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Rosh Chodesh Av (5782)

What were the Spirit's instructional themes for Nissan, Iyar, and Sivan?

In Nissan, He instructed His ET Pioneer Elyons to focus on "The Big Picture"

In Iyar, He instructed His ET Pioneer Elyons to remember they are "Sheep Not Goats"

In Sivan, He instructed His ET Pioneer Elyons to focus on "Yahweh Is Their Rock"

In Tammuz, He instructed His Pioneer Elyons to remember they are "Pearls of Great Price"

In Av, He instructs His ET Pioneer Elyons to focus on "Yahweh Is Their Refuge"

How does a Pioneer Elyon's global tribal nature separate him from other servants?

His Judah mindset enables him to fight Yahweh's battle by himself or with others

His Issachar wisdom gives him an anointed insight into Yahweh's cycles and seasons

His Zebulun business acumen empowers him to corporately finance tribal goals

His Reuben stick-with-it-ness lets him continue after suffering major personal defeats

His Simeon **fearlessness** lets him accomplish near impossible tasks

What should we recall today about the month of Av?

1 - Av is traditionally regarded by ethnic or natural Jews as the most tragic on their calendar

While tragic events did occur in Av, what's more important is its name is unmentioned

During Av on Day 1, Aaron (Israel's 1st High Priest) died at age 123

Num 33:38-39 "At Adonai's order Aharon the cohen went up on Mount Hor, and he died there on the first day of the fifth month of the fortieth year after the people of Isra'el had left the land of Egypt. Aharon was 123 years old when he died on Mount Hor." CJB

During Av, the Israelites rejected Joshua and Caleb's 1st report regarding Canaan

Num 14:8 "If Adonai is pleased with us, then he will bring us into this land and give it to us — a land flowing with milk and honey. 9 Just don't rebel against Adonai. And don't be afraid of the people living in the land — we'll eat them up! Their defense has been taken away from them, and Adonai is with us! Don't be afraid of them!" CJB

During Av on Day 9, Israel's 1st and 2nd Holy Temples were destroyed by invaders

Jer 52:12-13 "In the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, which was also the nineteenth year of King N'vukhadretzar, king of Bavel, N'vuzar'adan, the commander of the guard and a close associate of the king of Bavel, entered Yerushalayim. 13 He burned down the house of Adonai, the royal palace and all the houses in Yerushalayim — every notable person's house he burned to the ground." CJB

Solomon's Temple (1st) destroyed by Babylonians / Herod's (2nd) by Romans

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But there was a good practice established during Av - A changing of the priestly guard

Israel's 1st Major Changing of the Guard occurred during Av at Aaron's death

Israel's 2nd Changing of the Guard occurred on Av 1 at Ezra's arrival in Jerusalem

Ezra 7:9-10 "He began going up to Yerushalayim from Bavel on the first day of the first month and arrived on the first day of the fifth month, since the good hand of his God was on him. 10 For 'Ezra had set his heart on studying and practicing the Torah of Adonai and teaching Isra'el the laws and rulings." CJB

2 - Ethnic Jews focused on 1 thing during Av, while Spiritual Jews (Messianics) focuses on 2

Ethnic Jews considered the month of Av as THE most tragic month on the calendar

Spiritual Jews consider Av as the last month of an extended purification _____

2 Cor 4:16-17 "This is why we do not lose courage. Though our outer self is heading for decay, our inner self is being renewed daily. 17 For our light and transient troubles are achieving for us an everlasting glory whose weight is beyond description" CJB

Ethnic Jews view Av as the lowest point of 3-week mourning period starting Tammuz 17

Spiritual Jews view Av as a HIGH point of sorrow being turned into _____

Ethnic or natural Jews consider the month of Av as a time of corporate expulsion

Spiritual Jews consider Av as a time for soul warfare & corporate _____

What should we recall today about Shimon (aka Simeon), Jacob's 2nd son via Leah?

While Shimon's name in a broader sense means, "He who hears and obeys what he hears"

Not to Leah, she felt hated and wanted Yahweh to see her (Reuben) & hear her (Shimon)

Gen 29:33 "She conceived again, gave birth to a son and said, "It is because Adonai has heard that I am unloved; therefore he has given me this son also." So she named him Shim'on [hearing]." CJB

But Jacob did not follow this reasoning prior to his death when he gave his blessing

Shimon was close to Levi (were the 2nd & 3rd sons of Jacob & Leah) & brothers to Dinah

When the 2 murdered the Shechemites, their other brothers weren't totally innocent

While they might not have been involved in the attack initially, they were complicit

For they joined the 2 brothers in the after-the-attack _____

Gen 34:26-29 "They killed Hamor and Sh'khem his son with their swords, took Dinah out of Sh'khem's house, and left. 27 Then the sons of Ya'akov entered over the dead bodies of those who had been slaughtered and plundered the city in reprisal for defiling their sister. 28 They took their flocks, cattle and donkeys, and everything else, whether in the city or in the field, 29 everything they owned. Their children and wives they took captive, and they looted whatever was in the houses." CJB

Shimon's secret power - His ability to _____ others to join him in his anger

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What should we recall about the tribe of Shimon (Simeon)?

Shimon stands first in line of the tribes appointed to bless the people on Mount Gerizim

Deut 27:12 “These are the ones who are to stand on Mount G’rizzim and bless the people after you have crossed the Yarden: Shim’on, Levi, Y’hudah, Yissakhar, Yosef and Binyamin;” CJB

Even though the tribe of Shimon was fearless most of the time, they weren’t always fearless

Fear led the tribe to reject Joshua and Caleb’s true report in favor of a false report

Which is why a spy from Simeon was one of the 10 that died by a plague

Num 14:36-37 “The men whom Moshe had sent to reconnoiter the land and who, when they returned, made the entire community complain against him by giving an unfavorable report about the land — 37 those men who gave the unfavorable report about the land died by the plague in the presence of Adonai.” CJB

Conclusion - I must leave this meeting today understanding

1 - The Spirit’s message in relation to Shimon (Jacob’s son)

I must realize Yahweh’s appointed purpose this month is purification & _____

Jeremiah prophesied the imminent destruction of the 1st Temple and Israel’s exile

To warn Judah about tragedies they would face if they did not repent

I can’t be like Shimon; I must repent of my anger before it leads to _____

He & his brother Levi’s anger never hesitated to use violence to achieve their means

So, instead of Shimon receiving Jacob’s blessing, he was reminded of his cruelty

Gen 49:5-7 “Shim’on and Levi are brothers, related by weapons of violence. 6 Let me not enter their council, let my honor not be connected with their people; for in their anger they killed men, and at their whim they maimed cattle. 7 Cursed be their anger, for it has been fierce; their fury, for it has been cruel. I will divide them in Ya’akov and scatter them in Isra’el.” CJB

So, instead of Shimon receiving Moses’ blessing, there was total silence

Shimon went from being the 3rd largest tribe, to one of the smallest and weakest

And occupying land inside Judah, to being exiled among the other 9 tribes

To repent, I must confront my anger, before it leads to meanness, and cruelty

Anger - A strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility

Meanness - Unkindness, unfairness, or spitefulness towards others

Cruelty - Callous indifference to or pleasure in causing pain and sufferings)

Shimon’s _____ led Joseph to repay Shimon with like treatment

Gen 42:21-25 “They said to each other, “We are in fact guilty concerning our brother. He was in distress and pleaded with us; we saw it and wouldn’t listen. That’s why this distress has come upon us now.” 22 Re’uven answered them, “Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t wrong the boy?’ But you wouldn’t hear of it. Now comes the reckoning for his blood!” 23 They had no idea that Yosef understood them, since an interpreter was translating for them. 24 Yosef turned away from them and wept; then he returned and spoke to them. He took Shim’on from among them and put him in prison before their eyes.” CJB

Jewish tradition says this happened because Shimon

Was the one who counseled the others to kill Joseph along with Levi

Was the one who bound Joseph before lowering into the well

If I don't repent and disassociate from those who are as angry as I am (my Levi's)

My life will have an ignominious end as Shimon's tribe did prior to their final exile

And my life will be _____ as they were among the other tribes

2 - The Spirit's message in relation to the 5th month of Yahweh's calendar (Av)

I must embrace Av as the ordained time for a 2nd round of tempering to conquer _____

I must accept Av as the start of new worship after getting rid of Tammuz's idols

I don't want Yahweh to destroy idols in my life the way He did the 1st Temple

I must accept the reason for a spiritual tempering process - Strength & _____

As the initial heating in the natural is followed by a quick cooling and reheating

I must accept the fact my personal spiritual tempering process takes more than 1 month

I need a 2nd month (Av) to be purified from certain angry/cruel elements in my nature

3 - The Spirit's message in relation to Yahweh being my "refuge"

It's my responsibility to run to Him, rather than He chase me when I am afraid

Ps 46:2-4 "2(1) God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. 3(2) Therefore we are unafraid, even if the earth gives way, even if the mountains tumble into the depths of the sea, 4(3) even if its waters rage and foam, and mountains shake at its turbulence. (Selah)" CJB

A 2nd Dose of tempering helps me rely on His safety & strength, as if they were my own

Now when I get attacked, I no longer feel anxious, sorrowful, weak, or defenseless

Final Word

For those of you that feel Yahweh is far away and His word no longer is working for you

Turn, seek, and run to Him in this time of distress and you find your refuge!

2 Chron 15:3-7 "For a long time Isra'el was without the true God, without a cohen who could teach, and without Torah. 4 But when, in their distress, they turned to Adonai the God of Isra'el and sought him, they found him. 5 In those times people going about their business were insecure, and great disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands; 6 so that they were shattered to pieces, nation against nation and city against city, as God troubled them with every kind of distress. 7 But you, be strong, and don't slack off; for your work will be rewarded."

Remember, Yahweh is THE _____ to Whom you can take all your troubles

His Word is THE _____ of Protection & Safety when you find yourself in trouble

His Spirit provides you THE _____ to sustain you through these troubles

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