

Events of Shiva Asar B'Tammuz:
Event #1: Moshe Broke the *Luchot* (Tablets)

When *Bnei Yisrael* were in the desert, Moshe came down from *Har Sinai* with the *luchot* on Shiva Asar B'Tammuz. When he saw the people dancing around the *Egel HaZahav* (Golden Calf), he was so upset that he broke the *luchot*. He was upset because *Bnei Yisrael* were supposed to become closer to Hashem after receiving the Torah, but instead they were doing the forbidden action of *Avodah Zarah* (idolatry).

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Event #2: The *Korban Tamid* (Daily Sacrifice) Stopped

In the *Beit HaMikdash*, special *korbanot* (sacrifices) were brought every day as part of the daily service, the goal of which was to keep *Bnei Yisrael* close to Hashem. On Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, the enemies of *Bnei Yisrael* knew how important this korban was, so they continually made it very difficult for *Bnei Yisrael* to do so, until one day, it proved too challenging, and *Bnei Yisrael* had to stop bringing the *Korban Tamid*. This was a big loss for *Bnei Yisrael*, as it felt like they were losing their daily connection to Hashem.

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Event #3: The Surrounding Walls of Jerusalem Were Broken

In ancient times, many big cities had walls surrounding them, which served as protection for the people inside the city. On Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, when the enemies of *Bnei Yisrael* broke through the walls of Jerusalem, they were able to come in and cause harm to the people, their homes, and the *Beit HaMikdash*, which was at the center of the city.

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Event #4: A Torah Scroll was Burned

On Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, a Torah scroll was burned by a man named Apostomoas. This was a terrible event because we are supposed to honor the Torah.

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Event #3: *Avodah Zarah* (Idol Worship)

On Shiva Asar B'Tammuz, *Avodah Zarah* was placed inside the *Beit HaMikdash*, which is meant to be the holiest place for *Bnei Yisrael*, where we serve Hashem.