

THE FAST OF TEVET

A Day Israel Would Never Forget

In Zedekiah's ninth year, Nebuchadnezzar returned and on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem with his entire army, building forts all around it, until the eleventh and final year of King Zedekiah.

This was a day that would live forever in biblical history and a day the Lord would never forget. God even spoke to Ezekiel, who was being held captive in Babylon, to make a record of this day.

The Lord came to Ezekiel in the ninth year, on the tenth day of the tenth month, telling him to write the name of that very day that the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem. The Lord told Ezekiel to utter a parable to the rebellious house, and He told him to start cooking! He was to get a pot, pour water in it, fill it with some good soup bones, put in some choice portions from the flock, and then let it simmer. The Lord declared a woe to the bloody city of Jerusalem, to the pot that was filled with scum. (Ezekiel 24:1-6)

This day is known as the tenth day of the month of Tevet, which is usually around late December/early January. This day has become a major fast day every year for the last 2,500 years. We find this from the book of Zechariah, in which the Lord prophesied that the fasts of the fourth month, the fifth month, the seventh month, and the tenth month would become to the house of Judah joy and gladness and cheerful feasts. (Zechariah 8:19)

So we see a prophecy that these fast days will turn in to days of joy and gladness! If we as Christians aren't on the biblical calendar and know nothing of these events or the dates when they happened on our calendar, how will we know when this prophecy from 2,500 years ago is fulfilled? So this is why we need to be on God's calendar, so we know when a prophecy is fulfilled.