

Tisha B'au

Putting things in PERSPECTIVE

A closer look at the dates surrounding the building, completion, and destruction of the Batei Mikdash, Bayis Rishon and Bayis Sheini (the First and Second Temples) – each of which lasted for over 400 years | BY ROBERT SUSSMAN

ERA OF THE FIRST BEIS HAMIKDASH

2928 – In the month of Iyar, building of the First Beis HaMikdash (Temple) commenced

2935 – Building of the First Beis HaMikdash was completed. On the 7th of Tishrei, Shlomo HaMelech (King Solomon) gathered all of the children of Israel to celebrate. The celebration lasted seven days – and they even ate on the 10th of Tishrei, Yom Kippur.

3336 – On the 10th of Tevet*, the army of Nebuchadnezar laid siege to Yerushalayim

3338 – The First Beis HaMikdash was destroyed

- **9 Tammuz** – The walls of Yerushalayim were penetrated
- **17 Tammuz*** As a result of the siege around Yerushalayim, the korban tamid (daily offering) ceased being brought in the Beis HaMikdash
- **7 Av** – The army of Nebuchadnezar entered into the Beis HaMikdash, where they feasted and vandalised things until late on the 9th of Av
- **9 Av*** – The army set fire to the Beis HaMikdash and it burned until the 10th of Av. Most of the Jewish people were taken into exile to Bavel (Babylon).

3228 – **17 Tammuz*** – Menashe, King of Yehudah, placed an idol in the Beis HaMikdash (some say this was instead done by Apustomus – see 3610)

3319 – Nebuchadnezar, King of Bavel (Babylon), conquered the area belonging to the tribe of Yehudah, as well as Yerushalayim, plundering the Beis HaMikdash

3339 – **2 Tishrei** – Gedaliah, the Governor of Yehudah, was assassinated (because of this event, we fast each year on the 3rd of Tishrei, aka Tzom Gedaliah, the day following the two-day observance of Rosh HaShanah)

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In the background, a painting by David Roberts titled, "The Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans Under the Command of Titus" from 1850 (5610).