

Mourning / Lamentations: Tish b'au. Losses

What have you lost & mourned.
which sacred, which not?

Aug 10, 1989, 9 hr. fast (1:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.) & went to Brod Artzer's
service. Lit the candles, reading lamentations. Not ^{willing} to continue
the fast. Feels like Tish B'Av is important as sign of end of retrospective
down (3 dark weeks) & distance from Sinai, & start up to ^{Elul} R.4.
Let us turn back to the land (3.4c). Work to end state of spiritual exile.

Lamentations

Let tears run down like a river

2.6

2.9 -- The prophets (clim) find no more vision

3. 17. -- my soul is far off from peace

5. 15. The joy of an heart is ceased
our dance is turned into mourning.

6. 21. Turn from us onto thee, O Lord,
& we shall be turned.

Leading to the 7 weeks of comfort....

Lamentations

- message that one should not succumb to despair & hope in spite of agony & distress.
God's compassion will not fail those who trust in him

3. 24 yet hope
quietly wait -

40. let us search & try our ways
and return to the Lord.

A.M.

Deut 4: 25-40. → Return to God, the God of Compassion

P.M.

Ex. 32: 11-14 → Moses arguing God not to destroy people (City of Golden calf).

P.M.

Isaiah 55. 6-8. → A note of hope, God's promise of salvation
God freely forgives

55. 8. My plans are not your plans

12 You shall leave in joy & be led home securely.

56. 7. A house of prayer for all people

Isaiah 65. 6 -- 66. 8.

Tanakh p. 756-7. 65. 17. I am creating a new heaven & a new earth.

25. wolf & lamb graze together.