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Message from Pastor Mark



Shalom one and all!

July is here and what a busy biblical month! We already are in the midst of the dire straits. As we look at historical events that happened during this time we will see why the name "dire straits" is so appropriate! July 2nd was the day that the Crusaders put the Jews in Jerusalem in their synagogue and burned all of them alive in the year 1099. On July 5, 1205 Pope Innocent III declared all the Jews were doomed for killing Jesus. Aside from these events on July 8th we have the anniversary of the only biblical record of the day of someone's death. It is the very day that Aaron the high priest died! July 11th is the day Nehemiah began to build the walls of Jerusalem in 444BC. Then on July 16th we have the biblically historic day when the Temple was destroyed twice on the same day! Both in 70 AD as well as in 586BC. It is known as the 9th of Av on the biblical calendar. The following Shabbat, July 20th begins what is known as the Sabbath of Comfort when God tells the nations to comfort His people, Israel, from Isaiah 40, which is read every year at this time. Then July 21st is the day Pope Nicholas III required all Jews to attend conversionary sermons. We end with July 22nd which is Tu B'Av or the 15th of Av which is the day historically when all the available ladies would dance around the tabernacle in Shiloh looking for marriage partners.

Now for some good news! We are excited to announce the launch of the new look on our website in just a few weeks. This last week if you noticed the revolving earth on our homepage we went over 1,000,000 visitors since we installed the counter. Congratulations to our one-millionth visitor from the Denver, Colorado area! We want to thank everyone for coming to our site and telling others about it. We also want to thank all those sites that have a link into ours! We hope our new site makes it easier for everyone to access all the great resources we have available.

More good news is that we will have our two new Biblical calendars for the new year beginning this September available in less than 2 weeks! We have 2 different price points. One is a 12 month calendar and sells for \$5.00. The other is our 18 month exclusive El Shaddai calendar with photos of Israel from our Israel tours. It mentions different historical events that happened during the year to help you keep track of the anniversary of Biblical events. What is even more exciting is that it will also include the celestial events for the coming year in it as well! It is available for \$10.00.

Keep El Shaddai Ministries in your prayers as we are expecting a great response from events that are coming up this month. I am not totally sure of the airdate but I recorded a radio interview with Jan Markell of Olive tree Ministries and I believe it will air Saturday morning July 20th. Then Sunday night July 21st I have been asked to speak on the Feasts at the Annual Washington DC CUFI event by Pastor John Hagee. Then the following weekend on Saturday, July 27th, I will be speaking in Colorado Springs at the Pikes Peak Prophecy Summit about the coming eclipses in 2014 and 2015 as well as on King Solomon as a type of Anti Christ.

Now for some Hebrew language fun from this last weeks Torah portion! In this portion we heard about Phinehas receiving a covenant of peace for stopping a plague that



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had killed 24,000.

Nu 25:10-12. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of

peace: שלום or Shalom!

The amazing thing about this word "shalom" it has an anomaly in this verse that is not found in any other place in scripture!

The word shalom, שלום is spelled with a broken vav and looks like this:

שלום

The letter vav is the sixth letter and represents man as man was created on the sixth day. So here we have a man who has been broken to achieve a covenant of peace. The sages say the vav since it has been broken the top half looks like a yod and the bottom half is now a vav and they say it represents Phinehas hand holding the spear that pierced through Zimri and Cozbi. I think it represents the pierced hand of Messiah nailed to the cross to achieve our peace!

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself;

Be Blessed!

Pastor Mark

Comfort You, My People

By Dan and Brenda Cathcart

We are currently in the period of time on the Biblical calendar known as the "dire straits." This three week period from Tammuz 17 to Av 9 is in remembrance of the fall of Jerusalem. On Tammuz 17, Nebuchadnezzar broke through the walls of Jerusalem taking the city. On Av 9, he destroyed the temple. Jeremiah laments about the destruction of Jerusalem at the hands of her enemies.

Lamentations 1:1-3 KJV 1 How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! How is she become as a widow! She that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! 2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: **among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her:** all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies. 3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her **between the straits.**

The lovers that Jerusalem had taken were the idols she worshipped in the place of God. None of her idols could deliver her from the Babylonians and God refused to hear their cries.

Jeremiah 11:11-12 KJV 11 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them. 12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble.

They were taken "between the straits." The word translated as "straits" is the Hebrew word #4712 **צַר** may-tsar' meaning something tight, i.e. (figuratively) trouble:--distress, pain, strait. The enemies of Jerusalem overtook her in a time of trouble and distress. But God promises through Isaiah that Jerusalem's punishment would come to an end; that He would comfort His people!

Isaiah 40:1-2 KJV 1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. 2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

That Sabbath after the 9th of Av begins a six week period known as the Sabbaths of Comfort. On each Sabbath during these six weeks which lead up to the Feast of Trumpets, readings are chosen from the book of Isaiah emphasizing God's comfort of His people. Isaiah 40 is read on the first Sabbath after the 9th of Av.

These words of comfort recorded in Isaiah 40 come through a chorus of three messages, perhaps delivered by three heavenly messengers. Three is the number of divine completion. We also know that by two or three witnesses, a matter is decided. So, the message here is certain.

The first messenger brings the word in verses 1 and 2 that Jerusalem's punishment will come to an end. The second message calls for preparing a highway for God to come to His people.

Isaiah 40:3-5 KJV 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley

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shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

The image is of an important visitor coming to a land in desperate need. The call is to repair the roads and to clear away all the obstacles to his coming. Luke records that John the Baptist's message of repentance is the way to repair the roads and clear the obstacles.

Luke 3:3-6 KJV 3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; 6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Notice the slight difference between Isaiah and Luke in what all flesh would see. Isaiah says that all flesh would see the glory of the LORD and Luke says that all flesh will see the salvation of God. On the eve of His crucifixion, Yeshua connects the concepts of salvation and the glory of God.

John 17:1-5 KJV 1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come: glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

The third message in Isaiah 40 guarantees the vision.

Isaiah 40:6-8 KJV 6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: 7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

The word "goodness" in verse 6 is the Hebrew word **חסד** chesed which implies God's covenant devotion. In contrast, our chesed is transitory, but God's word stands forever.

Psalms 103:15-18 KJV 15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16 For the wind (*spirit*) passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more 17 But the mercy (*chesed*) of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; 18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

Isaiah goes on to promise good news; a Messiah is coming!

Isaiah 40:9-11 KJV 9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! 10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. 11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Yeshua's words to John in the book of Revelation, tell us that He is that coming Messiah; that He comes with His reward and that He is one with God who is the first and the last.

Revelation 22:12-13 KJV 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Isaiah concludes with words of encouragement to those who are waiting for the Messiah. For all those who are weary, God gives strength.

Isaiah 40:28-31 KJV 28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Yeshua also gave words of encouragement to His followers on the eve of His crucifixion. He promised a Comforter who would strengthen us and lead us into truth.

John 14:16-17 KJV 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 16:12-15 KJV 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 14:18 KJV 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Yeshua is coming! The promise is established and sure. As we wait for His coming; we rest in His strength given to us through the Holy Spirit, the Comforter who enables us to carry out our mission to spread the good news.

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RECIPES

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

Better than the Best Fried Chicken

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 egg
- Seasoning salt to taste
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Oil for frying

Directions

1. In a shallow dish or bowl combine the soup, egg and seasoning salt (be careful, as soup is already salted); mix together. Dip chicken in mixture and turn to coat completely. Set aside.
2. In a resealable plastic bag mix together the flour, cornstarch, garlic powder, paprika, salt and pepper. One at a time, place chicken pieces in bag, seal and shake to coat. Add more flour and/or cornstarch as necessary, but add them in equal parts (there should be an equal amount of each in the mixture).
3. Heat oil in a deep-fryer or large saucepan to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Be sure to use enough oil to cover chicken pieces.
4. Place coated chicken on a platter and allow to sit until it becomes doughy (this is critical, to ensure crispiness when fried). Once chicken is doughy, test oil by dropping a piece of the "dough" into it; the oil is ready when it starts to fry immediately.
5. Fry chicken pieces in oil for about 7 to 10 min



Barbecued Lima Beans

- 1 pound dried lima beans
- 6 cups water
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup ketchup
- 3/4 cup packaged brown sugar
- 1/3 cup pancake syrup
- 1/4 tsp hot pepper sauce
- 4 turkey bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

Directions

1. Place beans in a large saucepan; add water to cover by 2 in. Bring to a boil; boil for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; cover and let stand for 1 hour. Drain and rinse beans, discarding water. Return beans to the saucepan. Add 6 cups water, onions and salt; mix well. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 hours or until beans are tender.
2. Drain and discard liquid. Stir in the ketchup, brown sugar, syrup, hot pepper sauce and bacon. Transfer to an ungreased 2-qt. baking dish or bean pot. Cover and bake at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 30 minutes longer or until bubbly



Cornbread Muffins

- 1 cup corn meal
- 1 cup flour
- ¼ cup sugar or honey
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/3 cup applesauce
- 1 egg
- 1 cup milk

Directions

1. Mix dry ingredients together
2. Mix wet ingredients together and add to dry. Mix thoroughly.
3. Fill muffin cups 2/3 way full and bake for 15 minutes at 450 degrees.



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THIS DAY IN JEWISH HISTORY

Submitted by Tina Fallstead

Third expulsion from France (1322) Tammuz 27

After having been allowed back into France in the year 1315 (after the expulsion in 1306 by Philip IV), the Jews were once again expelled from France on Tammuz 27 by Charles IV, who thus broke the pledge made by his predecessors in 1315 that the Jews would be able to stay in France for at least 12 years.

Passing of Aaron (1273 BCE) Av 1

Aaron the first High Priest, brother of Moses and Miriam, passed away at age 123 on the 1st of Av of the year 2487 from creation (1274 BCE). This is the only yahrzeit (date of passing) explicitly mentioned in the Torah (Numbers 33:38).

Ezra and Followers Arrive in Israel (348 BCE) Av 1

Following their long journey from Babylon Ezra and his entourage arrived in the land of Israel on the 1st of AV to be near the newly built second Holy Temple in Jerusalem. A relatively small group came together with Ezra, and the majority of Jews, including great Torah scholars, choosing to remain in Babylon due to the harsh conditions that were then prevailing in Israel.

First Temple Invaded (423 BCE) Av 7

On the 7th of Av, after nearly a month of fierce fighting inside Jerusalem, the armies of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia broke through into the Temple compound, where they feasted and vandalized until the afternoon of Av 9, when they set the Holy Temple aflame.

Spies Return (1312 BCE) Av 8

The Spies dispatched 40 days earlier by Moses to tour the Promised Land return to Israel's encampment in the desert, bearing a huge cluster of grapes and other lush fruits. But even as they praise the land's fertility, they terrify the people with tales of mighty giant warriors dwelling there and assert that the land is unconquerable. This took place on the 8th of Av.

Civil War in Jerusalem (67 CE) Av 8

On the 8th of Av fighting breaks out inside the besieged city of Jerusalem between Jewish factions divided on the question of whether or not to fight the Roman armies encircling the city from without. One group sets fire to the city's considerable food stores, consigning its population to starvation until the fall of Jerusalem three years later.

Exodus Generation Condemned to Die in Desert (1312 BCE) Av 9

On the Ninth of Av of the year 2449 from creation (1312 BCE), the generation of Jews who came out of Egypt under Moses' leadership 16 months earlier were condemned to die in the desert and the entry into the Land of Israel was delayed for 40 years. As related in Numbers 14, when the Spies that Moses sent to the Land of Canaan returned with their disheartening report " , the people wept all night -- the night of Av 9th -- proclaiming that they'd rather return to Egypt than attempt to conquer and settle it; G-d decreed that the entire generation will wander in the desert for 40 years until that last of them died out, and that their children, under the leadership of Joshua, will enter the land He promised as Israel's heritage. This is the first of five national tragedies that occurred on Av 9 listed by the Talmud (Taanit 4:6), due to which the day was designated as a fast day. The other four are: the destruction of the two Temples, the fall of Betar, and the plowing over of Jerusalem.

Holy Temples Destroyed; Birth of Moshiach (423 BCE and 69 CE) Av 9

Both the first and second Holy Temples which stood in Jerusalem were destroyed on Av 9: the First Temple by the Babylonians in the year 3338 from creation (423 BCE), and the second by the Romans in 3829 (69 CE). The Temples' destruction represents the greatest tragedy in Jewish history, for it marks our descent into Galut--the state of physical exile and spiritual displacement in which we still find ourselves today. Thus the Destruction is mourned as a tragedy that affects our lives today, 2,000 years later, no less than the very generation that experienced it first hand. Yet the Ninth of Av is also a day of hope. The Talmud relates that Moshiach ("anointed one"--the Messiah), was born at the very moment that the Temple was set aflame and the Galut began. [This is in keeping with the teachings of our sages that, "In every generation is born a descendant of Judah who is worthy to become Israel's Moshiach" (Bartinoro on Ruth); "When the time will come, G-d will reveal Himself to him and send him, and then the spirit of Moshiach, which is hidden and secreted on high, will be manifested in him" (Chattam Sofer).]

Fall of Betar (133 CE) Av 9

Betar, the last stronghold in the heroic Bar Kochba rebellion, fell to the Romans on the 9th of Av of the year 3893 (133 CE) after a three-year siege. 580,000 Jews died by starvation or the sword, including Bar Kochba, the leader of the rebellion.

Expulsion from England (1290) Av 9

The Jews of England were expelled by King Edward I on the 9th of Av in 1290.

The Spanish Expulsion (1492) Av 9

The Jews of Spain were expelled by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella on the 9th of Av of 1492, terminating many centuries of flourishing Jewish life in that country.

Shabbat Chazon ("Shabbat of Vision") Av 9

The Shabbat before the Ninth of Av is called Shabbat Chazon ("Shabbat of Vision") after the opening words of the day's reading from the prophets ("haftara"), which is the third of the series of readings known as "The Three of Rebuke." On this Shabbat, say the Chassidic masters, we are granted a vision of the Third Temple; we may not see it with our physical eyes, but our souls see it, and are empowered to break free of our present state of galut (exile and spiritual displacement) and bring about the Redemption and the rebuilding of the Temple.

Holy Temple Burns (69) Av 9

The Romans set the Temple aflame on the afternoon of Av 9 and it continued to burn through Av 10. For this reasons, some of the mourning practices of the "Nine Days" are observed through the morning hours of Av 10.

AMIA Bombing (1994) Av 9

Arab terrorists exploded a bomb in the Jewish community center (AMIA) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 86 and wounding more than 300, in the most lethal attack against any diaspora Jewish community since the Holocaust.

The Fast of Tishah B'Av Av 9

The fast mourns the destruction of the Temple and the exile of Israel. For approximately 25 hours--from sundown on Saturday to nightfall Sunday evening--we abstain from eating and drinking, bathing, the wearing of leather footwear, and marital relations. It is customary to sit on the floor or a low seat until after mid-day. Torah study is restricted to laws of mourning, passages describing the destruction of the Temple, and the like. The tefillin are worn only during the afternoon Minchah prayers.

Expulsion from Gaza (2005) Av 10

More than 8,500 Jewish residents were forcefully expelled from their homes in 25 towns and settlements in the Gaza Strip (including 16 settlements in the flourishing "Gush Katif" belt) and Northern Shomron in the summer of 2005, as part of the Israeli government's ill-fated "Disengagement Plan." Av 10 was the deadline set by the governments for all Jews to leave their homes in these areas. Two days later, tens of thousands of soldiers and police officers began the forceful removal of the thousands who refused to leave willingly. The removal of all Jewish residents from Gush Katif and the Gaza Strip was completed by Av 17, and from Northern Samaria a day later. The army completed its withdrawal from these areas on the 8th of Elul, after bulldozing all the hundreds of homes and civic buildings in the settlements. The Jewish dead were disinterred and removed from the cemeteries. Only the synagogues were left standing. The government's hopes that the "disengagement" would open "new opportunities" in relations with the Palestinian Arabs were bitterly disappointed. No sooner had the last Israeli soldiers departed from the Gaza Strip that Arab mobs began looting, desecrating and torching the synagogues. The vacated settlements became the staging grounds for terrorist attacks against Israel, including the unremitting rocket fire on the nearby Israeli town of Sederot and the cities and settlements of the Western Negev.

Nachmanides' Disputation (1263) Av 12

By order of King James I of Aragon (Spain), Nachmanides (Rabbi Moses ben Nachman, 1194-1270) was compelled to participate in a public debate, held in the king's presence, against the Jewish convert to Christianity, Pablo Christiani. His brilliant defense of Judaism and refutations of Christianity's claims served as the basis of many such future disputations through the generations. Because his victory was an insult to the king's religion, Nachmanides was forced to flee Spain. He came to Jerusalem, where he found just a handful of Jewish families living in abject poverty, and revived the Jewish community there. The synagogue he built in the Old City is in use today, and is perhaps the oldest standing synagogue in the world.

End of Dying in Desert (1274 BCE) Av 15

In wake of the incident of the "Spies," in which the generation that came out of Egypt under Moses' leadership demonstrated their unpreparedness for the task of conquering and settling the Holy Land, G-d decreed that entire generation would die out in the desert (see "Today in Jewish History" for Av 8 and Av 9). After 38 years of wandering through the wilderness the dying finally ended, and a new generation of Jews stood ready to enter the Holy Land. It was the 15th of Av of the year 2487 from creation (1274 BCE)

Ban on Inter-Tribal Marriage Lifted (13th century BCE) Av 15

In order to ensure the orderly division of the Holy Land between the twelve tribes of Israel, restrictions had been placed on marriages between members of two different tribes. A woman who had inherited tribal lands from her father was forbidden to marry out of her tribe, lest her children -- members of their father's tribe -- cause the transfer of land from one tribe to another by inheriting her estate (Number 36). This ordinance was binding only on the generation that conquered and settled the Holy Land during the 14-year period 2488-2503 from creation (1273-1258 BCE); when the restriction was lifted, on the 15th of Av, the event was considered a cause for celebration and festivity.

Tribe of Benjamin Re-Admitted (circa 1228 BCE) Av 15

Av 15 was the day on which the tribe of Benjamin, which had been excommunicated for its behavior in the incident of the "Concubine at Givah," was readmitted into the community of Israel (as related in Judges 19-21). The event occurred during the judgeship of Othniel ben Knaz, who led the people of Israel in the years 2533-2573 from creation (1228-1188 BCE).

Jeroboam's Roadblocks Removed (574 BCE) Av 15

Upon the division of the Holy Land into two kingdoms following the death of King Solomon in the year 2964 from creation (797 BCE), Jeroboam ben Nebat, ruler of the breakaway Northern Kingdom of Israel, set up roadblocks to prevent his citizens from making the thrice-yearly pilgrimage to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, capital of the Southern Kingdom of Judea. These were finally removed more than 200 years later by Hosea ben Eilah, the last king of the Northern Kingdom, on Av 15, 3187 (574 BCE).

Betar Dead Buried (148 CE) Av 15

The fortress of Betar was the last holdout of the Bar Kochba rebellion. When Betar fell on the 9th of Av, 3893 (133 CE), Bar Kochba and many thousands of Jews were killed; the Romans massacred the survivors of the battle with great cruelty and would not even allow the Jews to bury their dead. For 15 years their remains were left scattered on the battlefield. When the dead of Betar were finally brought to burial on Av 15 of the year 3908 from creation (148 CE), an additional blessing (HaTov VehaMeitiv) was added to the "Grace After Meals" in commemoration

Matchmaking Day Av 15

In ancient Israel, it was the custom that on the 15th of Av "the daughters of Jerusalem would go out in borrowed linen garments (so as not to embarrass those without beautiful clothes of their own)... and dance in the vineyards" and "whoever did not have a wife would go there" to find himself a bride (Talmud, Taanit 31a).

"The Day of the Breaking of the Ax" Av 15

When the Holy Temple stood in Jerusalem, the annual cutting of firewood for the altar was concluded on the 15th of Av. The event was celebrated with feasting and rejoicing, as is the custom upon the conclusion of a holy endeavor, and included a ceremonial breaking of the axes which gave the day its name.

Hebron Massacre (1929) Av 17

67 Jewish men, women and children were slaughtered, and scores wounded, raped and maimed, by their Arab neighbors in the city of Hebron, who rioted for three days amid cries of "Slaughter the Jews." The survivors fled to Jerusalem, and the ancient Jewish community of Hebron, which had lived in relative peace in the city for hundreds of years, was not revived until after Israel's capture of Hebron in the 1967 Six Day war.

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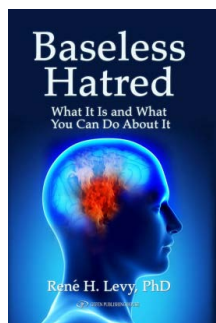
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[Baseless Hatred](#)

What It Is and What You Can Do About It

By **Rene H. Levy, PhD**

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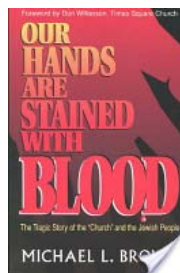


What is hatred? What is baseless hatred? And how does this basic human emotion affect our relationships, our communities, and our world? In this fascinating study, pharmacological researcher Rene H. Levy looks through a scientific, sociological, and religious lens at the causes and effects of baseless hatred, and offers a prescription for preventing and repairing its damaging consequences. Levy examines the psychological and neurobiological bases of baseless hatred, and shows how it destroys interpersonal relationships. Baseless hatred is understood within Jewish tradition to have been the cause of the longest exile of the Jewish people from the Land of Israel; Levy discusses the impact of baseless hatred both from without and from within on the State of Israel, including an analysis of Islamist anti-Zionist hostility and the more recent Western antisemitic opposition as well as the new existential questions posed by the post-Zionist movement. Finally, Levy shows how the cement that has kept the Jewish people united as a nation, known as arevut, mutual responsibility, proves to be the remedy for the devastating problem of baseless hatred.

[Our Hands Are Stained With Blood](#)

By **Michael Brown**

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Have you been asleep while the Jews have been slaughtered? Are you indifferent to the satanic world conspiracy against Israel? If you are not Jewish, do you somehow feel threatened by the fact that the Jews are still chosen and loved? Questions like these must be asked honestly. There may be more pollution within us than we would like to acknowledge!

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