

Shalom and welcome to Torahfocus

We will begin shortly.

The Gregorian Calendar is not applicable to the Biblical Calendar. God works by His won calendar.

On the Civil side of the Calendar is Tishri. On the Religious Calendar the seventh month is also Tishri.

We are now in the month of Tammuz.

Zec 8:18 And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,

Zec 8:19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.

Fourth Month - Tammuz

Fifth Month - Av

Seventh Month - Tishri

Tenth Month - Teveth

The fast of the fourth month is in the month of Tammuz was established before the time of Zechariah.

During the time of Yeshua, these fasts were not as significant as they are today because there is no longer a Temple.

Tzom are fasts.

Each Tzom is connected to the Temple.

Today (July 9<sup>th</sup> 2009) is the 17th of Tammuz.

Things related to the Temple.

1. Tablets lu'chot - the day the golden calf was made

The throne of G-d is supposed to be made of Sapphire.

The original tablets of the Law were said to be made out of Sapphire.

2. The Tamid Korbanot ceased to be offered on the 17th day of Tammuz.

This happened in both the First and Second Temple periods.

The word Korbon means to "bring near or bring close."

The Tamid Korbonot are actually an "orlah" or a burnt offering.

These words are always associated with going up or ascending.

The Beit Ha Mikdash - this is know as a House of Seeking or a House of Study.

The root of the offerings come from:

1. Altar
2. Mishkan
3. Beit Ha Mikdash
4. Synagogue

Page 33 in the Artscroll Siddur is your reference.

Mishkan is the Tabernacle. Mishkan means comes from the root word Shekan. We know this as the Shekinah or the Presence of God.

By the sacrifice of the Korbnot is a drawing together of ourselves and God.

This drawing always began at the altar.

The binding of Isaac is that Abraham tied his son at Isaac's request. Isaac did not want to flinch and disqualify himself as a perfect sacrifice.

The word Synagogue gives us the idea of being "led together."

The Jewish people always pray collectively.

The Churches of today are supposed to be the image of the Synagogue.

It is important that we see that there are degrees of Holiness.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Lev 1:1 And the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,

Lev 1:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock.

Rom 12:1-2 The Scriptures 1998+ (1) I call upon you, therefore, brothers, through the compassion of Elohim, to present your bodies a living offering – set-apart, well-pleasing to Elohim – your reasonable worship. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you prove what is that good and well-pleasing and perfect desire of Elohim.

Romans 12:1-2 is related to Lev 1:1-2

Lev 1:1-2 The Scriptures 1998+ (1) And HaShem called to Mosheh, and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying, (2) "Speak to the children of Yisra'el, and say to them, 'When anyone of you brings an offering to HaShem, you bring your offering of the livestock, of the herd or of the flock.

Tammuz 17 the City wall were breached in the first and also the second Temples.

The 17th of Tammuz started the thing called "the three weeks" or the three weeks of mourning.

During this time, we do not listen to music that makes you happy. You should not cut your hair.

The fast of the fifth month is Av 9th when the First Temple was destroyed and also the second Temple.

On Av 10th we should say that, may the Temple be rebuilt in our life time.

Reference is page 113 in the ArtScroll Siddur.

The Ye'hee Ratzon should be prayed during this time.

4. Apostomus burned the Torah on the 17th of Tammuz.

It is said that he did this in 50 C.E.

We do not have anything in the book of Acts that would give us information about that time.

According to tradition, he sacrificed a pig on the altar.

The word Apostomus has been translated as "Big Mouth."

The word Apostate gives the idea of someone who was no longer redeemable or as reprobate.

An Apostate is seen as a negative 50.

Rashi says that Apotomus is Antiochus Ephimnes by a Midrash.

He was the man that sacrificed a pig on the altar and burned the Torah.

What qualifies a synagogue to be a synagogue today ?

Shalom Chaverim