

9th of Av Fast and Abraham Lincoln's Fast

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Shabbat Shalom Brethren,

This is now the 9 of Av, also called Tish B'Av. I have asked you to dedicate this day to a fast. Partly to remember all the past things that have happened on this day. Partly to seek Yahweh's will in opening the door to Israel for Ephraim. This is a time to read the book of Lamentations. You may also want to watch this short video that was sent to me. It is of the city of David where I take people to show them where the Temple once stood.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/132649>

Special Note; This week brother Beau Beamesderfer sent me an article and I want you all to read it as he explains about the four fast of Zechariah. This is such a good study that this brother has shared. So in addition to this week's article on Romans I include this new article on Researching Traditions in respect to the Fasts. You can read it at https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=518

I also want to quote to you a section of Stephen Spykerman's book Who Are You America? Time to Lift Your Prophetic Veil!

He says;

In the middle of the American Civil war (1861-65) things looked bleak, as the tide of the war seemed to favor the South who were rebelling against the Union. As the North had suffered many early reverses, Abraham Lincoln made an urgent appeal to the nation. In his Official proclamation of April 30, 1863, he called for a nation-wide day of fasting and prayer. Part of his Proclamation reads as follows;

"We have been the recipients of the choicest blessings of heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in number, wealth and power as no other nation ever has grown; but we have forgotten God! We have forgotten the gracious hand which has preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

President Lincoln's words ring as true today as they did then. He knew America's great material blessings had not been earned. He understood that the God of Abraham was the divine source of these blessings. As the people obeyed Abraham Lincoln's call to prayer and fasting, God heard their pleas and the tide of war turned until final victory was sounded for the Union.

Fasting is also something each of us needs to do to humble ourselves and draw near to Yahweh and seek His will in all that we do. We need to do it more often than once or twice a year. Because this message of Abraham Lincoln's is so powerful I have included the whole proclamation for you to read at the end of this Newsletter. By reading it you can clearly see how far from Yahweh all of our Israelite nations have moved and possible even some of us in just the last 150 years.

Humble yourselves this weekend. Repent of our own personal sins and ask Yahweh to help us to repent of the evil spirit that divides the house of Ephraim amongst itself and of that spirit that divides us from Judah. Pray that we will soon be restored to our rightful place united as one nation under Yahshua. Pray that He continues to restore all things as the day of His son's return is quickly coming. Pray that we reach the rest of our brethren who are still asleep and have not yet heard this word.

Ezr 8:21 Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek from Him the right way for us and our little ones and all our possessions.

Isaiah 58: 1 "Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet; Tell My people their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet they seek Me daily, And delight to know My ways, As a nation that did righteousness, And did not forsake the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; They take delight in approaching God. 3 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?' "In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, And exploit all your laborers. 4 Indeed you fast for strife and debate, And to strike with the fist of wickedness. You will not fast as you do this day, To make your voice heard on high. 5 Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, And to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, And an acceptable day to the Lord? 6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To lose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' "If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, 10 If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday. 11 The Lord will guide you continually,

And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. 12 Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

13 "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the Lord honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Here is the Proclamation made by Abraham Lincoln from
<http://showcase.netins.net/web/creative/lincoln/speeches/fast.htm>

**Proclamation Appointing a National Fast Day
Washington, D.C.
March 30, 1863**

Senator James Harlan of Iowa, whose daughter later married President Lincoln's son Robert, introduced this Resolution in the Senate on March 2, 1863. The Resolution asked President Lincoln to proclaim a national day of prayer and fasting. The Resolution was adopted on March 3, and signed by Lincoln on March 30, one month before the fast day was observed.

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation. And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand

which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th. day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain, on that day, from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering Country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty seventh.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln
William H. Seward, Secretary of State.

May Yahweh watch over you and guide you in your spiritual growth and to know only the truth.

Shabbat Shalom
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