

Nations' 9th of Av Prayer Event Coming up July 17-18



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Background on the 9th of Av:

Key Scripture: Zechariah 8: 18-23

*Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,
"Thus says the LORD of hosts:*

'The fast of the fourth month

The fast of the fifth,

The fast of the seventh,

And the fast of the tenth,

Shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts

For the house of Judah.

Therefore love truth and peace.'

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

'Peoples shall yet come,

Inhabitants of many cities;

The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying,

"Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD

And seek the LORD of hosts.

I myself will go also."

*Yes, many peoples and strong nations
Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem,
And to pray before the LORD.'*

Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."''

Key events that have happened on the 9th of Av:

- *On the 9th of Av, (1312 BC) the ten spies returned and gave a negative report to the children of Israel
- *On the 9th of Av, (585 BC) the first Temple was razed and destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar
- *On the 9th of Av, (70 AD) the second Temple was razed and destroyed by the Roman General, Titus
- *On the 9th of Av, (1290) the Jews were expelled from England.
- *On the 9th of Av (1492) the Jews were expelled from Spain
- *On the 9th of Av, (1941) Himmler received approval from the Nazi Party for the "Final Solution" of the Jews
- *On the 9th of Av, (1942) The Treblinka extermination camp became operational, where 800,000-900,000 Jews were murdered.

Why Orthodox Jews mourn on the 9th of Av:

The book of Lamentations is often read on this day in synagogues throughout the world. The Jewish people are lamenting the loss and destruction of the Holy Temple. This is where YHVH chose to place His name and where He resided, cloud by day and pillar of fire by night.

The rabbis teach that reason that the Temple was destroyed was because of baseless hatred. They also teach that when the final third Temple is built, it will be built with hands and hearts of love.

It is not that the Temple itself is worshipped: they mourn the loss of the very presence of YHVH who inhabited the Temple. The Temple carried the Jewish soul; The Temple service in Jerusalem was the centerpiece for worship, prayer, gathering and culture. When the Temple was destroyed it was a loss of the Jewish soul.

Resources:



The LIST: Persecution of Jews by Christians Throughout History

40 Days of Repentance: A Companion Guide to the List

To get these resources, go to: <https://9-av.com/9th-of-av-store/>

Sign the Declaration:

“We the undersigned recognize the long and horrific history of antisemitic atrocities committed against Jews in the name of Christ. We express regret and sorrow for these acts and the attitudes that caused them, and pray to God to continue turning the hearts of Christians to a true love for Israel and the Jewish people.”

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Join us for a 25-hour Virtual Prayer event happening on July 17-18, 2021. It will feature a 12-hour prayer vigil, starting 11pm EST to 11am EST, and then continue with other programming. Rabbi Chaim Eisen will also be reading Lamentations, followed by a short teaching on the meaning and significance of 9th of Av and what God is doing in these last days.

Sign up for the prayer event at the link below:

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