

Significance of 17th of Tammuz (falls on July 17 this year)



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The Fast of Shiva Asar B'Tammuz is held on the 17th day of Tammuz, which is the fourth month of the Hebrew calendar. Many Jewish people fast on this day from dawn until nightfall by abstaining from food and drinks. This year, 17th of Tammuz falls on July 17, 2022.

The 17th day of Tammuz is a day of mourning for the Jewish people.

It marks the anniversary of five calamities.

They are:

- (1) Moses broke the tablets of stone and
- (2) an idol known as "the Golden Calf" was erected in 1313 BCE;
- (3) the daily sacrificial offerings were discontinued in 423 BCE;
- (4) **Jerusalem's walls were breached in 69 BCE;** and
- (5) the Roman military leader Apostomus burned a Torah scroll possibly around 50 CE just before the Bar Kokhba revolt.



The 17th of Tammuz marks the start of the “Three Weeks” (Bein HaMetzarim), which is a period of mourning marking the destruction of both the First Temple and the Second Temple in Jerusalem. The first and second Temple were both destroyed on the 9th of Av, about 3 weeks after 17th of Tammuz.

Of these 5 calamities, the one that has the most prophetic significance to our prayer strategy is the fact that **Jerusalem’s walls were breached on 17th of Tammuz**. Three weeks later, the 2nd Temple was burned to the ground and Jerusalem was razed.

Biden’s trip to Jerusalem is July 13-16, and the 17th of Tammuz is very the next day.

Rick Riding’s prophetic word states this:

It is time to exercise Your authority in Me and put Your feet upon the neck of the five kings serving the spirit of Babel.

*This praise offensive and “decree of division” **must be done before the 17th of Tammuz (sundown July 16th – sundown July 17th, 2022)**, or they will breach the walls of Jerusalem before the appointed time.”*

These five kings were the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon.

Lachish = invincible

Eglon = calf-like

Jarmuth = heights

Hebron = association

Jerusalem = teaching of peace