## He Still Destroys His Own Temples

## THE FIRST TEMPLE WAS DESTROYED DUE TO UNRESTRAINED IDOLATRY circa 570 BCE. The Book of Ecah-Lamentations PREDICTS the destruction on Tisha B AV before it happens! Beginning in 463 BCE, Jeremiah prophesized about the Babylonian threat and warned the Jews of the terrible devastation they would incur if they did not stop worshipping idols and mistreating each other.

THE SECOND TEMPLE WAS DESTROYED DUE TO UNJUST HATRED WITHOUT A CAUSE! They hated Yahusha and His visitation to His own people. Yochanan 15: 24-25. Matthew 24:1-2. Luke 19:41-47.

States the Talmud (Yoma 9b): **"Why was the Second Temple destroyed? Because of *sinat chinam*, senseless hatred of one Jew for another." HATRED OF MESSIAH YAHUSHUA & THE NEW COVENANT PRIESTHOOD OF ZADOK-MALKI-ZADOK**

Hatred for Messiah Yahushua and the new priesthood that was waiting to resume their duties! The fire was set to maintain control of the Jewish people of which they still control to this day fighting the restoration of truth and shalom with the majority control of the false solar lunar calendar.

The Temple's Last Moments

Even in the last minutes of the war, the priests continued carrying out their sacred duties, in spite of the fact that the Temple courtyards flowed with the blood of the slain and fire roared at the entrances. The scope of the tragedy is recorded in the words of the rabbis:

**"The day the Temple was destroyed was the ninth of Av. It was the conclusion of the Sabbath, and the end of the seven year cycle [shmeta]. It was during the time of the (priestly shift) of Yehoyiriv." The shifts changed ON SHABBAT!!!**

"The priests and Levites stood on the platform and continued to sing... and did not cease until the enemy entered and subdued them." (BT Erchin 11:B)

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**Now who destroyed the 2nd Temple and why?**

The Temple was intentionally set in fire. The Jewish historian [Flavius Josephus](http://www.livius.org/jo-jz/josephus/josephus.htm) writes in his *Jewish War* 6.220-270 that the Roman soldiers took the initiative, but this is not true. A fourth-century writer, Sulpicius Severus, states that Titus ordered the destruction of the sanctuary, and this piece of information almost certainly stems from the Roman historian [Tacitus](http://www.livius.org/ta-td/tacitus/tacitus.html), ([*Histories*](http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Tacitus/home.html), [fr.2](http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Tacitus/Histories/Fragments%2A.html#2)). It is more probable that Flavius Josephus invented his story to absolve his friend Titus from the responsibility of this war crime, than that Tacitus was slandering.

Roman historian, Deo Cassius, reports:

*Though a breach was made in the wall by means of engines, nevertheless the capture of the place did not immediately follow even then.* ***On the contrary, the defenders killed great numbers [of Romans] who tried to crowd through the opening and they also set fire to some of the buildings nearby, hoping thus to check the further progress of the Romans.*** *Nevertheless, the soldiers, because of their superstition, did not immediately rush in but at last, under compulsion from Titus, they made their way inside. Then the Jews defended themselves much more vigorously than before, as if they had discovered a piece of rare good fortune in being able to fight near the Temple and fall in its defense.*

Josephus says:

So Titus retired into the tower of Antonia, and resolved to storm the temple the next day, early in the morning, with his whole army, and to encamp round about the holy house. But as for that house, **God had, for certain, long ago doomed it to the fire**; and now that fatal day was come, according to the revolution of ages; it was the tenth day of the month Lous, [Ab,] upon which it was formerly burnt by the king of Babylon; **although these flames took their rise from the Jews themselves, and were occasioned by them.**

**"for they set the north-west cloister...on fire...and thereby made a beginning in burning the sanctuary"; "they lay still while the temple was first set on fire, and deemed this spreading of the fire to be for their own advantage"; "they had begun with their own hands to burn down that temple which we have preserved hitherto";**

"they" above is always the Jews. There's little doubt who he blames, at least from a moral standpoint. He does mention the soldier who sets fire to a window but also says that fires were fought before that, and doesn't say that the soldier is the direct cause.

**Josephus is saying it's not just a strange coincidence, but was planned. (I had always wondered about this myself.) But: The Talmud relates the fires began on the 9th and continued through the morning of the 10th, at which time the destruction was complete so it does not contradict Josephus's account. Destruction is commemorated on 9th because 'the beginning was the hardest part to endure' - many of the laws of mourning extend until midday of the 10th.**

**Why is this important? If Rome wanted it destroyed not burned what motives did the false non Zadokite priests have? Whose hands were they concerned with keeping the priesthood from?**

**Answers: Ezekiel 40:46, 43:19, 44:15, 48:11, 48:30, Rev. 4:4, 4:10, 5:8, 5:14, 11:16, 19:4**

They knew the Temple would be judged. Zachariah 11:1-2. But in order to avoid the restoration of the true priesthood headed by Yahushua Ha MaShiach from Judah and Zadok, **they started the fire to protect their position**, rather than allow the true Messiah **and priesthood to take control of a rebuilt-restored Temple as promised by Ezekiel the Zadokite in the Word! These leaders are today the overseers of modern day Judaism and they still oppose the restoration truths and the Messiah and His priesthood that bring them.**

**SO WE SEE THAT EVEN THOUGH THE 2 TEMPLES BELONGED TO YHUH HE WAS NOT ADVERSE TO CLEANSING THEM VIA DESTRUCTION. What he did in the past He PROMISED to do again because to whom much is given much is required. We better take this opportunity in His Word to get our own house in order, so he can live there without a threat of destruction. First Corinthians 5:4-7.**

**So the principle is when we set fire to our own bodies with hatred and idolatry YHUH who is the same yesterday today and forever Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8, will destroy more temples. The temples that claim to be His and house His Ruach but defile it continuously without changing their behaviors and lifestyles! First Corinthians Ch. 6:9-20 and Second Corinthians 6: 14-18. If we allow ourselves to change our thoughts and lifestyles this will be the result in the malchut! First Corinthians 3:13-17.**

Zachariah 8:19-Tisha B Av will become a moed of gliah as it takes its rightful place as a celebration being an eternal weekly Shabbat for eternity.