

The 70 Years Prophecy, Jubilee Years, 2300 Days, Elijah, Ezekiel and the End of Days

What is the significance of the number "70" in Bible symbolism and prophecy? What about Jeremiah's mysterious "70 years" of captivity prophesied for the ancient nation of Judah? What about the "70 years" prophesied against ancient "Tyre"? Is there an end-time fulfillment to these ancient prophecies?

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In *The Temple* by Alfred Edersheim, in his commentary at the bottom of page 204 he quoted the *Mishnah* as follows: "the field was plowed in the autumn and sowed 70 days before PASSOVER."

This was done to begin the barley harvest, which began after Passover with the waving of the "omer" or wave sheaf offering on the 16th day of Nisan, the day after the first day of Unleavened Bread. The number "70" is a very significant number in Scripture.

The Number "70" in Scripture

"70" is an interesting number in Scripture. There were 70 of Israel who went down to Egypt (Gen.46:27). There were 70 elders who saw "God" at Mount Sinai (Ex.24: 9-11). God gave His Spirit to 70 elders of the people of Israel (Num.11:16, 24-26). King David died at age 70. There were seventy nations in the ancient world.

Says E. W. Bullinger of this number:

"SEVENTY is another combination of two of the perfect numbers, *seven* and *ten*. . . . As compared with the sum of two numbers, the *product* exhibits the significance of each in an intensified form.

"Hence 7 X 10 signifies *perfect* spiritual order carried out with all spiritual power and significance. Both *spirit* and *order* are greatly emphasized.

"THE SEVENTY NATIONS which peopled the earth are set forth with a

particularity which shows the importance of the fact (see Gen.10).

"THE SEVENTY SOULS OF GENESIS 46 are marked not only by the perfection of spiritual truth, as seen by the multiple of 7, but by the perfection of Divine order, as seen in the multiple of 10, *seventy* being 7 X 10. . .

"These *seventy* built up the nation of Israel. See Genesis 46:27; Exod.1:5; and Ruth 4:11.

"*Seventy* elders furnished Israel's great Tribunal (Exo.24:1; Num.11:16), afterwards called the Sanhedrin. . .

"*Seventy* disciples sent out by the Lord prefigure the mighty host which followed them (Luke 10:1, 17) in spirit and in power.

"It is the number specially connected with JERUSALEM, for the city kept its sabbaths *seventy* years, while Judah was in Babylon (Jer.35:11).

"And *seventy sevens* were determined upon it to complete its transgression, and bring in everlasting righteousness for it (Dan.9:24)" (*Number in Scripture*, E. W. Bullinger, pages 270-271).

In Scripture, "7" is the number of spiritual perfection or completion. The Sabbath is the seventh day, which completes the week. There are "7" candlesticks on the Menorah, a type of Israel (Rev.1:20; Gal.6:16). In Hebrew, the word "seven" is *shevah*, from the root *savah*, meaning "to be full, satisfied, have enough of." Thus "7" is the number of spiritual perfection.

In time, seven completes the week. In creation, seven completes the colors of the spectrum or rainbow.

Also, in Scripture, "10" is the number of ordinal or numeric perfection. It signifies the perfection or completion of Divine order, as it begins a whole new set of numbers. The numbers 1-10 is a complete cycle, in itself, and is repeated over and over as we count numbers. The decimal system is based on the number ten.

Consider: God gave "Ten Commandments," the tithe is a *tenth* of one's income, there were *ten plagues* on ancient Egypt, the end-time kingdom of the "Beast" has *ten toes* (Dan.2:41- 44), and *ten horns* (Dan.7:7, 24; Rev.13:1), and *ten kings* will fight against Christ at His Second Coming (Rev.17:12-14).

Seven *times* ten, therefore, combines both numbers as a multiple, multiplying and intensifying the meaning or symbolism of both numbers.

As "70" signifies both spiritual perfection (7) and ordinal (numerical) perfection (10), times each other, the resultant number is *very significant! It signifies the completion of a spiritual AND ordinal cycle.*

"Seventy" as a Time of Punishment

Jeremiah prophesied that the kingdom of Judah and its surrounding nations would "serve

the king of Babylon seventy years" Jer.25:11). God then added, "Then it will come to pass, when *seventy years are completed*, that I will PUNISH the king of Babylon, and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, says the LORD; and I will make it a perpetual desolation" (v.12).

A similar prophecy was issued against the city-state of Tyre. Isaiah prophesied that "Tyre" -- a type of this modern commercial end-time New World Order -- was to be punished for seventy years. God said, "Now it shall come to pass in THAT DAY that Tyre will be forgotten 70 years. . . . At the END of 70 years it will happen to Tyre as in the song of the *harlot* And it shall be, at the end of 70 years, that the LORD will deal with Tyre. She will return to her hire, and commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world on the face of the earth. Her gain and her pay will be set apart for the LORD" (Isa.23:15-18, NKJV).

The city of Tyre was conquered by Nebuchadnezzar. It became a part of the neo-Babylonian empire, under Nebuchadnezzar, by conquest, and suffered enslavement for seventy years. But "Tyre" -- the commercial, sea-trading capital of the Phoenician Empire, was a *type* in many respects of a modern day "Tyre" -- a commercial metropolis which is the world's greatest trading center and sea-port.

What city today would be most like ancient Tyre, the commercial capital of the ancient Near East, during its hey-day?

New York City!

In other words, ancient Tyre was a type of modern day New York City, with its tremendous harbor, the mercantile center of the modern trading world -- the colossus of the Western Hemisphere.

Could New York -- and its extended "empire" -- the United States of America -- fulfill a modern "70 years" prophecy directed at ancient Tyre? But when would that 70 years begin and conclude?

1947 in Bible Prophecy

The year 1947 is a very interesting year. It is the year the United Nations voted to establish a Jewish state in the Middle East, paving the way for Israel to become a nation. This fulfilled Biblical prophecy which clearly shows that a Jewish nation would exist prior to the second coming of the Messiah! "The coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed their flocks there," prophesied Zephaniah (Zeph.2:7).

Let's look at the year 1947. On November 29, 1947, the United Nations voted to end British control of Palestine and divided the country into a Jewish state and an Arab state. Nearby Arab countries prepared to crush the fledgling Jewish state and war broke out in 1948, as soon as the Jews declared their independence. Troops from Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan (then Transjordan), Egypt and Syria invaded Israel on May 15, 1948. The Israelis were greatly outnumbered and poorly armed. Nevertheless, they defeated the massed Arab armies by the end of 1948 and

controlled about half of the land the UN had planned for the new Arab state. The other half was divided between Jordan and Egypt.

1947 would thus appear to be an instrumental, pivotal year in terms of Biblical prophecy. Interestingly, if we count 70 years from that date, we come to 2017. Moses wrote, “The days of our lives are seventy years” (Psalm 90:10). Thus “70” could be viewed as a length of a human “generation.” Since “70” is the Biblical length of a generation, if we count 70 years from 1947 we come to 2017!

Jesus Christ speaking of this last “final” generation, said, “Now learn this parable from the fig tree [the fig tree is a “type” of Israel]. When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you now that summer is near. So, you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!” (Matt.24:32-33).

He is speaking of the second coming!

Yeshua went on to say, “Assuredly, I say to you, THIS GENERATION [the end-time generation which sees these things come to pass!] will by no means pass away TILL all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Matt.24:34-35).

ONE GENERATION – from 1947 to 2017!

The Jubilee Years

God commanded His people to observe special years of land rest every seventh year in a fifty year cycle. These were called “land Sabbaths” – or in the Hebrew, a *shemittah* year.

God declared, “Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; but in the seventh year there shall be a *Sabbath of solemn rest for the land*, a Sabbath to the LORD” (Lev.25:3-4).

God then commanded, “And you shall count seven Sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years. Then you shall cause the trumpet of the JUBILEE to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and *proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants*. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family. That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee for you” (verses 8-11).

The Jubilee year in ancient Israel was meant to be a year of liberty, freedom – release from bondage – a new year of RENEWAL!

How does this tie in with the coming of the Messiah?

“Times of Restitution”

The apostle Peter declared, to the assembled Jews of his day, “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that *times of refreshing* may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you -- even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to RESTORE EVERYTHING, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets” (Acts 3:19-21).

The “times of refreshing,” and time of “restoring everything,” would logically occur on a Jubilee year -- the designated year of liberty, freedom, forgiveness of all debts, and restitution of all lands and properties and inheritances (Lev.25).

Jesus Himself, when He began His ministry, said, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim FREEDOM for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to RELEASE the oppressed, to proclaim the YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR” (Luke 4:18-19, NIV).

Although this Scripture was fulfilled in *type* at Yeshua’s first coming, it will be fully fulfilled in its TOTALITY at His Second Coming! This Scripture also describes the “Jubilee year” -- the “year of the Lord’s favor,” the year of freedom and “release.” At the Second Coming of Christ, the Israelite prisoners in foreign lands around the world will be given their FREEDOM, and the oppressed everywhere will be RELEASED!

There are different ways to calculate or establish a “Jubilee cycle.” However, using Bible prophecy as a guide, let us notice the facts. Ancient Judah was taken captive by the Babylonians in 604 B.C. under king Nebuchadnezzar, because of their SINS. A remnant returned to Israel 70 years later, in 534 B.C., under king Cyrus of Persia (Dan.9:1-2). The vast majority never returned till the fulfillment of the “seven times” prophecy (see Leviticus 26). This prophecy stated Israel would be punished for “seven times.” In Biblical prophecy, a “time” equals a year (compare Rev.12:6 and 12:14). A Biblical prophetic year has 360 “days,” and in prophecy a “day” equals a year in fulfillment.

Each “day” itself represents a “year” in actual fulfillment. This principle of interpretation is revealed in the book of Numbers. Moses sent twelve spies to search out the land of Canaan. They were gone for forty days. When they returned, ten of the spies brought back an “evil” report, saying that the land was filled with giants, and to conquer them was hopeless (Num.13:1- 33). The people then rebelled against Moses and refused to go up and take the land out of fear (Numbers 14:1-4).

Because of this disobedience and lack of faith, God punished that generation. He told them, “According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, *for every day a year, you shall bear your iniquity, forty years*, and you shall know my displeasure (Numbers 14:34, NRSV).

This same principle of prophetic interpretation is borne out in Ezekiel 4:4-6. God told His prophet: “Then lie on your left side, and place the punishment of the house of Israel upon it;

you shall bear their punishment for the number of the days that you lie there. For I assign to you a number of days, three hundred ninety days, *equal to the number of YEARS of their punishment*; and so, you shall bear the punishment of the house of Israel.

“When you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, but on your right side, and bear the punishment of the house of Judah; forty days I assign you, *one day for each year*” (Ezek.4:4-6, NRSV).

Let’s apply this principle to the “seven times” punishment God said He would pour out on his people if they broke His covenant (Lev.26).

Thus $360 \times 7 = 2520$ years!

If we count 2520 years from 604 B.C., we come to 1917 A.D.!

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| 2520 years |
| <u>-604 B.C.</u> |
| 1916 |
| <u>+1 (no year zero)</u> |
| 1917 A.D. |

What happened in 1917 A.D. that relates to the kingdom of Judah?

Counting from 604 B.C., 2,520 years brings us to 1917 A.D. – the very year General Allenby conquered Jerusalem and wrested control of Palestine from the Turkish Empire during World War I! *In that very same year, the Balfour Declaration in Great Britain paved the way for the return of the Jewish people to their homeland in the Middle East.*

Arthur James Balfour (1848-1930) served as the Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1902 to 1905 and was a leader of the Conservative Party for over 20 years. The Balfour Declaration issued in 1917 bore his name. He served as Foreign Secretary in the coalition war cabinet of David Lloyd George from 1916 to 1919.

The Balfour Declaration dealt with the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. The Declaration read as follows:

“His Majesty’s Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.”

The Balfour Declaration was one of the most important documents in human history. It set the stage for the resurrection of “Israel” in the Middle East, paving the way for the fulfillment of critical end-time prophecies and preparing for the coming of the Messiah!

1917 in Prophecy!

But the Balfour Declaration would have been meaningless without the tremendous victory of the British forces under General Edmund H. H. Allenby against the Turkish Empire in the Middle East, which then controlled Palestine.

Surely the most phenomenal aspect of the First World War, which had the most to do with miraculous divine intervention and fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, was the campaign to defeat the Turkish Empire and recapture Jerusalem from Turkish control. The Turks had ruled the region for almost five centuries, as part of the Ottoman Empire.

In accomplishing this feat, Almighty God used a quiet-spoken man, General Edmund H. H. Allenby, born in 1861. He had participated in the Boer War in South Africa, and seeing the slipshod incompetence of his superiors, determined to instill common sense, imagination, and thorough preparation into military planning and strategy. Allenby radiated tremendous resolution, decisiveness and iron discipline.

General Allenby was not only a military genius, but a sensitive man who was deeply interested in music, literature, history, and roses. He deeply believed in God and often consulted the Bible for spiritual guidance and when campaigning in Palestine, for historical and geographical insights. He often asked staff officers to bow their heads and pray with him for success in combat with few casualties. When British artillery came within striking distance of Jerusalem, he didn't want to have to fire on the holy city. He cabled Prime Minister Lloyd George for instructions, and he replied to do whatever he deemed necessary. He cabled the King George V for guidance, and he replied, "Pray about it."

Gathering his staff together, they prayed, as the King advised. Soon thereafter he was given the amazing news that the Turkish army had ceased firing and the Turkish garrison in Jerusalem had surrendered! The date was December 9, 1917.

What had led up to this prodigious event? God was in the process of fulfilling His divine timetable for prophecy. As sincere students of the Bible understand, God works prophetic events out on a unique schedule. From the time, ancient Judea was carried away into captivity by king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in 604 B.C., the word of God had foretold that the Jewish people would suffer "seven times" for their sins (Lev.26:18). Seven "times" mean seven prophetic "years" of 360 days each – or a total of 2,520 days, each day representing a year in fulfillment (Num.14:34; Ezek.4:6). Counting 2,520 years from 604 B.C., brings us to 1917 A.D. – the very year General Allenby liberated Palestine from the control of the Turkish Empire, restoring it to the control of the House of Israel, and that same year the Jews were permitted to begin emigrating back to Palestine by the Balfour Declaration.

Beersheba

But there is much more to this significant fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. Unlike his predecessors who sought to capture Gaza directly and were repulsed, Allenby decided to reverse the seemingly logical plan. He made Beersheba, the "Well of the Oath," the first target of his

attack. This would “break the hinge” of Gaza and hopefully would catch the Turks by surprise. But it meant he would have to send a large force across the waterless desert undetected, to achieve complete surprise. Otherwise, the operation would end in disaster. Timing was crucial. And so was stealth.

To achieve their aims, the British embarked on one of the most successful ruses of deception in the history of warfare. They managed to convince the Turkish commanders and their German advisors that they were really going to attack Gaza, just as before, merely jabbing in a feint toward Beersheba to make them think otherwise. The ruse succeeded, and 47,000 British infantry marched secretly by night to outflank Beersheba.

On the night of October 30, 1917, after desperate combat, a British fighter shot down a German spotter aircraft which had taken pictures behind British lines which would have exposed the British strategy and meant certain defeat.

Up until 1917, the Turks had enjoyed air supremacy in the battles in the Middle East, with German-flown aircraft supporting them. Allenby knew that for him to emerge victorious, he would have to have air supremacy. He cabled Britain for over 60 modern aircraft. From 1917 on, the enemy aircraft were almost driven from the skies. The British airplanes swooped down upon the hapless Turks, machine-gunning, bombing, and strafing targets at will, and spotting for artillery bombardments.

Beersheba had to be taken the day it was attacked, before the Turks could send reinforcements. At 3:00 pm, the British launched their final attack – the last major cavalry assault in modern warfare. Eight hundred men charged forward in the dimming sunlight, swinging their bayonets. With the sun setting behind them, they took Beersheba. The German engineer, however, had begun detonating the explosives planted to blow up all Beersheba’s water supplies. Two Australian Light Horsemen caught him in the act, and for a “few moments three men held the fate of Allenby’s campaign to capture Jerusalem and the entire future of the Middle East in their hands,” writes Andrew Adams in *As Birds Flying* (page 61).

Adams continues, “The course of Biblical prophecy and history could be changed in a split second of time, with a few twists of wire and flicks of a switch. All the planning and all the fighting hinged on this small personal confrontation.” The wells of Beersheba were saved, and as the sun set, 58,500 men and 100,000 animals swarmed into Beersheba, with plenty of water to slake their thirst. Says Adams, “History’s last great mounted charge had saved an army and set it on the way to Jerusalem” (p.63).

The Battle for Jerusalem

Allenby had advanced 50 miles in ten days against a tough Turkish army. How good soldiers the Turks were was revealed at Gallipoli, near the Dardanelles, when the Turks had stood off and defeated a British attempt to seize the straits and bring an army up through eastern Europe to aid the Russians on the eastern front. In this fighting, the British had to finally withdraw, suffering 252,000 casualties. But the Turks also suffered similar casualties and were near the breaking point. Perhaps this “defeat” for the British was a victory in disguise, because it

destroyed some of the best Turkish fighting units, thus preventing their later disposition to Palestine to bolster defenses there! If the British had succeeded in Gallipoli, then Jerusalem would not have been attacked, or have fallen, in the Biblical prescribed prophetic timetable.

Says Adams, “The spectre of assaulting Jerusalem haunted many knowing full well the sullen ferocity the Turks could show in defense. But spreading from regiment to regiment, from padre to padre, there was a feeling that something unusual was about to happen. Some said Biblical prophecy was going to be fulfilled” (p.71).

A costly, nasty battle appeared to be in the offing. At dawn on December 8, strong defensive positions were stormed and seized west of Jerusalem. Near sunset, British troops occupied the Mount of Olives to the east, after some of the bitterest fighting of the war.

At this point, “A *sudden panic* fell on the Turks west and southwest of Jerusalem. Cavalry and transport columns broke ranks and galloped furiously cityward along the Jaffa road. In passing, they alarmed all units within sight or hearing and the infantry arose and fled bootless and without rifles, never pausing to think or fight. While the shades of night hung about the Holy City, Turkish guns fired continuously to cover their retreat. German and Turkish officers, wild with rage, tried to rally the retreating rabble, but to no avail. This day, December 8, was the *Feast of Hanukkah* commemorating the *deliverance of Jerusalem* by Judah Maccabaeus many years ago” (p.74-75).

In 164 B.C. Jerusalem had also been saved from Syrian occupation by the heroic forces of the Maccabees. The Temple of God was recaptured on Kislev 25 and cleansed from contamination. This gave rise to the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, the “Festival of Lights.”

The governor of Jerusalem, Izzet Bey, wrote a letter of surrender. At two o’clock in the morning, December 9, worn-out Turkish troops began filing through the Jaffa gate, into Jerusalem. Officers were heard to sullenly mutter, “We’ve got to go.” From 2:00 am to 7:00 am, Turkish troops streamed through and out of the city. The mayor of Jerusalem, with the surrender letter composed by the Turkish governor, bearing a white flag, sought to deliver the notice of surrender to the British, but first encountered a party of British cooks who had lost their way. A group of gunnery officers were too busy to be bothered with it, but eventually the surrender party found General O’Shea of the 60th Division who formally accepted the surrender.

It was December 9, 1917.

“Like Birds Hovering”

What is so significant about the capture of Jerusalem? The prophet Isaiah wrote: “*Like birds hovering overhead, so the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem; he will protect and*

deliver it, he will spare and rescue it” (Isa.31:5, NRSV). This was written by Isaiah the prophet in 713 B.C. – about 2,700 years ago.

One of the key factors that led to Allenby’s successful conquest of the Turks and the capture of Jerusalem was his *air superiority* – the absolute domination of the skies by British airmen – “like birds hovering.” The Turks counter-attacked Jerusalem thirteen times, but were beaten off as citizens in Jerusalem prayed on their rooftops that the British might withstand the attacks. The attacks all failed, as Turkish prisoners later related, because of the constant bombing and machine-gunning from aircraft! As one captured officer put it, they were “like a flock of angry birds.”

There was a proverb among the Arabs, which was well known to the Turks: “When the waters of the Nile flow into Palestine, then will a prophet of the Lord deliver Jerusalem from the Turkish yoke.” To the Arabs, Allenby was known as “Allah-en-Nebi” which means “prophet of the Lord.” And, the British army had, as it marched from Egypt to Gaza, laid a pipeline carrying fresh water from the Nile delta. Thus, to the Arabs and superstitious Turks, it appeared that Allenby was the embodiment of the fulfillment of this ancient prophecy!

It is also striking that from the conquest of Beersheba, 31 October, till the fall of Jerusalem, was precisely *forty days* – a very significant number in the Bible, representing a ‘time of trial and testing.’”

Is it mere coincidence that the Church of England’s Prayer Book had in its morning lesson for December 8, 1917, Isaiah chapter 31, verse 5 – “*Like birds hovering overhead, so the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem*”? In the Prayer Book of Edward VI, 1552 A.D., Isaiah 31 was the lesson for December 12. When revised in 1862 it became the lesson for December 8. Andrew Adams writes:

“The Church of England’s Prayer Book had in its morning lesson for 8 December 1917, Isaiah Chapter 31, which of course included verse 5. December 8 was the date that the Turks began their disorderly retreat from Jerusalem. From thousands of scriptures which could have been chosen for December 8, the very prophecy which was to be fulfilled on that date happened to be the lesson!

“In the Prayer Book of Edward VI, 1552, the chapter Isaiah 31 was the lesson for December 12. In the revision in 1662, it became the lesson for December 9, while in the revision in 1872 it became the lesson for December 8. *Thus for 365 years Isaiah 31 was the lesson for the very days in December during which Jerusalem would be delivered from the Turks to Israel-Britain*” (As *Birds Flying*, p.99).

Andrew Adams notes that Dr. Grattan Guinness in 1886 boldly predicted, from Bible prophecy, “the very year 1917 when Jerusalem would be delivered.” He adds, “This was confirmed in 1898 by Dr. H. Aldersmith – another student of Biblical prophecy. He also stated that he believed some type of flying machine would play a major role in this deliverance” (*ibid.*). Notice that this, of course, was several years before the “airplane” was even invented. The Wright Brothers did not fly their first flimsy airplane until 1903 at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

Adams also points out that Daniel, chapter 12, speaks of a deliverance of God's people from "the abomination of desolation" after 1335 days (verse 12). This "abomination of desolation" can be seen as the Muslim occupation of the Holy City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. Thus, if we count from the rise of Mohammedan power, which began in 622 A.D., with Mohammed's flight from Mecca to Medina where he was received as a prophet and a prince – 1335 years later, *by the Muslim lunar calendar*, brings us to the year 1917 A.D.! Says Adams, "Egyptian coins minted in 1917 bear two corresponding dates, side by side, the Muslim date in Arabic numerals **1335** and in ordinary numerals **1917**" (p.100). The Muslim calendar has twelve lunar months, so approximates 354 days a year, and is 11 days shorter than the Roman solar-based calendar. Therefore, from 622 A.D. to 1917 A.D., according to the Muslim lunar calendar, is a period of exactly 1335 years!

Adams also reveals that if we use the Roman calendar's solar year, we also arrive at some significant dates in Middle Eastern history. Applying the solar calendar of 365 ¼ days in a year, 1260 solar years from 622 A.D. brings us to 1882, the year Britain invaded Egypt, which was then part of the Turkish Ottoman Empire, causing a decline in the Turkish power. 1290 solar years brings us to 1912, the year of the First Balkan War, which was the beginning of the final break-up of the Turkish Empire. Adding 1335 solar years to 622 A.D. brings us to 1957 – a year of great turmoil in the Middle East, involving especially Israel, Egypt and Turkey.

What about the date December 9, itself? Says Adams, "*Even the day and month of Jerusalem's deliverance* was recorded by the little-known prophet Haggai. He said it would be the 24th day of the Hebrew month Kislev, which for the year 1917 was 9 December" (p.105). God brought a message of blessing to the Jews during the time of Zerubbabel, when the Temple of God was rebuilt in ancient times. The blessing message was delivered on the 24th day of the ninth month, Kislev (Haggai 2:15-18). Three times in the book of Haggai God emphasized for His people to "consider" this date!

As Adams says, "Therefore we may recognize here again the finger of God in the deliverance of Jerusalem, when we find that it occurred on the exact date of the blessing foretold through Haggai twenty-four centuries beforehand, for in 1917 the 24th Kislev fell on 9 December. Furthermore, all Hebrew days begin at the previous sunset, and from the beginning of the 24th Kislev (sunset on 8 December 1917) and all through the night, Turkish troops were evacuating the holy City. By early morning, all had gone and soon after 8:00 am on 9 December (24th Kislev), the Mayor of Jerusalem, under a white flag, was seen coming from the city to surrender the keys" (p.107-108).

"Beyond All Reasonable Doubt"

Concludes Adams: "It must surely be *beyond all reasonable doubt* that all these extraordinary prophecies cannot just be coincidence! Many incidents related in the history of this campaign also bear the stamp of an overriding divine omnipresence – the defeat at Gallipoli making a campaign in Palestine to defeat Turkey, and therefore take Jerusalem, a necessity, Allenby's interest in divine prophecy and the identification of Britain and kindred peoples as being of Israel."

The brilliant plan of deception to fool the Turks, the shooting down of the German spotter plane, the mounted charge just before nightfall to secure Beersheba and its water wells, just before the German engineer began to blow them up, the unexplained “panic” of the Turkish troops on the evening of December 8, as the British approached – surely all these “coincidences” when put together demonstrate the reality of Divine Intervention and the Hand of Providence!

Many men in Allenby’s campaign insisted they had seen visions and angelic beings at various times during the fighting. After a successful battle at Wadi El Arish, returning British troops saw a “mysterious series of night manifestations.” Says Andrew Adams:

“From the ANZAC commander (Chauvel) down through the officers and troopers, visions of ancient buildings, strange animals (for the region of Palestine), lighted villages and angelic beings were witnessed en masse. During debriefing, the stories of hundreds of men were corroborated through cross-checking examinations. As there was no logical explanation, officially the incident was recorded as ‘lack of sleep,’ with a reference to the mysterious ‘Angels of Mons, in 1914 when thousands had seen angelic beings’” (p.155).

Adams continues:

“Reports of angelic beings appearing during fighting occurred right up to the cessation of hostilities in Palestine in 1918. They are too numerous to detail; however, it is interesting to note that once again men of all ranks swore that they saw them. Statements were also taken from captured Turkish and German officers who had witnessed the same manifestations. General Allenby called for and interviewed some witnesses himself. However, the official army view was ‘hallucinations caused by extreme weariness’” (*ibid.*).

Almighty God is very much alive, and present, and active, on the behalf of His people, to accomplish His will. We are indeed a people of Destiny!

Our Great God – the God of Israel – has not lost His power or His interest and love for His people. He intervened in World War I, at significant times, when it suited His purpose, and saved His people from sore defeat. *When? When His people unitedly cried out to Him in prayer, in all the churches and synagogues, and amongst the military planners, leaders and soldiers, when they implored His mercy, forgiveness, and deliverance.*

1917 was the pivotal year. Notice! Once again, a very significant fulfillment of prophecy occurred, 2,520 years after the original nation of Judah was taken into captivity by Babylon in 604 B.C. This amazing prophetic fulfillment, like that for the kingdom of Israel, clearly validates the prophetic principle of 2,520 years of punishment on God’s people for disobedience – for both Israelites and Jews.

In 1922 the League of Nations endorsed the declaration and gave Great Britain a mandate to rule over Palestine. The British mandate ended in 1947. In 1948, the Jews in the territory mandated to Britain established the independent state of Israel.

The Jubilee Cycles

The “Jubilee cycle” is a yearly cycle of 50 years, the 50th year being the “Jubilee” year, or year of release, liberty, and freedom – the great year of “blessing” (see Leviticus 25:8-15). God began dealing with His people and opened the doors to immigration back to Palestine in 1917.

If we count one “Jubilee” cycle from 1917, we come to another pivotal year in the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy for the end of days!

Since the punishment on Judah was completed in 1917, it makes sense that we should begin once again counting “Jubilee cycles” from that date. If we do so, several interesting things develop. Notice!

$$\begin{array}{r} 1917 \\ +50 \\ \hline 1967 \end{array}$$

1967 is the end of one Jubilee cycle! What happened in 1967?

The Six Day War

1967 is the fateful year of the miraculous “Six Day War” in which Israel, gravely threatened by Egypt and surrounding Arab nations with imminent attack, defeated the surrounding Arab states in a blitzkrieg type war in a mere *six days!*

Says the *Worldbook Encyclopedia* in regard to this marvelous event:

“UN troops prevented raids across the Israeli-Egyptian border after the 1956 war. But Arab raids continued from Syria and Jordan into Israel, and Israeli forces raided those countries in return. Border clashes increased greatly in the mid-1960's.

“In May 1967, Israel and the three Arab countries all alerted their armed forces for possible war. At Egypt's demand, the UN troops left the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula. The Egyptians then again closed the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli ships.

“On June 5, 1967, Israeli planes attacked airfields in Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. The Israelis destroyed the Arab air forces almost completely. Then they defeated the Arab armies. By June 8, Israeli troops occupied the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Peninsula, and Jordanian territory west of the River Jordan, including Jordan's half of Jerusalem. On June 10, Israel captured Syria's Golan Heights. The war was over in six days.

“When the brief war ended, the Israelis controlled Arab territory totaling more than three times the area of Israel itself. In June 1967, Israel officially made Jordan's half of Jerusalem a part of Israel” (“Israel,” p.393).

This astounding war occurred exactly 2300 years from the pivotal battle between Greece and Persia that began Daniel's vision of the eighth chapter. This furious battle, like its predecessor 2300 years ago, was fought against overwhelming odds, and the outcome was

decided by Divine Providence. Something occurred during this battle in 1967 which proves it was the terminus of this ancient prophecy. The Jews seized the Old City of Jerusalem, historic Jerusalem, and along with it THE SACRED TEMPLE MOUNT, where history shows that Solomon's Temple, and the Second Temple, were both constructed!

In 70 A.D., Roman armies under Titus and Vespasian, conquered the Jews and destroyed the Temple. In 132-135 A.D., during the Bar Kochba rebellion, another generation of Jews rebelled against Rome -- after which Jews were BANISHED from Jerusalem and expelled from their homeland by the angry Romans who were furious that they had had to fight two fierce and costly wars with the Jews in a space of sixty-two years. The Jews were a shattered people. Hope of a Jewish Kingdom was annihilated -- destroyed. The period of Jewish exile -- the SECOND major Jewish exile in history -- was begun. It was a time of affliction, consternation, shame, and worldwide reproach.

Wrote Winston and Randolph Churchill:

“Jerusalem was finally reduced to rubble and the harrow drawn across its former glories. In the new Roman city of Jerusalem, no Jew was allowed to set foot more than once a year. The practice of Judaism was forbidden and even circumcision proscribed. Although the Jews remained in Palestine, there could be no further hope of a Jewish Kingdom” (*The Six Day War*, Churchill, p.2-3).

But now, incredibly, in 1967, for the first time since those ancient days, the Jews once again established Jewish CONTROL and sovereignty and authority over the TEMPLE MOUNT AREA OF JERUSALEM!

Gentiles had ruled the region for almost two thousand years. Now, once again, it was under Jewish control -- and the way was once again *prepared* for the rebuilding of the ancient Jewish Temple.

When the Jews conquered the Old City of Jerusalem, wresting it from the hands of the Jordanians, feelings were at an incredible level. Winston S. and Randolph S. Churchill wrote:

“The Wailing Wall is supposedly the last remains of the Temple, destroyed by the Roman Emperor Titus in the year 70 A.D. As he stood beside it Dayan affirmed: 'We have returned to our holiest of holy places, never to be parted from it again.' Ben-Gurion, too, when he visited the wall declared, in a voice charged with emotion: 'This is the greatest day of my life’ (*ibid.*, p.141).

Winston and Randolph Churchill conclude:

“Thus, by nightfall on Wednesday June 7, the Israelis had in their hands Jerusalem, the city of King David, Hebron, the city of Abraham, and all the Holy Land. Just a couple of weeks before, there were few Jews who would have believed they would see any of these places in their lifetime. For Jews, the world over but particularly for those who had come to make their homes in Israel, *this was the fulfillment of a hope of centuries*” (p.147).

Is this astonishing victory for Israel in 1967 significant? A nation of 2 1/2 million put to rout the armies and military forces of Arab nations with a combined population of over 140 million. This was “a staggering achievement,” in the words of Winston S. and Randolph S. Churchill. Colin Legum in *The Observer* called the Israeli victory “a *miracle* of arms” (*ibid.*, p.194-195). He added that one of Israel's leading soldier-politicians remarked:

“The only analogy I can think of is if Britain had found herself in occupation of Berlin just three days after Dunkirk. The suddenness of the transformation from a situation of acute danger to unparalleled victory is too much for any people to absorb. It will take time to get over it” (*ibid.*).

On June 27 three laws were passed through the Knesset annexing the Old City of Jerusalem and reuniting it with the New City on the next day. Was this amazing Six Day War significant in relation to Biblical prophecy? *Of course it was!*

God Almighty wrought an astounding victory for His people Israel!

But the truly astonishing thing to consider is that this war was PROPHESED thousands of years ago by the prophet Daniel!

The Six Day War of Israel in 1967 was also vividly laid out 2,500 years in advance in the prophecies of the book of Daniel!

Let's understand this amazing prophecy, which God Almighty has given to WARN us of things yet to happen, before the coming of the Messiah!

A New Look at Daniel Eight

In the book of Daniel the prophet, is a most puzzling prophecy that has dumfounded Biblical students and researchers for thousands of years. It is found in chapter 8. We read: “In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, had a vision . . . In my vision, I saw myself in the citadel of Susa in the province of Elam; in the vision, I was beside the Ulai Canal. I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later. I watched the ram as he charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against him, and none could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.

“As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the WEST, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground. He came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at him in great rage. I saw him attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering his two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against him; the goat knocked him to the ground and trampled on him, and none could rescue the ram from his power. The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven” (Dan.8:1-8).

The angel Gabriel explains to Daniel the basic meaning of this vision. In verse 20, he says, “The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia” -- that is, the Persian Empire. “The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king” -- that is, Alexander the Great. “The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power” (vs.20-22). After the death of Alexander by fever in Babylon, his natural brother and two sons were murdered. The kingdom was therefore divided up between Alexander’s four top generals, with Seleucus obtaining Syria and Babylon in the east, Cassander ruling Greece and Macedonia in the west, Ptolemy ruling in Egypt to the south, and Lysimachus ruling over Thrace, Cappadocia, and northern Asia Minor in the north.

This prophecy was amazingly fulfilled. Alexander’s forces -- composed of 30,000 mobile cavalry -- moved so rapidly it was as if they traveled “without touching the ground” (v.5). He attacked the Persians with fury and unheard-of violence, representing the concentrated wrath of Greece against the Persians because of previous Persian invasions of Greece and the cruelty they had shown, as well as Darius's attempts to seduce Alexander's soldiers to treachery. In the Greco-Persian battles, Adam Clarke tells us in his commentary:

“The conflicts between the Greeks and the Persians were excessively severe. Alexander FIRST vanquished the generals of Darius, at the river Granicus, in Phrygia; he next attacked and totally routed Darius, at the straits of Issus, in Cilicia; and afterwards at the plains of Arbela, in Assyria. One can hardly read these words, says Bishop Newton 'the ram -- which I had seen standing by the river, ran unto him in the fury of his power,' without having the image of Darius' army STANDING AND GUARDING THE RIVER GRANICUS; and of Alexander on the other side, with his forces plunging in swimming across the stream, and rushing on the enemy, with all the FIRE AND FURY that can be conceived” (Clarke’s Commentary, vol.1, p.597, emphasis mine throughout).

The date of Alexander's world-changing, bench-mark invasion of Asia was 334 B.C. Thus, the date of the vision of the shaggy goat smashing the two-horned ram begins with this incredible victory of the Greeks over the Persian army in 334 B.C.

But after Alexander's lightning-like conquests, he mysteriously died in Babylon and his kingdom was divided. The prophetic vision of Daniel 8 then continues: “Out of one of them [the four horns or kings that divided up the Empire] came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from him and the place of his sanctuary was brought low. Because of REBELLION, the host of the saints, and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground.

“Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, ‘*How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled* -- the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?’ He said to me, ‘It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated’” (Dan.8:9-14). What is the real meaning of this strange vision?

The period of the abomination of desolation itself -- when the Temple itself was defiled -- lasted exactly three years, from Kislev 25, 168 B.C. to Kislev 25, 165 B.C. Josephus tells us,

“Now it so fell out, that these things [the restoration of the Temple by Judas Maccabeus and his army] were done on the VERY SAME DAY on which their divine worship had fallen off, and was reduced to a profane and common use, AFTER THREE YEARS' TIME; for so it was, that the temple was MADE DESOLATE by Antiochus, and so continued for THREE YEARS . . . And this desolation came to pass according to the prophecy of Daniel, which was given four hundred and eight years before . . .” (*Ant.* XII, VII, 6).

This prophecy came to pass, just as Daniel foretold it over four hundred years previously! But that is not all. As most Bible students are well aware, Bible prophecy is often DUAL! There is often a previous forerunner fulfillment, and there will be a final, climactic END-TIME fulfillment as well! Daniel was actually told by the angel Gabriel, “Son of man, understand that the VISION concerns the TIME OF THE END” (Dan.8:17).

Antiochus Epiphanes lived 165 years before Christ's coming the first time. He did not live during the true “time of the end.” Therefore, his fulfillment of these cryptic Biblical passages was only as a TYPE -- a FORERUNER -- of the true apocalyptic END TIME fulfillment to come in OUR DAY, today! Let's notice another fulfillment of this prophecy, which brings us down to our modern generation!

Daniel's 2300 Day Prophecy

It is commonly understood that there is a “day for a year” principle in understanding Biblical prophecy. That is, often when the Bible says a “day,” the interpretation of prophetic fulfillment is a “year,” or a “prophetic year” of 360 days.

When the Israeli spies searched out the land of Canaan for forty days, and then returned to Moses with a negative report, saying the children of Israel were not strong enough to overcome the inhabitants of the land, God was furious with their lack of faith. So He said to them, “FOR FORTY YEARS -- one year for each of the forty days you explored the land -- you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you” (Num.14:34).

This same principle of a day for a year is illustrated by Ezekiel the prophet. God told the prophet, “Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the house of Israel upon yourself. You are to bear their sin for the number of days you lie on your side. I have ASSIGNED you the SAME NUMBER OF DAYS AS THE YEARS of their sin. So for 390 days you will bear the sin of the house of Israel. After you have finished this, lie down again, this time on your right side, and bear the sin of the house of Judah. I have assigned you forty days, A DAY FOR EACH YEAR” (Ezek.4:1-6).

Taking this principle, then, Daniel heard the question of HOW LONG would it take for the VISION he saw in Daniel 8 to be fulfilled, or accomplished -- from beginning to end. That is, from the beginning moment when the Grecian “goat” attacked and pulverized the two-

horned Persian “ram” -- till the END of the vision, when the “sanctuary” would be cleansed or restored, during the “TIME OF THE END” (Dan.8:17; also 8:13, and 5-7).

The prophesied length or duration of this vision was to be 2300 “days” (v.14). Using the “day for a year” principle, we have therefore 2300 YEARS of fulfillment.

Alexander the Great attacked and conquered the assembled Persian army at the river Granicus in 334 B.C., storming across the river with fury, with only 30,000 troops. In so doing, he changed the course of the history of the world from that moment, with one world empire falling, and another rising. Since the prophecy begins with this event, we must count the 2300 years from that very date. Beginning in 334 B.C., counting 2300 years, we come to the year of 1967 A.D.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2300 \text{ days} = \text{years} \\
 \underline{-334 \text{ B.C.}} \\
 1966 \text{ A.D.} \\
 \underline{+1} \quad (\text{no year zero}) \\
 1967 \text{ A.D.} = \text{year of "Six Day War"}
 \end{array}$$

Here again God points to the year 1967 as being a KEY to unlocking end-time Biblical prophetic events! God worked MIRACLES for Israel in the winning of that war!

However, He did not allow the United States to accomplish its major aims during that fantastic war. The U.S. was then ruled by Lyndon B. Johnson, who had his own ideas on how to benefit from the war. His purposes were divinely frustrated.

Johnson's Dirty Secret

After John F. Kennedy's assassination, Vice-President Johnson became president. A number of people benefited from this assassination as well as Johnson, including the Mafia, J. Edgar Hoover, as well as, Cuba's Fidel Castro. Practically on the last day of the 1967 Israeli Six-Day War, Israel attacked the American *USS Liberty* naval ship stationed near Israel with the intent to destroy the ship and all its crew members. Why would they attack an American ship when the war was almost over? The news story given to the people of the US alleged that the *USS Liberty* was being used to give Israeli strategic points and data to the Egyptians and bundling them through the Syrians.

What was the real truth? Years ago I received and published a letter from a crew member that was on board the *USS Liberty* who survived that attack. He felt it was a miracle they were not sunk. Barry Chamish, a Jewish author, has wondered about this strange attack himself for many years. It was a real thorn in America's side. Israel tried to sink the ship and entire crew, but failed. A film was also made about this by the BBC. Barry Chamish talked to two officers later that were on board the ship, and they vehemently denied the news media claim that the ship was providing intelligence for the Egyptians. Chamish said he believed the officers more than the news reports circulated. He also learned that Admiral McCain (father of Senator John McCain)

was not covering for Israel, but he was protecting President L. B. Johnson who had directly *ordered Israel to attack the USS Liberty!* Why would he do such a dastardly thing?

What was the diabolical reasoning behind this? On June 8, 1967, during the 6-Day War between Israel and the Arab nations, L.B. Johnson sent the *clearly marked USS Liberty* with electronic intelligence into the Eastern Mediterranean 14 miles off the coast of Israel *in international waters*. Israel identified the ship as an American ally. At 2 pm two *unmarked* Mirage fighter bombers attacked the ship first, and then three torpedo boats bearing Israeli flags launched torpedoes and opened high caliber machine gun fire strafing the life rafts in the water, which is an international war crime!

During the attack, the USS Liberty continually called the American Sixth Fleet that was nearby, begging for air support. Two groups of fighter aircraft were sent to defend the *Liberty*, but unbelievably they were recalled by the White House! The Admiral in Command of the Sixth Fleet called Washington to confirm the recall order. Secretary of Defense McNamara came on the line followed by the President himself who told the Admiral with expletives “I want that ... [expletive deleted] ship going down to the bottom!” Three hours into the attack a Russian spy-ship appeared, so the Israelis had to withdraw, because now there were **witnesses** of the attack on the USS Liberty. Thus, the ship limped home safely and was not sunk. This was not Israel’s idea, nor was Israel the leader of the hit squad.

Here’s what really took place. President Johnson who had personal control over the ship had made a “back-room deal” with Israel with an order to attack the ship and kill everyone on board so there would be no witnesses. The attack was to be blamed on Egypt and their Russian allies, and the US would then enter the war and take over the entire Middle East. America was angry at Prime Minister Nasser who had turned to the Russians to build up armaments after the Suez crisis in 1956. Nasser also wanted the US to build the Aswan Dam. We refused, so Nasser used the Russians to build it. The American perception was that Prime Minister Nasser had drifted into the Soviet camp and was threatening to make much of the Middle East Soviet clients. Part of the cold war strategy to keep Russia out of the Middle East was to sacrifice our own ship, blame the Egyptians who were Soviet clients and take out the Egyptians thus removing the Russian threat.

The late Dr. Stan Monteith of www.radioliberty.com, a wonderful writer, researcher and historian has long researched the Liberty attack and has had four interviews with the seamen and two officers. His very direct and open quote was, “of course Johnson gave the order, but he received his orders from higher up!” Who is HIGHER than the U.S. President? Perhaps the New World Order or the Illuminati is “higher”.

Dr. Monteith said the order was an American action forced on Israel for political purposes. Johnson also *staged* the Viet Nam War with the Gulf of Tonkin incident where supposedly North Vietnamese PT boats attacked an American destroyer (staged pretext to get the US to go to war against the North Vietnamese). Clearly, God frustrated the American purposes in directing the Israelis covertly to attack the *USS Liberty*, but granted an awesome victory to Israel over her enemies during the Six Day War!

The Next Jubilee Year

But now let's continue the 'Jubilee cycle.' The next 50 years ends in the year 2017. Could this also be significant?

$$\begin{array}{r} 1967 \\ +50 \\ \hline 2017 \end{array}$$

Notice! This date, 2017, is the same date as the 70 years beginning in 1947, the year of the UN mandate to divide Palestine into a Jewish and an Arab state! By this reckoning, the year 2016-2017 is a probable JUBILEE YEAR!

Could all this be mere coincidence? Or is GOD Almighty in control of the times and the seasons of Biblical prophecy and their fulfillment?

Elijah's Prophecy

In tractate 92a of the Talmud, a prophecy is attributed to Elijah the prophet. We read: "Elijah told Judah, the brother of Sala Hasida, 'The world will endure not less than 85 Jubilees, and on the last Jubilee the Son of David will come'" (Talmud, Sanh.97b). What does this cryptic prophecy mean? What is 85 Jubilees? From what point do we count?

Notice this passage states quite clearly that the Messiah the Son of David will come ON THE LAST JUBILEE! A Jubilee year in ancient Israel occurred every 50 years (49 x 7 years plus 1 – see Leviticus 25:8-11). Therefore 85 Jubilees would be 85 x 50 or 4250 years.

The "world" Elijah was speaking of was most likely "this present evil world." The Bible speaks of the "world that then was," the pre-Flood world, and "the world that now is," this present world – the post-Flood world. The post-Flood world began in the year 2348, according to Ussher's chronology. Therefore, we could subtract the dates, to arrive at the "beginning" of the END time prophesied by Elijah. We find: 4250 – 2348 = 1902. Since there was no year zero, we must add one year, bring us to 1903 – the beginning of the twentieth century. This means that the "time of the end" could have begun at that time, as the world was prophesied not to endure less than that period of time. Interestingly, 1903 was the year of the Wright brothers first flight.

However, the Great Rebellion did not commence until the days of Peleg, who was born in 2247 B.C. King Nimrod himself was 215 years of age when he was killed by Esau, in 1878 B.C., so his birth was in 2093 B.C., 154 years after Peleg's birth. He began reigning at age 30, or 2063 B.C. During the time Abraham was in the school of Noah and Shem, from 2046 to 1998 B.C., Nimrod facilitated the building of the tower of Babel itself. Peleg's name meant "Division," and portended a great catastrophe.

If we count the first year of Peleg, "division," as the beginning of the rebellion, and the beginning of the prophecy of "division," then we would calculate 4250 years beginning in 2247 B.C.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4250 \text{ years in 85 Jubilee cycles} \\
 \underline{-2247 \text{ B.C.}} \\
 2003 \text{ A.D.} \\
 \underline{\quad +1} \\
 2004 \text{ A.D.}
 \end{array}$$

The prophecy of the tower of Babel rebellion was one hundred and one years after the Deluge. If we calculate from that date, 2247 B.C., the year Peleg was born and the earth was “divided,” we come to *the year of 2004 A.D.!!!*

Ezekiel’s Prophecy and “Seven Times”

In the book of Ezekiel, we read that the prophet was told to lie upon his side for 390 days as a sign to Israel. “And you, son of man, take a tile and lay it before you, and make upon it a drawing of a city, even Jerusalem.

“And put SIEGE works against it, build a siege wall against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it and set battering rams against it round about.

“Moreover, take a plate of iron and place it for an iron wall between you and the city; and set your face toward it and it shall be besieged, and you shall press the siege against it. This is a SIGN to the house of Israel!

“Then [bound as you are] lie upon your left [and north] side to bear symbolically the iniquity of the house of the TEN TRIBES of Israel upon that side. According to the number of days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity.

“For I have laid upon you the *years of their iniquity, according to the number of days, 390* days [representing 390 years]; so, you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel” (Ezekiel 4:1-5).

This is also talking about the times of Israel’s punishment!

In Leviticus 26, God says to Israel, if they disobey Him and break His covenant, reject His Torah, His laws and way of life: “I will chastise and discipline you *seven times more* for your sins” (Lev.26:18); “I will bring *seven times* more plagues upon you” (v.21); “I will smite you *seven times* for your sins” (v.24); “I also will chastise you *seven times* for your sins”(v.28).

Notice! So if you take 390 years of punishment God decreed on Israel, and multiply it by “7” times, you come to 2,730 years. $390 \times 7 = \underline{2,730}$ years.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2730 \text{ years} \\
 \underline{-721 \text{ B.C.}} \\
 2009 \\
 \underline{\quad +1} \text{ (because no year zero)}
 \end{array}$$

2010 A.D.!

Israel began to be besieged by ancient Assyria beginning in 721 BC. If you subtract (that is, go forward) 2,730 years from that date, it brings you to *2010 A.D.*,

Does that portend a calamitous catastrophe such as mankind has never before experienced or seen—coming in the next decade or two ahead of us?

Does this portend that once again, Almighty God will soon intervene to stop mankind's hellish madness to unify themselves in a New World Order which attempt will lead to World War III and the greatest time of trouble the world has ever seen?

Will a 'new Nimrod' soon appear on the world scene, attempting to recreate "One World" through the United Nations and the Western powers, to unify the world in rebellion against the laws of the God of heaven?

2004 was the very year ending 4250 years or 85 Jubilee periods since the birth of "Peleg," whose name meant he was a prophecy of "Division." The world seeks to unify once again, and once again their vain attempts will end in tragedy, disharmony, disequilibrium, world war, division, and catastrophe!

The Seventieth Week and the Peace Process

There is an amazing prophecy in Daniel, chapter 9 -- the "70 weeks" prophecy on Jerusalem and the Jewish people. We read:

"Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem *until Messiah the Prince*, there shall be seven weeks, and sixty two weeks . . ." (Dan.9:24-25, NKJV).

The command to restore and build Jerusalem which fits this prophecy was given by King Artaxerxes in the seventh year of his reign, in 457 B.C. (see Ezra 7 for details). The prophecy states that 62 weeks and 7 weeks of the prophecy were to be counted from this point, till the coming of the Messiah. 69 weeks equals 483 days. The prophecy is to be understood as a "day for a year" in being fulfilled (Num.14:34; Ezek.4:6-8).

If we count 483 years from 457 B.C., we come to the year of 27 A.D. -- the very year Jesus Christ began His ministry!

$$\begin{array}{r}
 483 \text{ years} \\
 \underline{-457} \\
 26 \\
 + 1 \text{ (because there is no year zero)} \\
 \hline
 27 \text{ A.D.}
 \end{array}$$

After this, Daniel was told a people of a prince would come and destroy the city of Jerusalem (verse 26) -- fulfilled in the Romans who destroyed and sacked and pillaged Jerusalem in both 70 A.D. and 135 A.D.

The Final "Week"

All this leaves one week -- 7 days which represent 7 years -- yet to be fulfilled of the 70 years prophecy! Verse 27 picks up the remainder of the prophecy:

"Then he [a future "prince" of the world empire] shall confirm a COVENANT with many for one week [seven years -- the final week]; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate" -- the Beast of Revelation (Dan.9:27).

What do we have here? Who is this "prince" of a modern-style Roman Empire? He will cause sacrifices and offerings to cease in the middle of this seven year time period. This means there must be a TEMPLE of God in Jerusalem built for this interruption of daily sacrifices to occur!

What is this "covenant" which will be "confirmed" by this end-time "prince" of an end-time world power -- modern Babylon, or end-time "Rome"?

It is noteworthy to observe that the United States -- the world's last remaining "super power" today -- is modeled on the ancient ROMAN Senate, with a ROMAN system of government, ROMAN style laws, ordinances, and government!

We could very well be extremely close to the edge, the precipice, the dividing line which could be the BEGINNING OF DANIEL'S 70th WEEK -- the FINAL SEVEN YEARS OF THIS AGE!

The "Covenant of Death"

The peace pact will be a fraud. It will not work. God says to modern Israel:

"Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol [the grave] we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.'

"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: Whoever believes will not act hastily [or rush into some false, foolish treaty] . . . The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place. Your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it. As often as it goes out it will take you; for morning by morning it will pass over, and by day and by night [could this be a reference to continual missile bombardments and attacks?]; it will be a terror just to understand the report'" (Isaiah 28:14-19, NKJV).

The "peace pact" is prophesied to lead to WAR in the Middle East! In the middle of this final "week" of years, something will occur to cause the "prince" to seize the initiative in Jerusalem, and with the backing of the United Nations and Security Council, he will intervene in Israeli affairs, and put a stop to the Temple worship. Other prophecies indicate that he will use this opportunity to place an idol image of himself in the Temple, claiming that he is "the Messiah"! (II Thess.2:1-4).

Thus, very soon the ancient commercial system of ancient "Tyre" (Ezek.28) and "Babylon" (Rev.18) will be restored in full, committing fornication with all the kingdoms of the earth! In modern terminology, this is called the "New World Order." George Orwell called it the "Brave New World." Its initials are NWO.

God told Jeremiah that many nations -- "these nations" -- would serve the "king of Babylon" for 70 years (Jer.25:11). "Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation" (v.12).

The punishment upon Israel, during the time of Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian Empire, was "70" years, from 607 B.C. to 537 B.C. Babylon fell to the Medo-Persian Empire in 539 B.C., and two years later Cyrus, king of Persia, issued a decree allowing the Jews to return to their homeland (Ezra 1:1-4). This was exactly 70 years from the time Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and invaded Judah.

In this end-time generation we are living in, today, the descendants of modern Israel -- without even knowing it -- the nations of the "Lost Ten Tribes" -- have actually been serving the modern system of "Babylon" from 1947 till the present, and will continue until 2017 -- a time period of 70 years! How amazing! Bible prophecy is truly DUAL in its fulfillment! The ancient fulfillments were merely a TYPE of this modern END-time fulfillment!

As the comic strip character Pogo once said, in a moment of illumination and insight,

"We have met the enemy, *and he is us!*"

God's Judgment is coming on this wicked, evil "System." Almighty God declares: "And another angel followed, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because they have made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (Rev.14:8).

God also warns each one of us: "If anyone worships the beast [the modern end-time system of Babylon] and his image [the New World Religion], and receives the mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever, and they have no rest day or night [during the time the plagues of God are poured out, they will suffer incessantly!], who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name" (Rev.14:9-11).

When the time of judgment comes, during the last 42 months of this age, and especially during the final "day" or year of increasingly severe judgments, we must be ready to "flee" out of Babylon! God thunders: "And I heard another voice from heaven saying, COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, *lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her PLAGUES.* For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities" (Rev.18:4-5).

This final end-time system is described in *type*, in Jeremiah 50-51. God thunders: "Remove from the midst of BABYLON, go out of the land of the Chaldeans; and be like the rams before the flocks, for behold, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon *an assembly of great nations from the NORTH country [Russia and her allies, including Red China!]*, and they shall array themselves against her" (Jer.50:3-9).

When this final punishment occurs, many of God's people will finally come to repentance, and sorrow for their sins. The punishment will have its desired effect. And God says, "In those days and in that time, says the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; with continual weeping they shall come, and SEEK the LORD their God. They will ask the way to Zion, with their faces toward it, saying, Come and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that will not be forgotten" (Jer.50:4-5).

God thunders, "FLEE from the midst of Babylon, and every one save his life! Do not be cut off in her iniquity, for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; He shall recompense her. Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunk. The nations drank her wine; therefore the nations are deranged. Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed. Wail for her! Take balm for her pain: perhaps she may be healed. We would have healed Babylon [many people will think], but she is not healed. *Forsake her, and let us go everyone to his own country: For her judgment reaches to heaven and is lifted up to the skies.* The LORD has revealed our righteousness. Come and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God" (Jeremiah 51:6-10).

Divine judgment will come on this wicked end-time world system, called in the Scriptures "Babylon." Although we know it today as "The New World Order," there is really nothing new about it -- it is that same old satanic system that has deceived the world ever since

the time of Nimrod, the original "founder" of Babylon (Gen.10:8-10).

Amazingly, from 1947 to 2017 -- seventy years -- modern "Ephraim" -- the leading tribe of Joseph, of the so-called "Lost Ten Tribes" of Israel -- will have been "IN" the Babylonian system -- a major part of it, in fact! This end-time Babylon now has its headquarters in New York City, where the United Nations is situated on land donated by the Rockefeller family, land which was originally a place of slaughtering animals, with more blood flowing than any comparable plot of earth in the world.

Modern Babylon stands identified. Modern "Tyre" stands identified. They are the same as modern "Nineveh" (Nahum). They constitute this evil world's SYSTEM, which has been compared to an Octopus, but which the book of Revelation refers to as "The Beast," and "Babylon."

We -- our modern western nations -- have been "IN" Babylon since 1947! Interestingly, the IMF (International Monetary Fund) began in 1947. God's judgments will be poured out on this evil, wicked system. Then, during three and one-half years-- modern "Babylon the Great" -- also called "Tyre" -- will be punished, and will be destroyed in a mighty and terrible fall (Jer.50:1-10; 51:6-9, 45, 54-58).

It will happen suddenly, without warning -- in the twinkling of an eye. God says people will cry, "Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour your judgment has come" (Rev.18:10). "For in ONE HOUR such great riches came to nothing" (verse 17). This incredible destruction implies massive use of NUCLEAR WEAPONS -- the end-result of the stockpiling of missiles with nuclear warheads!

"For when they say, Peace and safety, then *sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape*" (I Thess.5:3).

But what about you? Will you escape?