

The Watchman Speaks – Tish B' Av

The Devil Is Trying To Steal Your Blessings NOW!

This is a time of the year that the devil is working overtime to steal your blessings!

This is the month of Tammuz and I'm not going to get into the month of Tammuz at this point but rather, I want to talk to you about the coming month. Tuesday evening, at sunset, the month of Tammuz will end and the month of Av will begin. The name of the month is spelled AV but it is pronounced AB. Now why is that important?

On the ninth day of Av, which begins at sunset on the 29th of July, is the beginning of a time called Tish B'Av. What is Tish B'Av? Tish B'av is a day of remembrance that the Jews observe that commemorates several events in biblical history and even in more recent history when "bad things" happened. What kind of bad things? Here's a very brief, inconclusive list.

1. When the spies were sent into the promised land, they returned with a bad report by what they saw instead of trusting God's promise. That report was given on the 9th of Av.
2. The destruction of the 1st Temple in 421 B.C by Nebedchadnezzar/Babylon
3. The destruction of the 2nd Temple in 70 A.D. by Rome
4. 1095 The 1st Crusade launched by Pope Urban II was launched on the 9th of Av and 10,000 Jews died the first month.
5. 1290 Expulsion of Jews from England
6. 1492 Spanish inquisition expelled Jews from Spain.
7. 1914 England declared war on Germany WWI started
8. 1942 Deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghettos in Poland to Concentration Camps
9. 1989 Iraq Walk Out on talks with Kuwait
10. 1994 Bombing of Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires Argentina 86 Dead over 300 injured.
11. 2005 Jews removed from the Gaza Strip.

ALL these events transpired on the 9th of Av! What does that mean? Why is that important?

It is obvious that this time is a time of intense Spiritual Warfare. Now, some of these events, perhaps, had to do with disobedience among the Jews. That being said, I wonder if, likewise during this time of historically intense spiritual warfare, we stand a chance of losing the blessings of God for disobedience. Notice, I said blessings. I'm not talking about righteousness. But what blessings are we talking about?

We are talking about the Passover blessings and the Shavuot/Pentecost blessings. What blessings are those? We've talked about them before.

Exodus 6:2-8 (TLV)

²God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am *ADONAI*. ³I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob, as *El Shaddai*. Yet by My Name, *ADONAI*, did I not make Myself known to them. ⁴I also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage where they journeyed. ⁵Furthermore, I have heard the groaning of *Bnei-*

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Yisrael, whom the Egyptians are keeping in bondage. So I have remembered My covenant.

⁶Therefore say to *Bnei-Yisrael*: I am *ADONAI*, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. ⁷I will take you to Myself as a people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am *ADONAI* your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸So I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob, and give it to you as an inheritance. I am *ADONAI*."

Here we have the first four Passover Blessings.

1. I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians
2. I will deliver you from their bondage
3. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm AND with great judgments
4. I will take you to Myself as a people and I will be your God.

But there is another blessing that is often over looked even by the Jews, Messianic and Orthodox and that is "I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob AND give it to you as an inheritance." The promised land. The land of milk and honey. A land in which to prosper and flourish. Not survive, mind you, but flourish. These promises, these blessings are sanctification, deliverance, redemption, and joy. Don't forget the 5th blessing prosperity.

Fast forward to Yeshua, Jesus and His finished work on the cross as the perfect Passover Lamb of God.

1. He brought us out from under the burden of the Law to make us righteous.
2. He delivered us from the bondage of sin.
3. He redeemed us with His blood AND will execute great judgments upon our enemies
4. He is the provider of our joy
5. He gave us an inheritance in the Kingdom of God

Is the devil trying to steal our blessings? You better believe it. Are there other blessings that the devil is trying to steal. Uh huh.

Let's look at Shavuot and Pentecost. Shavuot brought the blessings of abundant harvests of grain, wine, and oil. This was the outpouring of wealth of the time. It was the time of the first fruits that I spoke of two weeks ago. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit of God was poured out onto all flesh that grants us unimaginable power and authority with which to operate in. So, why are we not operating in that power and authority?

The devil has us convinced that we can't. The devil has us convinced that Yeshua had no power. The devil has us convinced that the flesh can overcome the spirit. Two out of those three things are a lie. We can overcome the Spirit through disobedience. It's what happened to the nation of Israel and it is what has happened to the church today. The flesh has overcome the Spirit and the devil is stealing blessings left and right.

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The devil comes to steal your blessings, kill your joy, and destroy your faith. But when we trump the flesh with Spirit the devil is powerless. We are sanctified, righteous, and set apart. We are delivered from the hand of the enemy. We have been redeemed with an outstretched arm and with great judgments upon our enemies. We are the people God has taken to Himself and therein we have joy! We are in a place of prosperity. It was God's blessing then and it is Yeshua's blessings now! The grain is coming to head, the new wine will flow, and the vats will overflow with fresh oil. We walk in power and authority in all that we do and say and HELL CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST THAT ...if...we are obedient to the Word of God.

Tish B'Av is not one of the LORD's appointed times. It is a marker for us to remember the destruction that Satan has caused and that we should be on high alert. It is a time to walk in the assurance of what we know and not in the fear of what we see.

What we see is Covid 19 before us. We see the case numbers and the death toll rising. We see so much conflicting information and turmoil that people don't know what to believe. We are seeing rioting in the streets, racial hatred, and a nation going to hell in a hand basket. But praise God, He knew it was coming. If we are shaken now how will we stand when the real shaking begins.

Psalm 91:5–10 (TLV)

⁵You will not fear the terror by night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶nor the plague that stalks in darkness,
nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.
⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
⁸You will only look on with your eyes
and see the wicked paid back.
⁹For you have made *Elyon* your dwelling,
even *ADONAI*, who is my refuge,
¹⁰so no evil will befall you
nor any plague come near your tent.

This is what I KNOW but it is not what I'm seeing! The devil will not steal my blessings!

I have anointed my family, my home, my vehicles, even the family pet. I decree the promises of:

Divine protection - Exodus 23:20 (TLV)

²⁰"Behold, I am sending an angel before you, to guard you on the way and to bring you into the place that I have prepared.

Position and Alignment for protection

Exodus 23:22 (TLV)

²²But if you listen closely to His voice, and do everything I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

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Commission of Divine Authority

Exodus 23:24 (TLV)

²⁴You are not to bow down to their gods or serve them, or do what they do. Rather, you are to utterly overthrow them, and break their pillars in pieces.

Supernatural Health and Prosperity

Exodus 23:25 (TLV)

²⁵You are to serve *ADONAI* your God, and He will bless your food and your water. Moreover I will take sickness away from your midst.

Supernatural Multiplication and Longevity

Exodus 23:26 (TLV)

²⁶None will miscarry nor be barren in your land, and I will fill up the number of your days.

Release of Fear & Respect from my enemies

Exodus 23:27 (TLV)

²⁷"I will send My terror before you and throw all the people to whom you will come into panic, and make all your enemies turn their backs to you.

My enemies are driven from before me

Exodus 23:28 (TLV)

²⁸I will send the hornet before you, which will drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites and the Hittites, from before you.

Dominion and Increased Inheritance

Exodus 23:30 (TLV)

³⁰But little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you are fruitful. Then you will possess the land.

Freedom from Corrupt Covenants

Exodus 23:33 (TLV)

³³They must not dwell in your land and cause you to sin against Me, for if you worship their gods, they will be a snare to you."

The Devil is trying to steal your blessings! Be aware! Be alert! Tish B'Av is only days away! I am the Old Watchman and you have been warned!