaten, thousands were massacred.
- **1915:** **600,000 Jews were forcibly moved** from the western borders of Russia towards the interior. About 100,000 died of exposure or starvation.
- **1920:** The defeat of Germany in World War I and the continuing economic difficulties were **blamed in that country on the “Jewish influence.”**

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **1933:** Hitler rises to Chancellor of Germany. The Nazi era begins. Virulent anti-Semitic propaganda and the groundwork for **Judenrein, “cleansed of Jews,”** begins.
- **1934:** Various **racial laws against the Jews** were enacted in Germany to force Jews out of schools and professions.
- **1935:** The Nazis passed the Nuremberg Laws restricting citizenship to those of “German or related blood.” **Jews became stateless.**
- **1938: Kristallnacht, “The Night of Broken Glass”** – November 9-10. Mobs attacked Jews killing and injuring hundreds. 2,000 synagogues burned; 7,500 Jewish businesses destroyed; 30,000 Jews arrested and sent to concentration camps. Hitler brought back century-old church law, ordering all Jews to wear a yellow Star of David as identification. A few hundred thousand Jews are allowed to leave Germany after they turned over all of their assets to the government.
- **1939: The Holocaust,** the systematic extermination of Jews in Germany and Europe, begins. The process did not end until 1945 with the conclusion of World War II. Some six million Jews, including 1.5 million children, were systematically exterminated simply because they were Jews.

History between Judaism and Christianity

- **Present:** Anti-Semitism is again on the rise. In Europe and Russia, for example, anti-Semitic hate crimes are at an all time high since WWII. Jewish synagogues and cemeteries have been desecrated and Jews have been beaten and even murdered. The persecution is far from over. It is terrible to realize that most of the horrors inflicted on God's Chosen People have been done in the name of Christianity.

Reason for Mourning

- 4 Reasons (Jewish Teaching – Talmud):
 - Idolatry, immorality, bloodshed (destruction of 1st Temple – Solomon’s Temple)
 - Baseless hatred (hatred without cause) – (2nd Temple – Herod’s Temple)
 - Hatred of their grace or rejection of God’s grace
- Judges 2 – Incomplete Conquest of the Land
- Blessings & Curses - Leviticus 26

Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem

- Matthew 23:37 – 24:2

Comfort of the Father (Menachem AV)

- Hope in despair: Lamentations 3:21-41
- Comfort of the Father: Mourning will come to an end
 - Shabbat Nachamu (Sabbath of Comfort)
 - Sabbath following 9th of Av
 - Isaiah 40:1-26
 - Matthew 3:3

Menachem (Comforter)

- Jewish Thought – Menachem (Comforter) another name for the Messiah
 - Isaiah 61:1-3
 - Luke 4:18
 - John 14:16-19
- All Israel will be saved – Romans 11:25-27

Persecution of Christians

- ***“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.”*** (2 Timothy 3:12).
 - 1 Peter 3:14-17
- 200 million Christians in 50 nations face potential persecution (physical abuse, family separations, incarceration, martyrdom)
- Thousands will be martyred and suffer for their faith this year
- More Christians martyred in 20th century than all previous 19 combined

Our Action

- Psalm 122:6 – Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
- Romans 11:11 – Provoke Jewish people to jealousy
- Hebrews 13:3 – Remember our brethren in chains
- Matthew 5:43 – Love Your Enemies
- Matthew 24:12 – Love grow cold
 - Grow cold - ψύχω (psychō): diminish greatly, to breathe, to blow