

UNIT TWO - From Shivat Tziyon to Herzl: The Jewish People's Historical Connection to the Land of Israel (Part 2)



Lesson Quizzes

LESSON PLAN 8: From Revolt to Resilience - Jewish Defiance and Rebirth under Rome

Source 18-20

- 1) What were the main causes of the Diaspora Revolt, and how did events in the Roman Empire contribute to its outbreak?
- 2) In which regions did Jewish uprisings occur during the War of Kitos, and what were the consequences for those Jewish communities?
- 3) How did the Roman Empire respond to the revolts, and what long-term impact did this conflict have on Jewish life and identity in the Diaspora?
- 4) What were the main actions taken by Hadrian that led to the outbreak of the Bar Kochba Revolt?
- 5) Why did Rabbi Akiva and others believe that Simon Bar Kochba might be the Messiah, and how did that perception later change?
- 6) How did Bar Kochba and his army initially succeed against the Romans, and what evidence do we have of this success today?
- 7) What does the Roman response to the revolt, including the involvement of General Julius Severus and the destruction caused, tell us about the scale and severity of the conflict?
- 8) What are the reasons given by Jewish sages for the eventual defeat of Bar Kochba and his forces?
- 9) Describe the significance of the fall of Betar and its impact on Jewish tradition and memory.
- 10) How did Hadrian punish the Jewish people and attempt to erase their connection to Jerusalem and the Land of Israel after the revolt?
- 11) What long-term consequences did the Bar Kochba Revolt have on Jewish life, both in the Land of Israel and in the Roman Empire more broadly?

- 12) What role did Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai and the center at Yavneh play in ensuring the survival of Judaism after the destruction of the Second Temple?
- 13) Why did the Romans rename Jerusalem and the Land of Israel, and what were the new names they gave them?
- 14) What deeper motivation drove the Jews to revolt against the Romans repeatedly, despite the overwhelming odds?
- 15) How did Hadrian attempt to erase Jewish identity and presence from Jerusalem after the Bar Kochba Revolt?