

July 17, 2021
Tisha B'Av 2021
Cause Us to Return
Part 2



Tisha B'Av/9th of Av
[Hebrew calendar]
July 17 evening, 2021
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Tisha B'Av commemorates the pattern of sin and wrath, and is the paramount expression of repentance.

Outline TishaB'Av part 2

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Vayikra/Lev 26.27-29 “Yet if in spite of this you will not listen to Me but walk contrary to Me, then I will walk contrary to you in wrath. So I will chastise you seven times for your sins. You will eat the flesh of your sons and you will eat the flesh of your daughters.

$7 \times 7 \times 7 \times 7 = 7^4 = \underline{2401}$ fold

[Starvation → cannibalism of one's own kids would seem to be the 2401 fold.]



[https://youtu.be/Z5Wqhf_8itA]

Eikhah/ Lam. 4.10-11 **With their own hands compassionate women have cooked their own children; their children became their food when the daughter of my people was destroyed. Adoni has finished with his fury, he has poured out his blazing wrath; he kindled a fire in Tziyon that consumed its very foundations.**

This is no figure of speech, starvation leading to cannibalism has happened several times in human history.

1. Bolshevism's beginnings
2. Donner Party
3. Uruguayan rugby team

Russian communist revolutionary Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, better known as Lenin, had been in charge of the country since 1917. Lenin's Bolsheviks party believed peasants were actively trying to undermine the war effort and by taking their food away it reduced their strength.

The famine was able to take root with ease due to the economic problems caused by World War I, five years of civil war, and a drought in 1921 which led to 30 million Russians becoming malnourished.

As Lenin declared "let the peasants starve," the result was to force them to resort to trading human flesh on the black market. The starving peasants were even seen digging up recently buried corpses to retrieve their flesh, as well as eating grass and animals that were previously considered pets. **More than five million people died during the catastrophe, which began in 1921 and lasted through 1922.**

[<https://strangesounds.org/2020/05/famine-picture-cannibalism-russia-history.html>

Cannibalism became a marketable means of survival!]



News commentator pointed out that the people protesting are thin. Little food. Socialism. 12 Jul 2021 Thousands of Cubans marched on Havana's Malecon promenade and elsewhere on the island to protest against food shortages and high prices.

<https://unfoxnews.com/man-dies-in-anti-government-protest-in-cuba-interior-ministry/>

The Donner Party was a group of American pioneers who migrated to California in a wagon train from the Midwest. Delayed by a multitude of mishaps, they spent the winter of 1846–1847 snowbound in the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Some of the migrants resorted to cannibalism to survive, eating the bodies of those who had succumbed to starvation, sickness and extreme cold.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donner_Party]



Uruguayan Air Force Flight 571 flies over the Andes on October 13, 1972. The raucous rugby



[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alive_\(1993_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alive_(1993_film))]

players and a few of their relatives and friends are eagerly looking forward to an upcoming match in Chile. Upon emerging from clouds, the plane encounters turbulence and collides with a mountain.

During the next 72 days, the remaining crash survivors suffered exposure, starvation, and an avalanche. Some of the survivors resorted to cannibalism. There were 29 deceased and 16 survivors. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uruguayan_Air_Force_Flight_571]

Yermiyahu/Jer. 16.17-18 For I see all their ways; they are not hidden from me; their crimes are not concealed from my eyes. First, I will pay them back double for their crimes and sins; because they have defiled the land which is mine; they have filled my heritage with the corpses of their horrors and abominations.”



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In the midst of this worst of horrors, is there hope?

Havakkuk 3.3 Adoni, I have heard the report about You and I have come to fear. Adoni, revive Your work throughout the years, throughout the years make it known, in wrath remember compassion.

rogez רָגַז

Rage, thunder, turmoil, wrath

rakhem רַחֵם

[from the word for womb] Compassion, pity, love, mercy

Yeshayahu/Is 51.3 For Adoni will comfort Tziyon, will comfort all her ruined places, will make her desert like 'Eden, her 'Aravah like the garden of Adoni. Joy and gladness will be there, thanksgiving and the sound of music.

[I think we can make an application to our beloved and apostate culture in America, in the Western world generally – 1970s]

Yeshayah/Is 40.1-2 “Comfort, comfort My people,” says your God. Speak kindly to the heart of Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed. For she has received from Adoni’s hand double for all her sins.

[Two exiles]

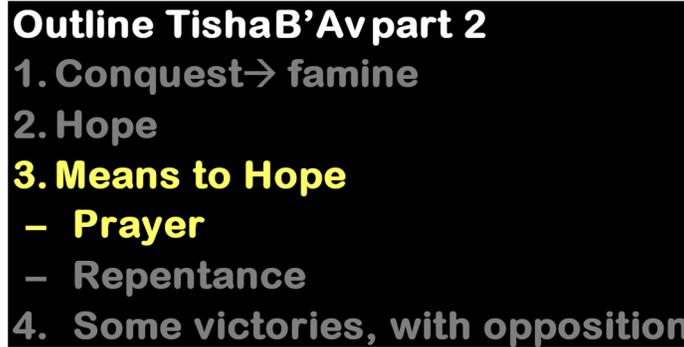
Double comfort for 2401x punishment?

“Double for all her sins,” does not mean that God has punished the nation twice what their sins required. This is a reference to an Eastern custom. If a man owed a debt he could not pay, his creditor would write the amount of the debt on a paper and nail it to the front door of the man's house so that everyone passing would see that here was a man who had not paid his debts. But if someone paid the debt for him, then the creditor would double the paper over and nail it to the door as a testimony that the debt had been fully paid.

[https://www.raystedman.org/daily-devotions/isaiah/true-comfort]

Zekharyah 1.16-17 “Therefore,” thus says Adoni, “I will return to Jerusalem with compassion. My House will be built there,” declares Adoni-Tzva’ot ... Again cry out, saying, thus says Adoni-Tzva’ot, “My cities will again overflow with prosperity and Adoni will again comfort Zion and will again choose Jerusalem.”

Targum: G-d’s consolation was as great as if she had suffered double what she [Zion] actually had.



What is the prophet Yermiyahu/Jeremiah counselling us to do, to move from wrath to comfort?

Eikhah/Lamentations 2.18-19 **Their hearts cried out to Adoni, “Wall of the daughter of Tziyon! [ref to 2.8]**

Eikhah/Lamentations 2.8 Adoni resolved to destroy the wall of the daughter of Tziyon. He measured it with his line and did not stay his hand until it was all in ruins. He brought grief to rampart and wall; together they lie dejected.

[This is the prophet’s remedy. Only a broken wall standing, some remains and ruins of that. Can apply to our universities, our public education, Hollywood, Netflix.]

2.18-19 “Let your tears stream down like a torrent, day and night! Give yourself no respite, give your eyes no rest! “Get up! Cry out in the night, at the beginning of every watch!”

[Prayer this afternoon, then 7-11. Cyber prayer enrollment.]

2.18-19 “Pour your heart out like water before the face of Adoni! Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your babies, who are fainting away from hunger at every street corner.”

[This is no analogy, but reality before his eyes.

That is the solution, just prayer?

Not just prayer, but begins with that.]

AUG 22-27
Kyiv Zhmachenko st., 20

Prayer can never be in excess

THE PRAYER RETREAT ©KJMC

Kiev, Ukraine



Boris Grisenko, founding Senior Rabbi



[<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=521743988960154>]

Approximately:

- 2,000 - 3,000 who gather in home groups
- 1,000 - 2,000 on Shabbat services
- We can't ONLY pray. Like warfare with air power, eventually the ground troops.
- Umar Mulinde: Can't marry a woman just by praying, you have to court her and ask her! Go! Matthew 28
- Huge cadre of servants: Oneg, ushers, musicians, all involved!

Eikhah/ Lam. 5.21 הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ *Hashivenu*

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3.21-32 **This I recall to my heart — therefore I have hope: Because of the mercies of Adoni we will not be consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning! Great is Your faithfulness. “Adoni is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.”**

[In the midst of this darkness and despair!

Believing in the sovereign love of Adoni in Messiah!

Read this in unison.

What is your point of plague?]

3.21-32 **Adoni is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of Adoni. It is good for a man to bear the yoke in his youth. Let him sit alone and be silent, since He has laid it upon him.**

[Time: love is spelled “t-i-m-e.”

Bear the yoke ... learn of me. Casting care upon Him. He shares the yoke.

Mtt 11.29-30 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and ‘you will find rest for your souls.’ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

1. What would Yeshua do? Do I handle situations as He did? Patience, purity, joy?

2. Do I let Him give me His strength to work out situations, inner issues?

P 23 Wesley Duewel, Revival Fire]

**Fire
angel at
Promise
Keepers
concert
Dec.,
2013**



[<http://thetruthwins.com/archives/is-this-a-photo-of-a-real-angel-at-a-christian-event-in-cedar-falls-iowa>]

3.21-32 **Let him put his mouth in the dust — there may yet be hope. Let him offer his cheek to the one who strikes him. Let him have his fill of disgrace. For Adoni will not reject forever. For though He has caused grief, yet He will have compassion according to His abundant mercies.**

[Babylonians? Contextually.

Us? Who has struck you? Wesley Duewel, pg. 260]

I received an anonymous email: “Visited your congregation, sat on side with distancing. Unfavorable experience with 3 different individuals who displayed quite cavalier attitude re. a) distancing b) masking [3rd even made disparaging comment of assumed superiority re having been vaccinated]. Good worship & message but from now on will attend online.”

[Are we people of grace, even with those that disagree?

For example ...]



**Rashida Tlaib of Michigan
Ilhan Omar of Minnesota,
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York,
Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts**

These women are now joined by Cori Bush of Missouri and a man, Jamaal Bowman of New York. They are unreasonably, vitriolically hateful of Jews and Israel. Do we hate and mock them? Never lead anyone to repentance and faith that you are mocking. We need to grieve over them.

[<https://externalcontent.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=https%3A%2F%2Ftse4.mm.bing.net%2Fth%3Fid%3DOIP.ZVwMkEnOFwhTnbQjsAjr6gHaE7%26pid%3DApi&f=1>]

3.38-42 **Don't both bad things and good proceed from the mouth of the Most High? Why should anyone alive complain, even a strong man, about the punishment for his sins? Let us examine and test our ways and return to Adoni.**

[Yermiyahu, experienced horrific siege and destruction of Yerushalayim, saying this!!

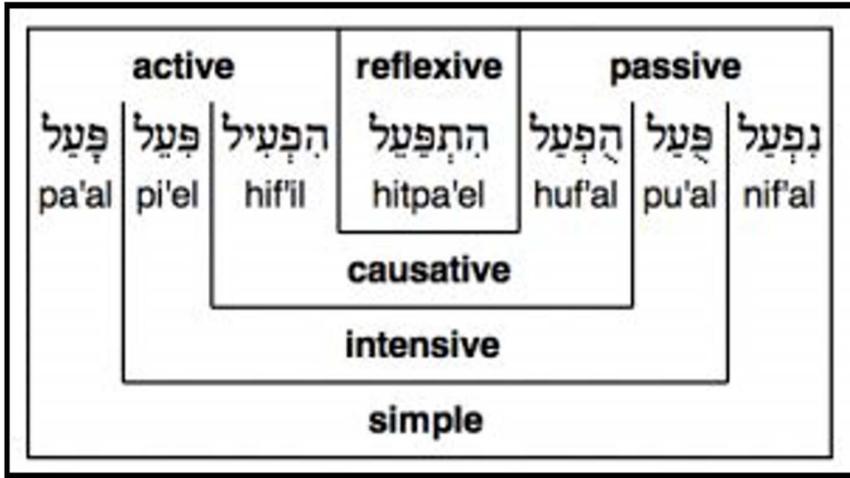
Are we complaining?]

3.38-42 **Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven and say, “We, for our part, have transgressed and rebelled; you, for your part, have not forgiven.**

[This is from Yermiyahu/Jeremiah, overlooking the ruins of Yerushaliyim.

Examine our hearts: personal, 95% right, 5% wrong, yet you are 100% responsible for that 5%

Seven verb forms in Hebrew grammar, each has past, present, future



[<https://www.fraathwiki.com/images/thumb/b/b8/Binyanim.png/300px-Binyanim.png>]

5.21 Cause us to return You, Adoni, and we will return. Renew our days as of old.

הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנָשׁוּבָה, חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם.

Hashivenu, hashivenu, Adoni eilekha, v'nashuva.

Khadesh, khadesh, yamenu k'kedem

[Cause us to return, change, soften transform our hearts, even for the ones that are the worst.]



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Some Tisha B'Av-related good news!



The Church of England has confirmed it will officially apologize for the church's involvement in the expulsion of Jews from medieval England, the Telegraph reports. Jewish groups have welcomed the move.

The church's General Synod legislative body said on Monday it is planning to offer an "act of repentance" for supporting historic Antisemitic legislation such as forcing Jews to wear identification badges and barring them from certain professions, the Telegraph reports.

These laws ultimately led to the expulsion of Jews from England on July 18, 1290, Tisha B'Av

[by Karen Faulkner, Worthy News Correspondent

<https://www.worthynews.com/59978-church-of-england-confirms-it-will-apologize-for-centuries-of-supporting-anti-semitism-in-england/>]

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[This pattern hasn't stopped. There is yet unmitigated, unreasonable, implacable destructive hatred for Jews and Israel.]

1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you asking this of another?

[Who are you discipling, building up?]