

The Month of Tammuz

Tammuz is unique as Hebrew months because it is the name of an actual Babylonian deity and idol.

All three summer months (Tammuz, Av and Elul) are collectively called "the Tammuz season."

Tammuz, Av, Elul (30 days of repentance before Rosh Hashanah + 10 before Yom Kippur)

10th month of civil calendar and 4th month of religious calendar

History & Significant Dates

The Feast of Weeks, also called Pentecost was May 23rd and 24th.

It was when Moses ascended Mount Sinai to receive the 10 commandments.

40 days later he came down to find the people worshipping the golden calf and broke the tablets. That date will occur in a few weeks on the 17th of Tammuz.

That's the Same date that the walls of Jerusalem were smashed by Nebuchadnezzar (the temple was destroyed and the people exiled three weeks later on the 9th of Av).

That's the Same date Titus and the Romans breached the walls of Jerusalem before the destruction of the 2nd temple in 70AD (which Jesus prophesied).

Three weeks of sorrow and mourning for the lost vision of Zion. They don't schedule any weddings or joyous events during this time.(no haircuts or wearing of new clothes)

Other History & Significant Dates

King Manasseh had an idol placed in the temple on the 17th

In 1944 the entire population of the Polish ghetto was sent to the death camps

6 Tammuz - (1976) - Entebbe Rescue of hijacked plane (Uganda) July 4th 1976

Lt Col Jonathan Netanyahu, the unit commander was killed (older brother of Benjamin Netanyahu)

3 Tammuz - Joshua stops the sun, found in Joshua 10:1-15

5 Tammuz - (429 BCE) - Ezekiel's vision of the "Chariot"

Scriptures

Isaiah 1:16-17 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

Lamentations 5:21 Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored! Renew our days as of old.

Isaiah 63:9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 This day, I call upon the heaven and the earth as witnesses [that I have warned] you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. You shall choose life, so that you and your offspring will live; 20 To love the Lord your God, to listen to His voice, and to cleave to Him. For that is your life and the length of your days, to dwell on the land which the Lord swore to your forefathers to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob to give to them.

Prophetic Aspects

Conflict in every area - physical, emotional, spiritual

Prayer and repentance - Ask for Grace in all things

Moses was praying and listening to God

Israel was faithless and focused on pleasure

Tammuz was a false God - Month was named after him because they were in exile for disobeying God

Racial hatred and abuse (Anti-Semitic) - in America today race issues will explode

Corrie's prophetic dream - we must pray - God is near and angels are carrying out His commands. The things in the world right now will be coming our way and working to gain entrance in our lives, homes, churches, businesses

Church shooting - riots - accusations - disrespect of police and authority

In American today and all around the world, we are experiencing a release of the Spirit of Lawlessness. You can see it in the disrespect of authority, the promoting of evil as good and the punishing of good as evil. It's flowing nonstop from Washington and picking up speed in Hollywood and from the news media.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Christians must ready ourselves to walk in our God given authority and to love so we can help loose others in the same way that we learn to accept our continual blank page of kindness and mercy. When Joseph woke up in an Egyptian prison, he must have thought his life was over. There was no escape from prison, apart from death. But in one moment of God's grace and perfect timing, he was instantly promoted to second in charge over all Egypt. Likewise Jesus suffered and died on the cross for our sins and descended into Hades for three days. But then in a moment He was resurrected and seated at the right hand of the Father in Heaven. And from that throne He prays for us daily and offers endless blank pages to you and me.

Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Deuteronomy 28 - Blessing and Cursing

A. Blessings on obedience.

Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:

B. Curses on disobedience.

You shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see.

The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar: A disobedient Israel would be attacked and conquered by **a nation of fierce countenance**, and they would fight **until they have destroyed you.**

The LORD will scatter you among all the peoples, from one end of the earth to the other:

Around 68 A.D. the Romans finally had enough of the rebellious Jews so they laid siege to Jerusalem.

Nevertheless the Jews of that day were so confident of Messiah's coming that their factions actually fought each other and burned each other's food, trying to be the most powerful group when the Messiah came.

When the Roman general Vespasian came to Jerusalem, the Jewish factions were busy fighting each other. His staff urged him to attack immediately, but he knew that an attack would instantly unite the Jews. So he held back and let them destroy each other for as long as possible. He said that God was a better general than he, and that He was delivering the Jews into the hands of the Romans. Before Jerusalem was attacked, Vespasian became emperor, and he put his son Titus in charge of the attack.

Christians in Jerusalem heeded the words of Jesus in Luke 21:20-24, to flee Jerusalem when it was *surrounded by armies*, because *the days of vengeance* were at hand.

In this siege of Jerusalem hunger became so great that many tried to escape the walls and forage for food. Five hundred or more were captured and crucified daily.

More than 600,000 died from starvation. In total more than a million died and 97,000 were captured, with most of the captives being shipped as slaves to Egypt. The promise of Deuteronomy 28:68 was tragically fulfilled: **you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.** This happened as too many Jewish slaves glutted the Egyptian slave market, and no one could buy all the available slaves.

After the conquest the Jews still living in Judea were continually subjugated and humiliated by the Romans. The Romans continued to collect the temple tax from the Jews, even though their temple had been completely destroyed. So the Romans took the temple tax and used it to support their *pagan* temple.

Prayer

Meet me and meet my needs

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men. 1 Timothy 2:1

Supplication is asking for grace, mercy and favor to be given you so you can receive something from Him, like strength, courage, etc.

Prayer, is humbly asking for judgment – for God to intervene and mediate because of a situation, enemy, or weakness that is stronger than us.

Intercession is engaging or meeting to plead for some change or to make a deal.

To Give **Thanks** is to have faith that God is sovereign and able to make all grace abound to you. We are commanded to give thanks in all things.

Ask: What was prepared in advance? - What is “as yet” unrevealed?

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

Seek through war what the Devil has stolen or we have lost

Ask God to intervene / Rebuke / Thoughts captive

Ask God to disarm the enemy so he can be defeated

Knock on obstructions or revealed needs - Planting and Sowing – Reap in due season

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Galatians 6:9

Light – revelation and direction

Water – the Word of Truth

Heat – ask for grace for trials

Face the fear: of man, of failure, or success - Face the false need for the man’s approval