

Please scroll down.

*“He changeth the times and the seasons,  
He removeth kings, and setteth up kings,  
He giveth wisdom unto the wise  
and knowledge to them  
that know understanding.”*

DAN 2:21

ALSO BY ELLIS SKOLFIELD

Daniel Is Out of Order  
Sunset of the Western Church  
Hidden Beast  
Demons in the Church  
Hidden Beast II  
SOZO, Survival Guide  
for a Remnant Church  
The Shining Man  
with Hurt Hands

# THE FALSE PROPHET

**ELLIS H. SKOLFIELD**

*“Truth can never be told  
so as to be understood  
and not be believed.”*

WILLIAM BLAKE

**FISH HOUSE PUBLISHING**



Copyright 2001

All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced in any form or by any electronic or mechanical means including information storage and retrieval systems without specific permission in writing from the publisher except by a reviewer who may quote brief passages in review.

Except where noted, Bible quotations are from the King James Bible. A few are from the New American Standard version

The Lockman Foundation

1960, 1962, 1963, 1968, 1972, 1975, 1975, 1977 and are quoted by permission.

One quotation is from the NIV.

Three are from Green's Interlinear Bible.

Extensive quotes from Islam Reviewed are by permission.

This book in its entirety,  
including graphs and illustrations,  
was generated in Corel Word Perfect 10

**ISBN 0-9628139-6-6**

FISH HOUSE PUBLISHING

P.O. Box 453

Fort Myers, Florida, 33902

*Printed in the United States of America*

## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

THIRTY years ago all notable prophecy teachers pronounced, as if from on high, that the USSR was the final satanic end-time empire of all time. A laughable concept now, long abandoned. However, other fanciful views still cloud men's minds and flood our bookstores – imaginations for which there is little scriptural support. These “traditions of men” are immensely popular and why shouldn't they be? Doesn't everyone want to hear a tranquilizing song, true or not, that lulls us into believing we will be spared a time of trouble? Of course. So despite the ever-worsening Islamic terrorist attacks upon our people, with Armageddon looming on the horizon, will the church have ears to hear this “wake-up call from hell,” as Israel's Binyamin Netanyahu termed New York's smoking ruins?

Beginning in 1979 with a *Revelation Chart* and a little book called *Daniel is Out of Chronological Order* (both now out of print), Skolfield's books on Bible prophecy have become standard reference works for prophecy students of many denominations. From the beginning of his ministry, Skolfield taught that the final empire to come against the Church and Israel would not be the communist world or a “New World Order,” but Iraq, Iran, Syria, and the radical Moslem fundamentalists of the Middle East. And so it has proven to be.

Much of this new book will be familiar to those who have read *Sozo* or the *Hidden Beast* series. However, there is much here that is new. Additional subjects needed to be addressed or illustrated. Of necessity, there are still chapters on the “Time of the Gentiles,” day=years, time-times, and so on. Please forgive the repetition, but those not familiar with the prophetic principals spelled out in the author's earlier works would be totally lost if those concepts were not included.

*Thinks all so go to Tabi an Jan, too vare pashunt English teechurs who kep the authur frum look in like a totul ideut.*

BLANK

# Contents

Preface	. . . . .	13
Chapter 1	The Great Detective . . . . .	19
Chapter 2	When Are We? . . . . .	23
Chapter 3	The 69 Weeks . . . . .	29
Chapter 4	1290 Days . . . . .	39
Chapter 5	The Wrong Rock . . . . .	47
Chapter 6	Two Witnesses . . . . .	59
Chapter 7	Time, Times & a Half . . . . .	68
Chapter 8	Mounting Evidence . . . . .	79
Chapter 9	One More Time . . . . .	81
Chapter 10	Timeless Covenant . . . . .	99
Chapter 11	Leopard-Bear-Lion . . . . .	110
Chapter 12	Two-Horned Beast . . . . .	125
Chapter 13	The Big Lie . . . . .	135
Chapter 14	Scarlet Beast . . . . .	151
Chapter 15	Wherefore Come Out . . . . .	168
Chapter 16	The Last Trumpet . . . . .	178
Chapter 17	Hour, Day, Month & Year . . . . .	186

Blank



# List of Illustrations

Graph 1	Partial History of Israel . . . . .	24
Graph 2	The Time of the Gentiles . . . . .	28
Graph 3	Daniel's 69 Weeks . . . . .	34
Graph 4	The Day = Year Principle . . . . .	37
<i>Photo</i> -	The Temple Mount . . . . .	40
Graph 5	The Abomination of Desolation . . . . .	46
Graph 6	Location of Solomonic Temple . . . . .	48
Graph 7	The 42 Months, Rev 11:2 . . . . .	53
Graph 8	The 1260 Days, Rev 12:6 . . . . .	57
<i>Photo</i> -	The Dome of the Tablets . . . . .	58
Graph 9	The Two Witnesses, Rev 11:3-4 . . . . .	66
Graph 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Time, Times, & ½ a Time . . . . .	73
Graph 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Time, Times, & ½ a Time . . . . .	75
Graph 12	A Season and a Time . . . . .	77
Graph 13	History of the Ten Tribes . . . . .	85
Graph 14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Time, Times & ½ Time . . . . .	92
<i>Drawing</i> -	Map of the Middle East . . . . .	117
Graph 15	The Beasts of Daniel . . . . .	119
Graph 16	Domain of the Leopard-Bear-Lion . . . . .	122
Graph 17	Beast with Two Horns Like a Lamb . . . . .	128
Graph 18	Summary of Day-Years & Times . . . . .	134
Graph 19	Seven Heads of the Scarlet Beast . . . . .	154
<i>Drawing</i> -	The Ten Kingdoms . . . . .	160
Graph 20	The Last Trumpet . . . . .	180
Graph 21	The Seventh Trumpet . . . . .	183

Blank

# Dedication

*They were stoned,  
they were sawn asunder,  
were slain with the sword:  
they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins;  
being destitute, afflicted, tormented;  
of whom the world was not worthy:  
they wandered in deserts, and in mountains,  
and in dens and caves of the earth.*

HEB 11:37-38

IT began with Stephen, saints dying for Jesus: stretched on the rack, boiled in oil, cast in among serpents, thrown to lions. Four to twenty million killed by the Roman Empire, and thirty million since: skinned alive, burned at the stake, babies dashed against walls, pregnant women ripped open. Millions murdered by Nazis, a million Sudanese butchered by Moslems – many by crucifixion. In Cambodia, a million more, and Christians in Nigeria, too. Those brethren, gone to the Lord before us, stand beneath the altar and never cease to cry: “How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” (Rev 6:10)

This unworthy work is dedicated to those precious tribulation saints and to the brethren who have yet to face their murderers in some dank and rat-infested dungeon. And it is to you, my beloved brother or sister in the Lord, for as sure as night follows day, that same fate awaits many who will read this book.

Blank

# Preface

OUT of the deserts of the Middle East he came, a false prophet, and out of that same Euphrates Valley came his followers, the final foes of the Church and Israel. “Three unclean spirits like frogs” is what the Bible calls them. They are the international Islamic terrorist organizations and militant Islamic states of Iraq, Iran and Syria who fund and protect them. These three Middle Eastern countries and their associates are the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast of Revelation, and the malevolent influence of that devilish trident can be felt over the whole world as “they gather the kings of the earth together for the battle of the great day of God Almighty.”

*Arutz Sheva Israel National Radio, 9/30/2001, 4:43pm  
by Moshe Feiglin*

I came to the US for four days, for a meeting that was to have been held in Manhattan on Tuesday evening, September 11. The meeting didn't take place no one could get in or out of the great city. I'm not sure if all those invited to the meeting are still alive.

There were no flights back home, and all that remained to do was to listen to the reports and hope for a place on the first flight returning to Israel.

It was impossible to get away from the reports of the massacre in downtown Manhattan. The news was everywhere: on the air, at home, in the car, in the shops. I entered the neighborhood grocery store. The storekeeper's radio was on.

President Bush was speaking to the American people: “I declare tomorrow to be a day of prayer,” said the President. “I ask every American, during lunch time tomorrow to pray for all the injured, their families, and the American nation. Go to church, to the synagogue, to the mosque and pray,” ended the President.

“Did I hear right?” I ask the storekeeper, “Did he say mosque?”

She nodded.

## 14 *The False Prophet*

“At this very moment you've just lost the war,” I say to the astonished storekeeper, and start looking for what I need on the shelves.

When the black boxes of the hijacked airplanes are recovered, we will hear the pilots screaming “Allahu Akbar” in the last moments before the crash. They slaughtered the Americans in the name of Allah, and now the President calls on them to pray to him.<sup>1</sup>

I wanted to shout what Moshe just said again and again : “At this very moment you've just lost the war – at this very moment you've just lost the war!”

God willing it's not too late for us, but Moshe sure has a point. The West and the Church have been defending themselves against a militant Islam for centuries and the Jews have been defending themselves against militant Palestinian Moslems ever since Israel became a nation. We in the West don't want to see this as a religious war, but it is, and this conflict won't go away. We may not hate Islam, but history irrefutably establishes that Islam has hated us ever since its inception. To Islam, we have always been the “infidels” and we will surely lose this war if we are unwilling to recognize who our enemies are and if we are reluctant to stand against them.

*Arutz Sheva Israel National Radio, 9/24/2001, 4:51pm*

Early this morning, Sal'it Sheetreit and her husband Barak, of Kibbutz Sdei Eliyahu, were attacked by Arab terrorist gunfire while traveling on the main northern Jordan Valley highway. Sal'it, 28 years of age, was killed almost instantly by gunfire to her head and was buried in the Sdei Eliyahu cemetery. Barak, the driver, was lightly injured by ricocheted fragments. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the murder.

---

<sup>1</sup> All quotes in the preface are from [www.arutz-7@israelnationalnews.com](http://www.arutz-7@israelnationalnews.com) and they are quoted by permission.

*Arutz Sheva Israel National Radio, 10/4/2001, 10:21am*

In Jerusalem, an Arab car overtook that of a young Jewish couple, Pinchas and Mali Cohen of Ramat Shlomo, on one of the city's main highways, shot at the two, and sped off towards Ramallah. The attack occurred shortly before midnight on the road leading from Ramot and Ramat Shlomo towards French Hill. The young mother, pregnant with her second child, was shot in the chest and neck; she was originally reported as seriously wounded, but her condition is now listed as moderate, as is her husband, who was shot in the chest.

*Ariel Sharon, Prime Minister of Israel*

*Excerpt of a Speech to the Knesset, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2001*

"Today, Israel suffered another heinous Palestinian terrorist attack (in Afula), which took a heavy toll: Three dead and seven wounded. All our efforts to reach a cease-fire have been torpedoed by the Palestinians. The fire did not cease, not even for one day."

If you think those are just isolated incidents being quoted to inflame our passions, you would be wrong. This book could be filled with such accounts. Terrorist attacks are a daily occurrence in Israel, usually against civilian targets.

This is not just a view of the future, this is today and terrorism has come to us – the fall of the World Trade Center – the saber rattling of the anti-western Islamic states – the increased activism of Islamic radicals. These may well be the first shots of Armageddon – the beginning of the end – with final fulfillment of all Bible prophecy near at hand.

*Arutz Sheva Israel National Radio, 9/30/2001, 8:19am*

*Palestinian Mufti Forbids Moslems to Join Anti-terror Coalition*

The Middle East Media Research Institute reports that the Palestinian Authority Mufti in Jerusalem has called upon Moslems not to join the American anti-terrorism coalition. This past Friday, Sept. 28, 2001, the PA's Mufti, Sheikh

Ikrimah Sabri, encouraged the worshippers in the Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount to oppose the coalition.

So much for any serious cooperation from Islamic mullahs. Even as we write, the mullahs in Pakistan and elsewhere are inflaming their local people against the United States' drive to destroy the terrorist cells in Afghanistan, but that behavior is nothing new. Major Bible prophecies, written 600 years before Muhammad was born, tell of the extreme enmity Islam will have towards Christendom. The Bible predicts Islam's militant rise to power during the Dark Ages and its decline after the battles of Tours and Vienna. The Bible also predicts the number of years that Moslems will control the Holy Land. The Bible then describes Islam's second rise to world influence after the return of the Jews to the Holy Land in 1948 – a Jihad we see before us now. The Bible finally predicts how this conflict will end.

What the Bible tells us about Islam and our final battle is the story, and it needs to be told. We may not be at war with Islam, but Islam has been at war with us for over 1300 years, in fact, ever since the First Jihad, which began in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century. The Bible tells us all about this war by predicting when the Moslem Dome of the Rock would be built in Jerusalem and when the Jewish people would be restored to the Holy Land. The events of 688, 1948 and 1967AD cannot be challenged.

The fulfillment of 1290 days of Dan 12:11 in the construction of the Dome of the Rock on the old temple mount is pinned to the beginning of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, and few argue the 606BC or 605BC dating of that event.

That the restoration of the Jews to Israel in 1948 and the freeing of Jerusalem from Gentile domination in 1967 was predicted right to the year is unshakable.

That the time of Gentile dominion in Jerusalem is over is a plain declaration of Scripture, Luk 21:24. That we are in the “end-



times” is easily concluded when that verse is compared with Dan 12:4, 9.

That the beasts, heads, and horns of Revelation 13 and 17 are empires and kingdoms, rather than an antichrist and his followers, has solid scriptural and historic foundation. That the final enemies of the church will come from the Islamic world is beyond reasonable doubt.

It cannot be biblically argued that the church will be taken to be with the Lord at any trumpet other than the very last trumpet of all time. Consequently, any position that requires trumpets to blow after the Last Trumpet of 1Co 15:51-52 is openly opposed to Scripture.

Wanting to keep this book simple, much of the supporting theological data has been left out. If there is sufficient interest, that data will be published in a second book. Reconciling all the data available for some of the concepts contained in this book has been a monumental task, so it would have been easy to overlook some relevant historic point or passage in Scripture. This could have led to incorrect conclusions. We trusted the Holy Spirit to protect us from omission or excess.

The author takes the responsibility of writing a work on the Word of God very seriously. We fear God too much to willfully, or through carelessness, become just another heretic who led the church astray. Consequently, great care has been taken to be as historically accurate as possible, and to handle the Word of God with honor, humility and reverence, “rightly dividing the word of truth.”

EHS

Blank

# The Great Detective

## CHAPTER 1

*This people draw near me  
with their mouth,  
and with their lips do honour me,  
but have removed their heart far from me,  
and their fear toward me is taught  
by the precept of men.*

ISA 29:13

ALL of us have read a mystery. We find clues along the way and part of the fun in reading a mystery is in trying to solve it. None of us is ever smart enough to do so, of course, so in the final chapter a brilliant detective solves the crime, calls in the police, and the miserable felon is carted off to the slammer.

1 Cor 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even the hidden wisdom*, which God ordained before the world.

Hummm ... the Greek word for mystery, *musterion*, appears 27 times in the New Testament, so part of the Bible is a mystery. Now much of God's mystery has been explained in the first 65 books of the Bible, but not all. The mere fact that there are so many confusing doctrines around is proof that we really haven't got it all figured out. So where can we find a detective that can solve the rest of God's mystery for us?

Rev 1:1 The **Revelation**<sup>1</sup> of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.

For 2000 years, we have been trying to solve God's mystery on our own. We have poured over Scriptures, finding this clue and that, and with magnifying glass in hand have gone to Revelation to see if we could figure out that book as well, as if Revelation was part of the mystery. But from the above verse, it is apparent that Revelation isn't part of the mystery. It's Jesus' solution! God gave us a Great Detective in the person of His Son.

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Folks, have we been looking at Revelation through the wrong end of the telescope? Have we been going to Revelation with our doctrines in hand, trying to interpret that book through the filter of what we already believe? What if we stand behind Revelation and look back at the rest of Scripture through the grid of what Jesus might reveal to us in that book? If so, might Revelation emerge as Jesus' unraveling of the mystery of God's dealings with man throughout the ages? Might we be able to see the Jews, the church, the tribulation, and the Middle Eastern terrorists in a whole new light? Let's find out.

### **A SHORT HISTORY**

At the end of the Middle Ages, the Church had fallen into a dead formalism that ushered in the Great Reformation. Many Roman Catholic Priests, some long forgotten, Eckhart, Tauler, Rokycana, Briconnet, Huss and the rest, were used of God to begin a great spiritual revival. At the time, every one of those early evangelists was considered a radical cultist by the established

---

<sup>1</sup> PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Occasionally the author has boldfaced a few words or a phrase in a Bible quote to draw your attention to a central subject. Such boldfacing does *not* appear in the original Bible texts.

church. Those excommunicate priests taught fanatically “heretical” doctrinal systems like salvation “by grace through faith,” believer baptism and communion of both bread and cup for all believers. New converts followed those “left wing extremist” elder brethren, supporting their “heretical” positions, and almost before you knew it, those reformation groups became new denominations.

Five hundred years have passed, and those extremists have become us: the Baptists, the Presbyterians, the Lutherans, the Free Methodists – the whole Protestant evangelical world. The worthy elders of our denominations passed their views on down to us, and most of them are still taught today. And their views were generally sound, until ... until it came to Bible prophecy.

Among other unlikely concepts, the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast, the Beast with Two Horns, and the Scarlet Beast of Revelation were thought to be real live animals that would roam the earth. When those prophetic doctrines were in style, England was the great world power that spanned the globe and the sun never set on the British flag. Europe was the cultural center of the universe and the United States was but a minor nation full of woodsmen and farmers. In their wildest dreams, theologians of horse-and-buggy days couldn’t have imagined two 110 story glass covered buildings standing on an island for which the Dutch paid \$24, much less, that those buildings would be destroyed by ten Islamic terrorists using commercial airplanes as flying bombs.

If we are honest with ourselves, we can see that the end-time scenarios those venerable theologians proposed just don’t fit what is happening in the world today. It is evident to all that we are at the end of the Christian Era, but as yet, there is no *visible* one-world government, no antichrist, and no Seven-Year Tribulation in sight. Is it possible that the Lord’s plan for the end-times is totally different from the traditions we learned in Sunday school? It surely could be, because the Lord appears to have opened His prophetic Word in a new way through two almost unbelievable

## 22 *The False Prophet*

fulfillments of prophecy that have taken place in the Holy Land during the last 50 years:

*In 1948AD, the new nation of Israel was established and in 1967, Jerusalem again came under Jewish control for the first time in 2573 years!*

Though they were dispersed from their land for two millennia and persecuted beyond measure, the Jews again control the Holy Land and Jerusalem is again the capital of a sovereign nation called Israel. In the following chapters, we will show that these two events fulfill more prophecy than any other events since the crucifixion and these events allow us to understand Scriptures that were previously a mystery to us. Scriptures that change our view of God's overall plan and of how He intends to bring this age to a close. It is apparent that a rocky road lies ahead for Christians everywhere before Jesus stands on Zion. Spiritual storm clouds already loom on the horizon and there are questions that need to be answered ...

Will a worldwide holocaust against Jews and Christians soon take place and if so, can we escape it? How long will it last? Where would the Lord have us be while it is here and how will that time of trouble come to an end?

# When Are We?

## CHAPTER 2

*When it is evening, ye say,  
It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.  
And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day:  
for the sky is red and lowering.  
O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky;  
but can ye not discern the signs of the times?*

MAT 16:2-3

God sees creation from an eternal viewpoint and if we wish to understand His plan, we need to view it from His eternal perspective. If we could stand on a giant mountain somewhere and view our 6000+ years of recorded history all at once, as God does, we would see a broad completed tapestry. On that tapestry would be every event that has ever happened, or ever will happen. Time and space are creations of God and He stands outside them all:

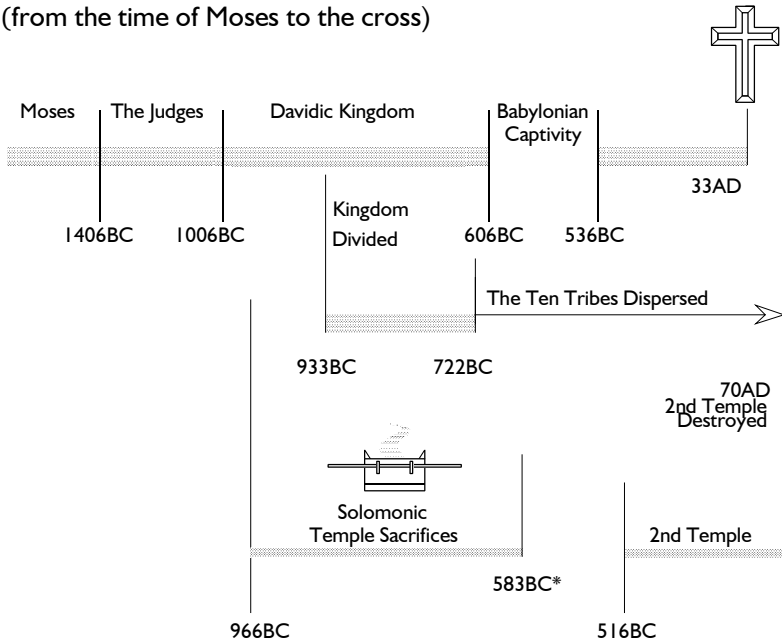
Isa 45:12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it:  
I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Man, however, is bound by time and space. We are physically placed on a material world and, as time is reckoned, the first decade of the 3rd Millennium AD. The Lord told us about all this in the Bible, and the Lord has partitioned his dealings with man into three separate time frames (three different spiritual epochs), each lasting about 2000 years. 1. The era before the flood, 2. the era between the flood and Jesus' crucifixion, 3. and the Christian Era. In each of these eras, God revealed Himself to man in a special way. In this chapter, we will be focusing our attention on the time that Gentiles controlled Jerusalem, the "Time of the Gentiles."

GRAPH NUMBER 1

## Partial History of Israel

(from the time of Moses to the cross)



\* Conservative dating places the destruction of the Temple of Solomon at 586BC. However, Jeremiah 41:5 shows Levitical sacrifices continuing to be offered long after that date:

Jer 41:5 That there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, *even fourscore men*, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the LORD.

Jer 41:5 is positioned at the end of the governorship of Gedeliah, and Gedeliah was elevated to that post after Nebuchadnezzar sacked Jerusalem in 586BC. The sacrifices above were offered seven to ten months later. After Gedeliah's time, Jews were taken captive to Babylon only once more:

Jer 52:30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

Nebuchadnezzar's 1st year was 606-605BC, and this final captivity took place in the 23rd Year of Nebuchadnezzar, so we have scriptural support that 583BC was the date of the abolition of Levitical sacrifices.  $606BC - 23 = 583BC$ .



This Christian Era actually began at the crucifixion, 32-33AD. Just before Jesus went to the cross, He told His disciples what they should expect this era to be like. Known to us as the “Olivet Discourse,” this talk was Jesus’ chapter-long prophecy about the major events that would take place between the Cross and His second coming. This discourse is recorded in the three synoptic Gospels: in Mat 24, Mar 13, and in Luk 21. Though these accounts all agree, each Gospel gave us some important information that is not contained in the other two:

(1) Mat 24:31 - Matthew states that the elect are gathered at the sound of a “great trumpet.”

(2) Mar 13:14 - Mark declares that the Abomination of Desolation is an “it,” and not a “him.”

(3) Luk 21:24 - Luke defines the “time of the Gentiles.”

Now please study those verses in your own Bible, and consider what Jesus had to say in each, because they strongly influence what we believe about the seven-year tribulation, replacement theology, and a host of other doctrines the church holds today. For instance, we hear a lot about the dispensations of “Law” and of “Grace,” but in Luk 21:24, Jesus defines our era in a different way, as a “time of the Gentiles”:

Luk 21:21-24 (*excerpts*) Then let them [*the Jews*] which are in Judaea flee ... And they [*the Jews*] shall fall by the edge of the sword, and **shall be** led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the **times of the Gentiles** be fulfilled.<sup>1</sup>

So what is this “time of the Gentiles”? When Jesus spoke those words (in 32 or 33AD), Jerusalem had already been under the

---

<sup>1</sup> PUBLISHER’S NOTE: Words or phrases [*in brackets and italics*] inserted within a Scripture quote are this author’s explanation or amplification of a passage, usually discernable by context. Words [*in brackets and italics*] are not in the original Bible texts.

control of various Gentile governments for about 638 years.<sup>1</sup> But Jews troubled their foreign rulers with revolt after revolt, so in 70AD, Titus the Roman destroyed Jerusalem and burned the 2nd temple to the ground. Jesus foretold the destruction of the city and a time of Gentile domination of Jerusalem to follow. Look at the tense of the verb “shall be” led away captive. Shall be is future to when Jesus spoke.

After Titus destroyed Jerusalem, the Jews lost all control of their homeland and they were dispersed among the nations. They remained dispersed throughout the world until this very century. As a matter of historic record, Gentiles ruled Jerusalem through the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th centuries. The 11th and 12th century crusaders were also Gentiles. Gentiles continued to rule Jerusalem through the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, right on up until 1967AD. Throughout the whole Christian Era, Gentiles have always ruled Jerusalem. “And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles ... *until* .” As a matter of historic reality, the city of Jerusalem did not again come under Jewish control *until* after the Six-Day War, June 6th, 1967, “*until* the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.” The only people who are not Gentiles are Jews, and as of June 6th, 1967, the Jews again govern Jerusalem, for the first time in 2573 years. Like it or not, that is reality:<sup>2</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> Rome was the foreign government in control of the Holy Land during Jesus' stay here on Earth, but Gentile control of Jerusalem began when Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon sacked the city in 606-605BC. Gentile rule continued under Medo-Persia and Greece. The Holy Land did not come under Roman jurisdiction until 65BC.

<sup>2</sup> The Jews had a short period of self-rule under the Maccabees that began in 167BC. However, the Maccabean period does not appear to be prophetically significant. The Davidic monarchy was not reestablished, and the Jews were continually in conflict with the Syrian Greeks. This conflict continued until Rome conquered the Holy Land in 65BC.

*Over in the Holy Land is a nation called Israel. It is filled with a people called Jews, many of whom are looking for their Messiah. Those people again ruling in their own land fits the Luk 21:24 prophecy right to the letter.*

Before the Six-Day War, we could argue about what the Lord might have meant by the “time of the Gentiles,” but not anymore. From our vantage point in history, we can now see the Jews in control of Jerusalem with our own eyes. Consequently, it is apparent that the Lord was naming the total time of Gentile rule of His Holy City as “the Time of the Gentiles.” Do we grasp the full impact of that prophecy? The time of the Gentile domination of Jerusalem is over. It’s over! Gentiles will not rule in Jerusalem again, and God’s eyes are again focused on the physical seed of Abraham who have returned to their promised land and now control the Holy City.

But if the “Time of the Gentiles” is really over, *when* are we now? What kind of time are we in? There must be another kind of time because we are still here. Searching Scripture from beginning to end, there appears to be only one other time that can come after the time of the Gentiles:

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to **the time of the end.**

Dan 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till **the time of the end.**

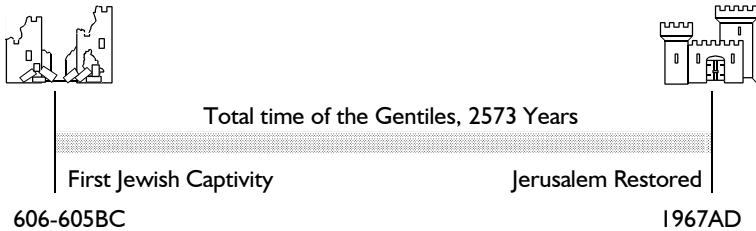
Since we are no longer in the time of the Gentiles (and we have to be in some kind of time), then we are probably in Daniel’s “time of the end,” or the “end times” as the NASB translates it. As a result ...

*We are probably the last generation this present Earth will ever see and the end of all things is at hand.*

GRAPH NUMBER 2

## Time of The Gentiles

Luk 21:24 And they [*the Jews*] shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.



### DISCERNING END-TIME ERROR

In Dan 12:9, God declared, by His sovereign Word, that He sealed the book of Daniel until the time of the end. Sealed it, which means that nobody would be able to understand it. That doesn't sound so earth-shattering, does it? How significant can it be that a relatively obscure Old Testament prophet would be sealed until the time of the end? This important:

*If the “Time of the End” began in 1967, and Daniel was sealed until the “Time of the End,” then all views theorized out of Daniel before 1967 would at best be incomplete, and at worst be heretical.*

Here is the point: Most end-time views held by the Church today were theorized from studies made in Daniel hundreds of years ago. But if God sealed Daniel until the “time of the end,” and the “time of the end” didn't begin until 1967, then those end-time views have to be incomplete, or even wrong. If they are, we could be basing the last few decisions we will ever make on this planet on theoretical events that are never going to take place. So let's take a look at the book of Daniel, from which so many of our popular end-time doctrines have come.

# 69 Weeks

## CHAPTER 3

*Remember the former things of old;  
for I am God, and there is none else;  
I am God, and there is none like me,  
Declaring the end from the beginning,  
and from ancient times  
the things that are not yet done.*

ISA 46:9-10

DURING the last two thousand years, many schools of prophetic thought have been proposed, but the Jews returning to the Holy Land in 1948, and Jerusalem being freed of Gentile domination in 1967, open the door to a new understanding of the prophetic Scriptures that was hidden from the Church throughout the Christian Era. Since Daniel wasn't opened until the end-times, every one of those earlier views are at best, questionable. The popular view, that a great tribulation will come at the end of this age began with an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Jesuit priest's studies in Daniel. He based his conclusions on the prophecies in Daniel 9 and 12 that contain time frames of weeks and days.

But the question is this: Are the prophetic "days" in Daniel and Revelation actually 24-hour days, as some suppose, or do they represent some totally different duration of time? There are sound reasons to believe those "days" and "weeks" actually symbolize Hebrew years. We can find out for sure from the 70 Weeks of Daniel 9, where both the starting point of a prophecy, and its fulfillment, are events that have already happened . Events that we can read about in history.

**DANIEL RECEIVES A MESSENGER**

Darius the Mede conquered Babylon in 536BC. By that time, Daniel and his people had been captive in Babylon for 70 years. Daniel knew from a prophecy in the book of Jeremiah that their time of captivity should be over:

Jer 29:10 For thus saith the LORD, “That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.”

The night Babylon fell must have been some kind of night. Earlier that evening, Daniel had interpreted the handwriting on the wall and King Belshazzar promoted him to the post of third ruler of the empire.<sup>1</sup> What did it matter that Darius’ army was right outside the walls? The walls of Babylon were impregnable and there was plenty of food in store. The Babylonians couldn’t run out of water because the whole Euphrates River ran right through the city, under the city walls. They were so confident in their defenses that they never even imagined the possibility of an invasion. The Babylonians were feasting and drinking and having a fabulous revel, or so they thought (Dan 5:1-4).

But upriver from the city, Darius dug a canal that diverted the whole Euphrates River and he marched his army into the city on the dry riverbed. It was an easy victory and King Belshazzar was slain (Dan 5:30).

In this new Medo-Persian Empire, Daniel was again just an ordinary citizen. So what would happen to his people under this new regime? They had now been captives in Babylon for 70 years. Daniel’s night in the lions’ den and his promotion to the post of chief satrap were still some time in the future.

---

<sup>1</sup> Belshazzar, son of Nabonidus, reigned as co-regent of the Babylonian Empire under his father (552-536BC). During the Medo-Persian invasion, Nabonidus was traveling in Arabia and Belshazzar was ruling the city during his absence. So “third ruler of the land” was the highest post to which Daniel could be elevated as long as both Belshazzar and Nabonidus were alive.

Daniel went home to read Scripture and pray. That prayer of Daniel's wasn't some little routine kind of prayer like: "Oh Lord, thank you for our food, in Your Name we pray, Amen." He fasted and sat in sackcloth and ashes, probably for days (Dan 9:3). He must have thought for a long time about what he was going to say, and then written down his prayer, for surely, this is one of the most eloquent prayers in all Scripture. Here is part of what Daniel prayed:

Dan 9:16-19 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain. Because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

Daniel confessed his sins and the sins of his people. This elderly man of God knew that he and the rest of the Jews deserved nothing from God, any more than we do. But considering the Lord's great mercy, and because of His word through Jeremiah, weren't the 70 years of captivity over?

While Daniel was praying, God sent the angel Gabriel to comfort him, and because the 70 years of captivity were indeed over, to tell him of a new and different 70: a future seventy of sevens. Here is what Gabriel told him:

Dan 9:24-26 Seventy weeks [*or sevens*] are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make

reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks [*or sevens*], and threescore and two weeks [*or sevens*]: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks [*or sevens*] shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself.

The Bible is a historic book. Each book within it was written at a specific time and records events that took place in history. In the same way, Bible prophecy was written at a given time in history, to be fulfilled at a specific time in the future. Those points in time are usually stated in Scripture, as they were in the 70 Weeks. “From the going forth of the commandment” is the definite starting time for that prophecy, and “and after the three score and two weeks” is the definite fulfillment time. If we wish to understand how long those weeks are, we need to see if the events prophesied have taken place, and measure the time that passed between the issuing of the prophecy and its fulfillment.

The 70 Weeks is divided into three sections: Seven Weeks, Sixty-two Weeks and One Week. Let’s look at the 69 weeks first. To whom are they addressed and what are they about? They are to the Jews, and about Jerusalem. What does v. 24 tell us will be accomplished in those 69 sevens?

1. “Finish transgression.”
2. “Make an end of sin.”
3. “Make reconciliation for iniquity.”
4. “Bring in everlasting righteousness.”
5. “Seal up vision and prophecy.”
6. “To anoint the most Holy.”



When will they take place, and what is the time frame? We are told to start counting time after a decree is sent out to restore Jerusalem, and that it will be a time of trouble.

There were four restoration decrees granted by the Medo-Persian Empire. But almost 100 years after Gabriel spoke to Daniel, a special decree was granted by Artaxerxes I to Nehemiah (444-445BC). This is the *ONLY* decree recorded in the Bible that gave the Jews permission to “restore Jerusalem and rebuild its walls,” and since Scripture relates to Scripture, we should start counting time from that biblical decree. Just as Daniel predicted, Nehemiah had a terrible time wall-building.<sup>1</sup> The people living around Jerusalem tried to stop him every way they could (Neh 4:1-23). They even tried to get the government to come down on him, just as the unsaved and pseudo-Christians try to come down on true Christians today. The Messiah is Jesus, of course, and He was crucified in 32 or 33AD. He didn’t die for Himself, but for the sins of the whole world (1Jo 2:2), but are those 69 weeks 69 sevens of years? If so, then we have  $69 \times 7$  or 483 Hebrew years.

The Lord usually spoke to His prophets in a language they could understand. Daniel was a Jew, probably of the royal family (2Ki 20:18), and the Jews had their own 360-day Levitical year. Since our history is recorded in solar years of 365.24 days, we need to convert 483 Hebrew years to solar years:

$$483 \times .9857 = 476 \text{ solar years. } ^2$$

---

<sup>1</sup> The whole book of Nehemiah is about events following the Artaxerxes I decree. Furthermore, the events recorded in Nehemiah perfectly match Daniel’s prophecy of them. The dating of this decree is firm at 445-444BC.

<sup>2</sup> From I Maccabees and the Book of Jubilees (circa 150BC), the Jews of inter-testamental times generally considered a month to have 30 days, and a year to have 12 months. So a year of 360 days was probably the calendar with which Daniel was familiar. That is why a year of 360 days should be used when calculating O.T. prophecies.

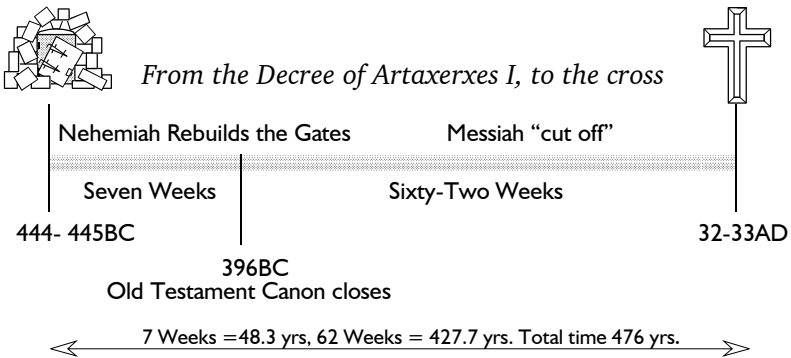
The moon circuits the earth in about 29.12 days, forcing a vacillation between a 30-day and a 29-day month. Twelve of these lunar months equal 354.14 days, or about eleven days short of the solar year. From the Babylonians the Hebrews learned to add an extra month every two or three years. In rabbinical times this

GRAPH NUMBER 3

## The 69 Weeks

Dan 9:24 (KJV) Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the

Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.



Note: Historical dates are recorded in Solar years, so for O.T. prophecy it is necessary to convert from the Hebrew year of 360 days to a solar year of 365.24 days. The conversion factor is .9857. (See Graph on p. 37). To keep the math simple, the absence of the zero year is ignored. Late evidence indicates that the Artaxerxes I decree could have been issued as early as 445BC, while other evidence indicates that the Lord was crucified not earlier than 32AD and possibly as late as 34AD. This one to three year ambiguity gives wide latitude for scholarly differences on the exact dating of these events, but does not negate the historic fit of this prophecy. Regardless of man's faulty record of these historic events, it was still 483 Hebrew years from the Artaxerxes I decree to the cross.

---

"intercalary" month was inserted seven times in nineteen years. From *Calendar*, (Holman's Bible Dictionary).

*Artaxerxes' decree, 444BC + 476 years = 32AD, the cross right to the year!*

The cross, right to the year. But what about those six points that were supposed to be fulfilled during these 70 weeks? Aa-ha! All but one were fulfilled at the cross. Did not Jesus (1) finish transgression eternally, (2) make an end of sin, (3) make reconciliation for iniquity, (4) bring in everlasting righteousness, and (6) anoint the Most holy with His own precious blood.<sup>1</sup> Of course, praise the Lord! Point (5), however, was left out: "Seal up vision and prophecy." This is where those peculiar 7 weeks and 62 weeks come in:

*7 x 7 Hebrew years = 48.3 Solar years. 444BC - 48.3 is 395.7BC, Malachi written.*

Malachi was inspired to write the last book of the Old Testament in about 396BC. The Scripture to the Jews was complete, and no more was written until the New Testament era! So Old Testament vision and prophecy were indeed "sealed up." As one dear Rabbi lamented in about 200BC, "The Holy Spirit has departed from Israel," and until this very day, the Jews, as a nation, have not been permitted to see any further. The Lord has blinded their eyes so they could not recognize Jesus as their Messiah (Rom 11:8, 2Co 3:15).

---

<sup>1</sup> Incredible as it may sound, it appears that the archeologist Ron Wyatt may have found the Ark of the Covenant. According to Wyatt, the Ark was hidden in a cave under Golgotha – Gordon's Calvary. From the Word of the Lord to him, Jeremiah knew that Jerusalem was about to fall, so he appears to have placed the Table of Showbread, the Altar of Incense, and the Ark of the Covenant in that cave and walled them up. The cave was forgotten, and these articles have remained secreted ever since. This explains a previously inexplicable prophecy: "and He shall anoint the Most Holy." During the crucifixion, Jesus' side was pierced, and the rocks beneath the cross rent (Mat 27:51). According to Wyatt, the Ark is about 20 feet under where the Lord was crucified. It appears that Jesus' blood ran through a fissure in the bedrock and fell on the Mercy Seat. If so, then in accordance with Dan 9:24, Jesus did indeed "anoint the Most Holy" with His own precious blood. Videotapes and various newsletters are available from Wyatt Archeological Research, 713 Lambert Dr. Nashville, TN 37220. World Net Daily, [www.wnd.com](http://www.wnd.com) also has information on Wyatt in its archives. Search Ron Wyatt.

**THE DAY=YEARS**

So what have we learned so far? Not only that 69 Weeks were fulfilled at the cross, but also that those “weeks” were not ordinary weeks of days at all, but weeks of years. Every single day of those 69 weeks represented a Hebrew year, and we can prove it through known historical events. There are even three verses in Scripture that back up the day=year interpretation.

Captive with Daniel in the province of Babylon was a priest named Ezekiel. He was the prophet inspired by the Lord to write the canonical book that bears his name. We can see that Daniel read Scripture in his devotions (Dan 9:2). He studied Jeremiah, so no doubt he also studied the other Scriptures that were available to him, including the books of Numbers and Ezekiel. Within those two books are three verses that gave him the insight he needed to understand prophetic day=years:

Num 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, **each day for a year.**

Eze 4:5-6 For I have laid upon thee the years... according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days ... so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel ... and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee **each day for a year.**

A day for a year. Here, in the only two places it appears in the Bible, the Lord showed Daniel that one prophetic day was equal to one of our earthly years. ONE DAY = ONE YEAR! Using this day=year unit of measure to interpret his prophecies, Daniel could not only understand the 69 weeks of Dan 9, but also the 1290 and 1335 days of Dan 12. If we use the same unit of measure that Daniel did, we should be able to understand those day=years as well.

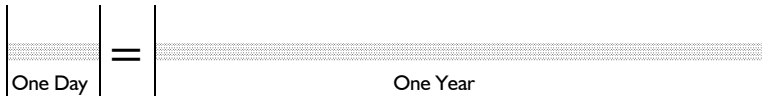
This is not a new concept in the Church. In 1569, the great Anabaptist theologian, Thieleman van Braght, wrote the following in *Martyrs Mirror*, pages 21-24:

## GRAPH NUMBER 4

**The Day =Year Principle**

Ezek 4:5 (KJV) For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

Ezek 4:6 (KJV) And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.



*(In the O.T., Hebrew 360 day. In the N.T., Solar 365.24 day)*

After the day=year revelation was given to Ezekiel, when "days" are spoken of in a prophetic sense, they should be viewed either as Hebrew or Solar years unless context clearly dictated otherwise. The day=year interpretation is scriptural, and it is not hermeneutically sound to view prophetic days differently unless an intervening Scripture annulled that principle.

**Hebrew Year** = 360 days, or .9857 Solar year: *ONLY for interpreting Old Testament prophecy. Daniel used the Hebrew calendar.*

The moon circuits the earth in about 29.12 days, forcing a vacillation between a 30-day and a 29-day month. Twelve of these lunar months equal 354.14 days, or about eleven days short of the solar year. From the Babylonians the Hebrews learned to add an extra month every two or three years. In rabbinical times this "intercalary" month was inserted seven times in nineteen years. From *Calendar*, (Holman's Bible Dictionary).

From I Maccabees and the Book of the Jubilees it appears that Jews of intertestamental times generally considered a month to be 30 days, and a year to be 360 days. Consequently, this was probably the calendar with which Daniel was familiar so it is the one we use to interpret O.T. day=years.

**Solar Year** = 365.24 days: *ONLY for interpreting New Testament prophecy. John was under Roman rule and used the solar calendar.*

In the interest of simplicity, the zero year or lack thereof is ignored. Computations fall within the one to three year ambiguity in dates prior to the 1st Century.

“a thousand two hundred and threescore days, which, reckoned according to prophetic language **means as many years** ... let it be reckoned as it may, say we, as a very long period of time.”

Two hundred years later, Matthew Henry, in his *Commentary on the Whole Bible*, came to the same conclusion (Vol VI, page 1157, column 1, para. 2):

“ ... if the beginning of that interval could be ascertained, this number of prophetic days, taking **a day for a year**, would give us a prospect of when the end might be.”

So we can now understand the day=year, but the concept is so important that it should be more fully explained. Daniel was raised under the Levitical code and the Jews had a twelve-month calendar, each of thirty days, for 360 day year. Consequently, it is correct to use a 360-day year to interpret Old Testament prophecies like his.<sup>1</sup> But since our records of ancient history are all in Solar Years of 365.24 days, we do need to convert those Hebrew 360 day=years to fit our records.<sup>2</sup>

The Apostle John, however, lived his whole life during the Christian Era, under a Gentile Roman government, and his book is primarily to the Gentile church. Consequently, it is proper to use the Gentile solar calendar of 365.24 days to interpret John's prophecies.

---

<sup>1</sup> Footnote on pp 33-34 gives further details on the Jewish calendar.

<sup>2</sup> There is a generally accepted one to three year ambiguity in Babylonian empire dates. The interpretations of Daniel's prophecies proposed in this book fit within that window and are in fact the *conservative* dates for those events. Conservative church scholars date the 70 year Babylonian captivity from the beginning of the Jewish exile (606-605BC) to their return to the Holy Land (536BC), while orthodox rabbinical scholars date the Babylonian captivity from the destruction of the temple (586BC) to the building of the 2nd Temple (516BC). Both were periods of 70 years. However, the starting times of Daniel's day=year and “time, times“ prophecies are tied to neither view of the captivity, but to the accession years of Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar as kings of Babylon (606BC and 552BC), and to the 3rd year that Cyrus reigned over that city (533BC).

# 1290 Days

## CHAPTER 4

*Be not ye like your fathers,  
which trespassed against the  
LORD God of their fathers,  
who therefore gave them up  
to desolation, as ye see.*

2CH 30:7

WHEN I began this study of Revelation twenty-two years ago, what I really had in mind was finding scriptural support for the *Seven-Year Tribulation* view that I was so confidently teaching. I was just as convinced as everyone else that there was going to be one. So the surprise of my life came when I couldn't prove that view from Scripture. Major pillars of that view are the prophetic "days" of Dan 12:11-12 . We now realize we should probably interpret those days as years. But if they are years, how do we know when they began or when they end? For that, we need look at *when* the Lord gave this prophecy to Daniel:

Dan 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus the Persian, a thing was revealed unto Daniel ... but the appointed time was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.

Dan 10:1 to Dan 12:13 is the final vision of Daniel's prophetic ministry. The year was 533BC and the prophecy is obviously about the future of Daniel's people, the Jews then in captivity. A major portion of this prophecy is a detailed account of the Medo-Persian and Greek control of the Jews in the Holy Land during



*Photo courtesy of Biblical Archeology Review*

The Temple Mount as seen from the North. The Moslem memorial, the Dome of the Rock, stands in its center as it has for 1300 years. In the upper left is the Al Aqsa Mosque, considered by Moslems to be their 3<sup>rd</sup> most holy. Circled in the lower right is a little, unimposing cupola, the Dome of the Tablets. Late archeological evidence indicates that the Holy of Holies in both the Solomonic and the 2nd Temple was located here, some 330 feet north of the Dome itself. The Dome appears to be in what was once called the Court of the Gentiles.



the next 400 years. The Babylonian empire had fallen some three years earlier and Daniel was now a very old man, probably in his nineties. He had been a captive in Babylon for 73 years. According to Ezr 3:2, the Jews had just begun their trek back to the Holy Land under the leadership of a Jewish prince named Zerubbabel and a high priest named Jeshua. That is the historic setting for Daniel's final prophecy, within which is a curious passage about "times" and another about days:

Dan 12:11 (NASB) And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there will be* **1,290 days**.

Curious, indeed. Are these prophetic "days" just ordinary twenty-four hour days, or could they be years again, like they were in the 69 weeks ... and if they are years, what is an "Abomination that maketh Desolate," as the King James calls it? Well, the verse refers to the "daily sacrifice" and since those sacrifices were only offered at the temple in Jerusalem, then temple sacrifices were probably involved. As a result, that abomination would have to be something done to God's temple site that would defile it and make it impossible for the priests to offer sacrifices there. It was true in Daniel's time and it is true now. God has not changed where sacrifices should be offered anywhere in the Bible.<sup>1</sup>

But to which abolition of sacrifices is the Lord referring in this "1290-day" prophecy? Now please, let's not try to make a New Testament doctrine out of this Old Testament Scripture. The

---

<sup>1</sup> The OT continually corrects Israel's people for offering on the "high places," instructing them to bring their offerings to the temple instead (2 Ch 28:24-25). Priests were authorized to sacrifice only on the Altar of Burnt Offering (Deu 12:10-14); so to the Jews, an Abomination that made Desolate would be anything that kept them from offering sacrifices on the temple site. Levitical law dictated that anyone who desecrated the temple was to be stoned with stones until dead. In defiance of this, a Greek king, Antiochus Epiphanies, sacrificed a pig on the altar of burnt offering (circa 168BC). That started the Maccabean revolt, and the incident has been known ever since as an "abomination that made desolate." After that desecration, the priests had to perform extensive purification of the altar before they could again offer sacrifices upon it.

## 42 *The False Prophet*

addressees are clearly defined. It is in Hebrew, to the Jews. It is about the Holy Land while Gentile powers were ruling there. Context refers to “thy people” (Dan 12:1). Daniel was a Jew and the prophecy was given to him, so it is to and about the Jews during the Time of the Gentiles. There is no reason to believe the Lord was telling Daniel about an abolition of sacrifices that might take place 2500 years later, at the end of the Christian Era.

Sacrifices were suspended three times in the Old Testament: once before Daniel (2Ch 28:24-25), once during the Babylonian captivity (2Ch 36:19 and Ezr 3:6), and once, about four hundred years later, by the Greek king Antiochus Epiphanies. So to which event do you suppose the Lord might be referring?

Well, to whom was this prophecy given? To Daniel in 533BC. Result: we have every reason to believe that the Lord was referring to sacrifices that were abolished during Daniel’s own lifetime: to an abolition of sacrifices *to which Daniel could relate!*

Was it at the time of destruction of the temple? It doesn’t seem so. Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple in 586BC, but the prophet Jeremiah tells us that temple sacrifices continued long after the temple was burned:

Jer 41:5 ... from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men ... with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD.

Those men came to the temple at the end of the governorship of Gedaliah (seven to ten months *after* the temple was burned), so there had to be some purified priests in Jerusalem who were still carrying on. Two more years pass, then in the very last chapter of Jeremiah we read:

Jer 52:30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons.

Nebuchadnezzar ascended the throne of Babylon in 606-605BC. Twenty-three years later is 583BC. Therefore, this final captivity of 583BC is a scripturally supportable time for the sacrifices to have been abolished. Babylonians took the nobles, artisans and priests captive; they left only the poorest people in the land. There were apparently no purified priests left in the land who could offer sacrifices. What a devastating experience this must have been for God's people in captivity.

Oh, how the Jews repented. From the Babylonian captivity to this very day, they have not departed from the Lord their God, nor has an idol been seen among them. As a conquered people in exile, they had 70 years to regret their waywardness, and they never forgot it. Their repentance is poignantly recorded in this short quote from an unknown psalmist:

*By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down.  
 Yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.  
 We hanged our harps  
 upon the willows in the midst thereof.  
 For there they that carried us away captive  
 required of us a song;  
 and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying,  
 Sing us one of the songs of Zion.  
 How shall we sing the LORD's song  
 in a strange land?*

PSA 137:1-4

Though he was hundreds of miles from Jerusalem, Daniel knew all about these new hostages. Another group of Jewish captives being brought back to Babylon by Nebuzaradan, captain of the king's guard, could not have escaped Daniel's notice.<sup>1</sup> He was daily in

---

<sup>1</sup> For details on the Babylonian captivity, please refer to Graph No.1 on p24. It cannot be positively proven from Jer 41:5 and 52:30 that sacrifices were abolished in 583BC. However, there are N.T. prophecies that give ample support for that date. Those prophecies will be discussed in later chapters.

#### 44 *The False Prophet*

King Nebuchadnezzar's court (Dan 2:48-49). Oh, how it must have hurt that saintly man to hear of the sacrifices being stopped and of the Lord's temple in utter ruin. We can prove that the temple site was abandoned during Daniel's lifetime from Dan 9:17 and Eze 3:2-3. With that historic background in place, let's look at Dan 12:11 again:

Dan 12:11 And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there will be* **1,290 days**.

By applying the day=year unit of measure to that verse, Daniel could understand the vision. He remembered when the regular evening and morning sacrifices were abolished. He looked from that time on down 1290 Hebrew years into the future. He knew that an unbelievable abomination was going to trespass on the temple mount.<sup>1</sup> An atrocity that would make it desolate. The abomination to come would defile the site and prevent all future sacrifices. What could that terrible thing be? Daniel could not know, but we can because 1290 years since the sacrifices were abolished have already passed. They were over in 688AD.<sup>2</sup>

So what happened in 688AD? Well, from 685 to 705AD, the Moslem Kalifah, Abd el Malik ibn Marwan, built a memorial to

---

<sup>1</sup> This is how Daniel could understand the vision. God gave the 1290-day vision fifty years *after* the regular sacrifices had been abolished. Looking back, Daniel could see that nothing of any special significance had taken place just 1290 ordinary days after their abolition, so he knew the Lord was speaking of some-thing other than ordinary 24 hour days. Daniel then put together when sacrifices were abolished with the definition for prophetic days given by the prophet Ezekiel (Eze 4:6 "I have appointed thee each day for a year.") and saw that the abomination was still 1290 years in his future.

<sup>2</sup> Some may argue that sacrifices could have been abolished a year or two earlier, or a couple of years later than 583BC, as suggested by the author. But none argue that they were abolished earlier than the destruction of the temple (586BC), nor more than ten years later. The Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque were under construction on the temple mount for about 20 years, from 685 to 705AD. Leaving the widest latitude for scholarly argument, that 20-year window cannot be circumvented.

Muhammad, the Dome of the Rock, on God's temple mount! Thus, we now have a positive identification:

*The Dome of the Rock is the Abomination of Desolation!*

That is not just coincidence or suppositional theology. The day=year interpretation fits the words of Daniel 12:11 exactly and it fits known history TO THE YEAR. The construction date of the Dome of the Rock is a plain historic fact that you can prove for yourself from any good encyclopedia or world history.

And so, for the first time in Scripture, we run into the Moslems. Islam, and nobody else, was responsible for the construction of the Abomination that maketh Desolate!<sup>1</sup>

That temple mount of God Most Holy was made spiritually desolate over 1300 years ago and it remains so today. The Jews can't offer sacrifices to the Lord on His holy mountain while that structure to THE false prophet remains there. That is why there is such an interest among conservative Jews about tearing it down. It is no secret to the Jewish Rabbis that the Dome of the Rock is an abomination that makes desolate. In the following chapters we will see how the New Testament fully supports the identity of the dome as the Abomination that maketh Desolate.

Now don't forget 688AD and the Dome of the Rock. We're going to run into that date, and Islam, again and again. And remember 583BC, too. Both dates are important.

---

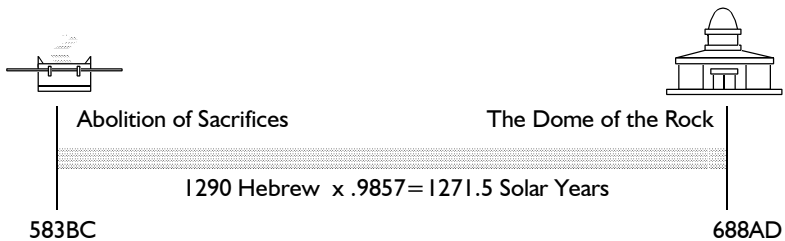
<sup>1</sup> Jerry Landay in his book, *The Dome of the Rock* (Newsweek, New York, NY, 1972) p. 18, records that when Khalifah Omar entered Jerusalem in 639AD, he was met by Sophronius, Bishop of the Jerusalem Church, who showed him around the city. Seeing the temple mount (then in rubble), Omar declared that he was going to build a memorial to Muhammad on the original site of the temple of God. Sophronius exclaimed in horror, "Verily, this is the Abomination of Desolation as spoken of by Daniel the prophet, and it now stands in the holy place." Though Sophronius was a very old man of about 80, Khalifah Omar put him in prison and to forced labor, the severities of which killed him.

The Dome of the Rock being the Abomination that maketh Desolate is not a new theology. It's a truth that's been with the Church for over 1300 years, but somehow we have managed to forget the prophetic words of Sophronius, Bishop of the Jerusalem Church.

GRAPH NUMBER 5

## Abomination of Desolation

Dan 12:11 (KJV) And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.



Note: Biblical day=year prophecies have a beginning date in history specified by context, and now we can see their historic fulfillments. In Mar 13:14 the Abomination of Desolation is referred to as an "it" not a him, and this dome, a Moslem structure, has now stood on God's temple mount for over 1300 years. There are now over a 1.2 billion people in that false religion, so Muhammad could certainly qualify as the false prophet of Rev 19:20. Best estimates are that 10-15 percent of Moslems worldwide are of the militant Islamic strain. That means over 100 million human beings are, to a greater or lesser degree, caught up in the world's most dangerous fanaticism. Since there are no less than three to five million Moslems in the US, we can reasonably conclude that somewhere between 300,000 to 750,000 American Moslems support the terrorists.

# The Wrong Rock

## CHAPTER 5

*Behold ye among the heathen,  
and regard, and wonder marvelously:  
for I will work a work in your days,  
which ye will not believe,  
though it be told you.*

HAB 1:5

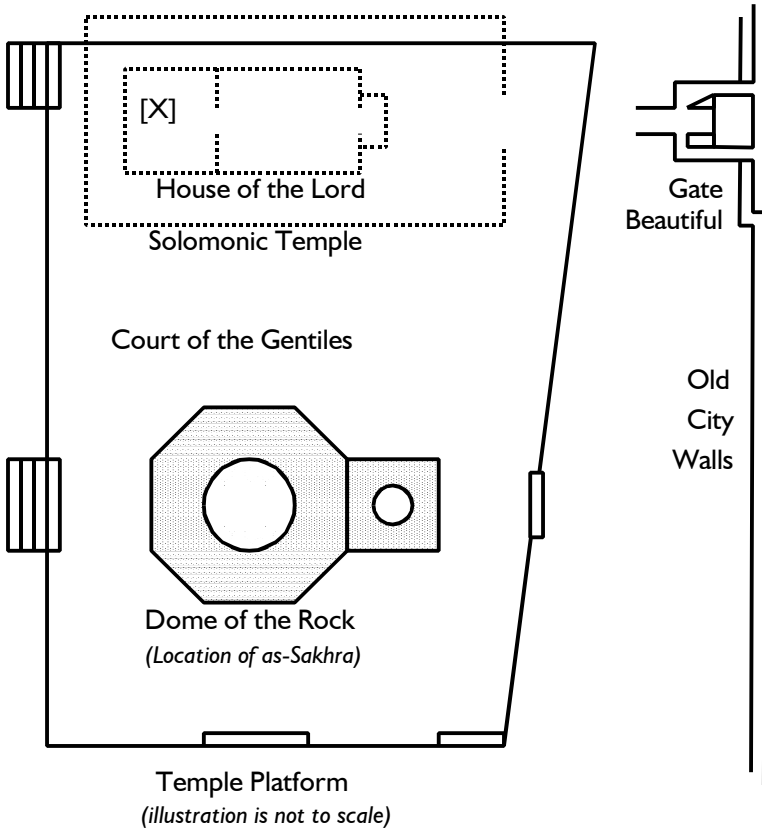
FROM our position in the opening days of the 21st century, we can just begin to see a little of God's exquisite plan. The Abomination that maketh Desolate is not an antichrist in our future. It is an Islamic building that has stood on Mount Moriah for over 1300 years. But like the Lord said to Habakkuk, we wouldn't have believed Him if He had told us in advance, and now that we can see it, we can still hardly believe it.

### **LOCATING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE**

The 1290 days of Daniel, when interpreted as years, fitting one incident in history is not sufficient evidence to prove that all prophetic "days" should be understood as years – even when the 1290 days hit an event as remarkable as the construction of the Dome of the Rock on Mount Moriah, *right to the year*. However, in Daniel's 70 Weeks, we saw that 69 of those weeks were really 69 weeks of years that were fulfilled at the cross. Since that is the prophetic time system the Lord used in one part of Scripture, wouldn't we need scriptural authorization to change it if we ran into prophetic days somewhere else? Wouldn't it be poor theology to leave a divinely ordained system that we can show works and try to interpret "days" in some other way, particularly since that would go against God's declaration, "I give you a day for a year"?

GRAPH NUMBER 6

## Location of the Solomonic Temple



[X] Location of the flat bedrock, now under the Dome of the Tablets.

This sketch of the Temple Mount shows the Moslem *Dome of the Rock* to be some 330 feet south of both the Solomonic and 2nd temples. The dotted line shows the location of the Temple of Solomon. Notice that it faces East and is directly in line with the Golden Gate. The 2nd temple (not shown) was in the same location, but it faced 6° more easterly. In both temples, the flat bedrock, now under the little Dome of the Tablets, was part of the floor of the *Kodesh ha-Kodashim*, or Holy of Holies. Documentation for this drawing may be found in *Biblical Archeology Review*, March 1983.



Of course. So to stay in line with Scripture, we should at least look at the possibility of historic day=year fits for other prophetic “days” in Scripture.

Let’s begin by imagining ourselves on the Isle of Patmos at the end of the 1st century, looking at the world about us through the eyes of the Apostle John as he writes Revelation. It is now about 70 years after Calvary and the Jews were in a state of revolt against their Roman rulers. That wasn’t anything new. They had been in rebellion against Rome ever since their occupation began (65BC). Army after Roman army had been sent to the Holy Land to quell the continual uprisings, but they just kept happening. Losing all patience, Rome finally sent her best general against Jerusalem itself and the city was almost totally destroyed. An estimated 1,000,000 Jews fell to sword and famine and the beautiful Second Temple was torn down to bedrock. It had taken 45 years to build, but stone by stone the Romans threw it into the valleys of Tyropoeon and Kidron just as Jesus had prophesied 37 years earlier: “not one stone will be left standing upon another.” His prophecy of the coming devastation is recorded in three places, Mat 24:2, Mar 13:2, and Luk 21:6.

The Christians in the city were aware of Jesus’ prophecy, so just prior to that city’s destruction they fled Jerusalem in haste. Early church records assert that no Christians were left in the city, and that no Christian lives were lost during the ensuing massacre.<sup>1</sup> The demolition of the temple was so complete that even the memory of its exact location was lost. Then, except for a short-

---

<sup>1</sup> Titus destroyed Jerusalem in 70AD. According to Tacitus, the city was crowded with 600,000 visitors. After five months the walls were battered down, the Temple burned, and the city was put to the sword. Josephus states that over 1,000,000 Jews were killed and 95,000 taken captive. Henry Halley, *Halley’s Bible Handbook* (Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan, 1965) pp. 655-656. However, Eusebius writes, “On the other hand, the people of the church in Jerusalem, were commanded by oracle given by revelation to those in the city who were worthy of it, to depart and dwell in one of the cities of Perea, which they called Pella.” *Ecclesiastical History*, Book 3, v. 5, ln. 3-4.

lived temple of Jupiter, God's temple site remained in rubble for over 600 years.

However, in 685, the Moslem governor of Jerusalem, one Kalifah Abd el Malik ibd Marwan, began clearing the temple mount. He used the local people to do so, including the Christians and Jews still living in the city. When the bedrock was exposed, they found two solid rock promontories within 300 feet of each other. The one to the south they named "as-Sakhra," and over as-Sakhra they built the memorial to Muhammad, the Dome of the Rock, the actual construction of which began in 688. You remember the numbers from the last chapter:

*1290 Hebrew years (1271.5 Solar years) after 583BC is  
688AD!  $583 + 1271.34 = 688.66$ .*

Over the other promontory – an unusually flat stone to the north and slightly west of as-Sakhra – a little, unimposing cupola was constructed they aptly named "The Dome of the Spirits," or "The Dome of the Tablets." Having no science of archaeology during those days, guess what?

*The Moslems built the Dome of the Rock on the wrong rock!*<sup>1</sup>

Now I have no idea how you feel as you read that line, but I remember how I felt twenty two years ago when I first understood it. I sat at my desk, stunned for a moment, and then just leaned back and roared with laughter. I read the scriptural and archeological data again and again, praising God. The rock they built that dome on, As-Sakhra, has no historic or spiritual significance whatsoever. The Dome of the Rock is right in the middle of what was once the court of the Gentiles. Even ceremonially unwashed Canaanite slaves were allowed into the court of the

---

<sup>1</sup> According to Moslem tradition, As Sakhra is the rock from which Muhammad supposedly ascended into heaven. How spiritually appropriate it is that they built on the wrong rock. Muhammad is not just a little minor false prophet; he is probably THE false prophet of Rev 19:20! If he isn't, then what does it take to qualify?

Gentiles. You didn't have to be a priest, or a Levite, or even a Jew to be there.

The House of the Lord, which only the sons of Aaron could enter, stood over that little flat rock some 300+ feet north of where the Dome now stands. We know exactly where the temple stood because of holes drilled in the bedrock that are spaced on the sacred cubit. The sacred cubit could be used only in the temple itself, and these holes pinpoint the exact location of the House of the Lord.<sup>1</sup>

The *Kodesh Ha-Kodeshim*, the Holy of Holies, was directly over that little flat rock marked [X] on the drawing. Bathed in Shekinah Glory, that flat rock was the resting place of the Ark of the Covenant: "God's dwelling place, and the footstool of His feet, forever." It was exactly on an East-West line with the Golden Gate.<sup>2</sup> The very gate through which Jesus walked on His way to teach in the temple. Now, for the first time ever, we can discern the meaning of a baffling allegorical verse in Ezekiel:

Eze 42:20 He measured it by the four sides: it had a wall round about, five hundred reeds long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the profane place.

That spiritual wall of separation, probably guarded by holy angels, has stood on the temple mount for over 1300 years, and we haven't seen it. The Dome of the Rock is 300 feet to the South of the temple. That Moslem edifice is not now, and never has been, over the old temple site. The dome was, is, and shall be (as long as it stands) right in the middle of the Court of the Gentiles.

---

<sup>1</sup> The Hebrews had two units of measure for the cubit: the ordinary cubit of about 18 in., and a sacred cubit, "a cubit and a span" of about 21½ in. The sacred cubit was used only in temple construction.

<sup>2</sup> Temple Foundation Located, *Biblical Archaeology Review*, Mar. 1983.

**THE 42 MONTHS**

Isn't it wonderful to know that by permitting the temple's total destruction, God protected His Holy of Holies from the desecration of having a memorial to a false god, and the false prophet, built over it? Of more importance, if the Moslems had not built on the wrong rock, it would be impossible for this next quote to be fulfilled. Now look carefully at the language and see how perfectly it fits the situation on the temple mount today:

Rev 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

“Leave out the court ... it has been given to the Gentiles!” The Dome of the Rock is in the court, and it is a Gentile structure. So we now have the location. Then we read that the city of Jerusalem itself would be under Gentile control for 42 months. Farfetched as it may sound, could those 42 months be months of days that should be looked at as years? It was day=years in the Old Testament, and there is no Scripture anywhere that does away with that interpretation, so let's at least try for a historic fit using day=years. When do they begin and when do they end? We need a historic setting.

On the 6th day of June, 1967, at the end of the Six-Day War, General Moshe Dayan and a tough, battle-hardened contingent of Israeli commandos stood before a wall of ancient stones. Their shoulders were shaking, and tears were streaming down their faces. They were at the Wailing Wall in East Jerusalem, that Holy Place from which they had been exiled so many centuries before. They were crying thanks unto God for restoring their ancient city to them. There they solemnly swore: “Never again shall we be driven from this place.” For the first time in 2573 years the Jews were again in control of their Holy City. Could that touching moment be the historic end of, “and they [*the Gentiles*] will tread

under foot the Holy City for 42 months?” 42 months x 30.44 gives us roughly 1278.5 days:<sup>1</sup>

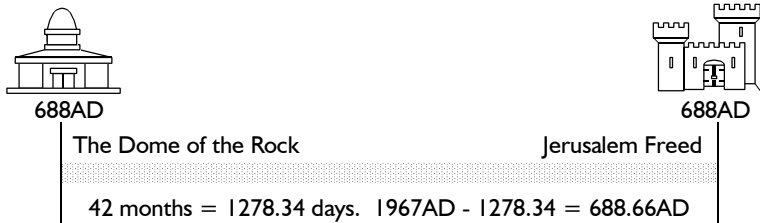
*1967AD - 1278.5 = 688.5AD ... the Dome of the Rock!*

Bulls eye! In the 1290 days of Dan 12, the Lord took us from 583BC, and the abolition of sacrifices in Daniel’s time, to 688AD and the Abomination that makes Desolate, the Dome of the Rock. Then in the 42 months, the Lord shows us the accuracy of that interpretation. He takes us from the restoration of Jerusalem in 1967, right back to 688, and the Dome of the Rock.

GRAPH NUMBER 7

## 42 Months of Rev 11:2

Rev 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.



Note: Please study Rev 11:2 carefully. This interpretation fits Scripture and history too well to be ignored. “And the holy city shall they tread underfoot forty and two months.” Forty-two months is 1278.34 days, and it is exactly 1278 years from the beginning of the construction of the Dome of the Rock until Jerusalem was again under Jewish control. Then, “Leave out the court ...” The Dome of the Rock is in the Court of the Gentiles, 300 feet south of the temple.

<sup>1</sup> A Solar year is 365.24 days. Dividing those days by the 12 months in a year gives us a monthly duration of 30.44 days.

We come to 688, and that dome from both directions, right to the year. As a result, from the Lord's view, the central event to take place in Jerusalem during the time of the Gentiles was the building of the Abomination of Desolation on the footstool of His feet. And it is not just the numbers that work. Look at how this fits the very words of Scripture:

- (1) "Sacrifices abolished."
- (2) "Abomination set up."
- (3) "Leave out the court."
- (4) "Holy city tread under foot for 42 months."

This many factors coming together can't be just a numerical or verbal fluke, can they? Writing it off as coincidence is statistically unreasonable, and there are other fulfillments using the same yardstick still to come.

#### **THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE**

When God unlocks a book and opens our eyes, He does so in such a way that it cannot be reasonably refuted. Using the day=year principle again, God gives us proof upon proof:

Rev 12:1-5 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Who is this woman, and who is the man child? When we read His description, there is only one Person in all eternity who matches

that portrait. Who will rule all nations with a rod of iron?<sup>1</sup> Who descended from Heaven, and who ascended up into it again?<sup>2</sup> Who now sits at the right hand of the throne of God?<sup>3</sup> None other than Jesus Christ the Righteous. That makes the woman Israel, and the 12 stars the 12 tribes. The dragon would then be Satan, who tried to defeat the Lord at the cross, and the fallen stars would be the fallen angels.<sup>4</sup>

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

During the Christian Era the Jews were dispersed into the nations.<sup>5</sup> For centuries the Jews have been hounded from country to country, made slaves of: were robbed, beaten, and murdered wholesale, as in Nazi Germany ... but never again. God has promised that never again would the Jews suffer anything like that holocaust in which 6,000,000 of the physical seed of Abraham were murdered:

Jer 30:3-8 And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

---

<sup>1</sup> Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron.

<sup>2</sup> Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.

<sup>3</sup> Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

<sup>4</sup> Rev 1:20 tells us that the stars are the "aggelos" or messengers (Strong's No. G32). That same Greek word is also used in Rev 12:4. Aggelos, pronounced "anglos" is usually translated angels.

<sup>5</sup> The wilderness is the Gentile world, Eze 20:35.

A more moving account of the atrocities of the Nazi gas chambers would be hard to imagine. There, in the winter snow, stood line after line of Jewish men, naked, their hands in front of them to cover their nudity. Shivering bodies, numb with cold, beatings and starvation. Faces pale, they shuffled slowly into oblivion. As Your Son hung naked on the cross so long ago, so now it has happened unto Your people, Oh God.

But that is all in the past now. The time of Jacob's trouble is long over. The Lord has broken Satan's yoke from off their neck, and the Jews will never be in bondage again.

Jer 30:7 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves [*make slaves*] of him.

As of 1948, the Jews are no longer dispersed in the nations. On May 15th of that year, Israeli Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, stood on the floor of the Knesset and declared the nation of Israel to be a sovereign state. That is a historic fact nobody can dispute. As of 1948, the woman, Israel, is no longer in the wilderness, and since she isn't, Rev 12:6 is fulfilled.

According to Rev 12:6, the woman, Israel, would be in the wilderness 1260 days. Could this be years again? In this instance, the Lord gave us prophetic days straight out with no complicated mathematics.<sup>1</sup> Even a 2nd grader can figure this one out:

*1948 - 1260 = 688 ... and the Dome of the Rock!*

How come we couldn't see it sooner? God planned it that way, and even told us so. Remember in Dan 12:9, when the Lord stated that this book was sealed until the time of the end? Until the new nation of Israel and a freed Jerusalem became historic realities

---

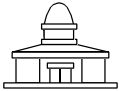
<sup>1</sup> It is correct use the 365.24 solar year to interpret NT prophecies. In New Testament times, the Jews were under Roman rule and the 365.24 day Roman year was in common usage.



GRAPH NUMBER 8

## The 1260 Days of Rev 12:6

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.



688AD

The Dome of the Rock



1948AD

New nation of Israel

1260 years, no conversion. John used the Solar calendar.

Note: Before 688AD, both Christians and Jews could freely worship in Jerusalem, and on the temple mount. They were not prophetically in the “wilderness” of the nations until the Moslems made it unsafe for them to worship in that city. That is why the 1260 days begin in 688AD.

(which *BEGAN* the time of the end) it was impossible to prove that Daniel’s 1290 days were fulfilled by the Dome of the Rock.

Now you realize, according to the dispensationalists, that those prophetic “days” are supposed to be about either the first or the last half of the Great Seven-Year Tribulation, but obviously, that is not what they are about at all. They are about the Moslems, the Jews, Jerusalem, and the Holy Land. They are about the restoration of the people to whom God gave the land in the first place: the PHYSICAL descendants of Israel.

How can we deny the evidence of our own eyes? An Israeli flag, complete with the star of David, began to fly over the battlements of Jerusalem on the exact year the Lord predicted it would, and Jews by the millions have returned to the land. That’s not guesswork theology, folks; it’s reality.



*Photo courtesy Biblical Archeology Review*

We are filled with reverence when we realize that surrounding the now exposed bedrock under this little cupola, was the Holy of Holies of the temple of Solomon. On this rock once stood the Ark of the Covenant. When Solomon erected the temple in 966BC, this very space was filled with the Shekinah glory of God. The Ark was “lost” during Nebuchadnezzar’s siege of Jerusalem. Jewish tradition states that the prophet Jeremiah took the Ark and the original tabernacle through a secret tunnel under Jerusalem and buried them on Mount Nebo. However, it now appears that the Table of Showbread, Altar of Incense and the Ark of the Covenant were buried in a cave under Golgotha.

# Two Witnesses

## CHAPTER 6

*Can a woman forget her sucking child,  
that she should not have compassion  
on the son of her womb?  
Yea, they may forget,  
yet will I not forget thee.*

ISA 49:15

AS already discussed, Revelation is not a mystery, but Jesus' solution of one (Rev 1:1). Consequently, we can't go to that book with our doctrines in place and expect to learn what Jesus may have there for us. The Two Witnesses of Rev 11:3-7 are good examples of why. Most believe these two witnesses to be a couple of Old Testament saints like Enoch and Elijah, but they might be someone else entirely:

Rev 11:3 ... and I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

Taking the day-year principle of Eze 4:5-6 into consideration, those two witnesses would have to witness for 1260 years. No one in this age lives that long, so who can they be?

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Hummm ... olive trees and candlesticks. What can those figures mean? Unless the Lord's Two Witnesses are a pair of real elderly fruit-bearing olive trees and a couple of really ancient, oil-dripping candlesticks, then, like it or not, we are dealing with figurative

language. So let's see if we can find biblical definitions for olive trees and candlesticks.

To sort these figures out we probably need to apply one of the rules of hermeneutics<sup>1</sup>. Now, hermeneutics is not a discipline we play games with to fit our doctrines. It is a sound study of how to interpret either the spoken word or a written document. Hermeneutics has some excellent, time-tested rules. Among them is the rule of "scriptural adjacency." That rule states: When you read something you don't understand, first study the surrounding text, then the chapter, then the book in which that chapter appears, then the testament that contains that book, and finally, relate the verse to the whole Bible. That is one of the rules, and it's a very good one. In other words ...

*We don't go to the Old Testament for definitions of New Testament figures when there are New Testament definitions that fit perfectly!*<sup>2</sup>

In Rev 11:4 quoted above, the Two Witnesses of the Christian Era are described as olive trees and candlesticks. To find the correct definition for those figures, we should find the closest contextual address which explains them. Lo and behold, right in Revelation we find candlesticks defined:

Rev 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

---

<sup>1</sup> Hermeneutics is the science of interpretation, especially of the Scriptures. The branch of theology that deals with biblical exegesis.

<sup>2</sup> Candlesticks and olive trees are used figuratively in Zec 4, but the figures within that chapter were defined for us as things that existed during Zechariah's time (the Jewish leader Zerubbabel being one of them). So on the basis of the definitions in Zec 4, could Zerubbabel and "the two anointed ones" be the Two Witnesses of Rev 11? Not very likely since he died about 2500 years ago. We see no end-time reference to a personage like Zerubbabel in the New Testament, and furthermore Revelation does not call the two witnesses of the Christian Era "anointed ones." However, since Zechariah's two "anointed ones" are not clearly identified, they might possibly be an OT reference to the Two Witnesses in Revelation 11.

Right in Revelation 1, candlesticks are defined as churches. If candlesticks are churches in Rev 1, then guess what? Candlesticks are *still* churches in Rev 11. The only way they would not be Churches is if the Lord God Himself changed the symbolic meaning of that word somewhere between Rev 1:20 and Rev 11:4. No change of definition appears there (or anywhere else in Scripture for that matter) so the candlesticks of Rev 11:4 are churches. That interpretation is not the product of some clever theologian's overactive imagination. Candlesticks are churches because the Bible itself defines them as such.

So, if the seven candlesticks of Rev 1 are seven churches, what do you suppose the two candlesticks of Rev 11 might be? Why, two churches of course. But if the Two Witnesses are only two churches, which churches are they? Probably every denomination in the world would like to believe it is one of the Two Witnesses (with the rest of Christendom being heretics, of course), but God's churches of the Christian Era are far broader than man's sectarian restrictions, and the Olive Trees figure positively identifies who they are.

Still applying the principle of scriptural adjacency, we first try for a definition of olive trees in Revelation and then in the rest of the New Testament. Four times in the Old, and twice in the New, Israel is defined as an olive tree.<sup>1</sup> Old Testament verses are included in footnote, but we still don't use Old Testament

---

<sup>1</sup> Jer 11:16 The Lord called your name, "A green olive tree, beautiful in fruit and form;" With the noise of a great tumult He has kindled fire on it, And its branches are worthless.

Isa 17:6 Yet gleanings will be left in it like the shaking of an olive tree, Two or three olives on the topmost bough, Four or five on the branches of a fruitful tree, Declares the Lord, the God of Israel.

Isa 24:13 For thus it will be in the midst of the earth among the peoples, As the shaking of an olive tree, As the gleanings when the grape harvest is over.

Hos 14:6 His shoots will sprout, And his beauty will be like the olive tree, And his fragrance like Lebanon.

definitions to define New Testament figures when there are New Testament definitions that fit perfectly:

Rom 11:17 And if some of the [*Jewish*] branches be broken off, and thou [*the Gentile church*], being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree.

Rom 11:24 For if thou [*the Gentiles*] wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree [*the Jews*]: how much more shall these [*the Jews*], which be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Revelation is a New Testament book, and a New Testament definition for olive trees appears in Romans 11. According to that whole chapter, the Gentile church is one olive tree, and the Jewish people are the other. As a result ...

*One witness is the Jewish people  
and the other witness is the Gentile church!*

If we just accept the scriptural definitions for olive trees and candlesticks, we are not left with a lot of doctrinal options. Take a realistic look at history. The nation of Israel could not have maintained its identity through nineteen centuries of dispersion, under constant persecution, were it not for the protecting hand of the Lord our God. The Bible itself affirms it. Listen to what Scripture says:

Jer 31:35-37 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

Our eternal Heavenly Father has not forgotten those words. He stated right there that the children of Israel would be a *nation* before Him forever, so He has remembered His chosen people all along. The Lord's plans for the physical seed of Israel throughout all time, including the Christian Era, are recorded in too many Scriptures to ignore.<sup>1</sup>

Replacement theology<sup>2</sup> notwithstanding, from the multitude of verses cited in the footnote, it appears that the Lord never intended to forget the physical seed of Israel. Let me tell you how important that is. If the Jews could not trust the promises God made to them in the Old Testament, how can the Church trust the promises God made to us in the New? It's comforting to know, despite man's doctrines to the contrary, that our God is an absolutely Holy God who keeps His Word in eternity.

---

<sup>1</sup> Gen 17:7 speaks of an unconditional everlasting covenant with the physical seed of Abraham. Lev 26:44-45 shows that Israel's restoration was not to be conditional. Isa 11:11 speaks of a second restoration of the Jews. Isa 26:20-27:1 speaks of a final hiding of the children of Israel followed by Satan's complete judgment. Isa 27:12-13, in context with the above, speaks of a final re-gathering of Israel. Jer 30:4-8 speaks of the time of Jacob's trouble and future restoration. Jer 30:18-24 states that a restoration for the tents of Jacob will take place in the latter days, i.e. not the first restoration of 536BC. Jer 31:35-37 speaks of the permanent nation of Israel. Jer 33:24-26 is a definitive unconditional covenant with Jacob's descendants. Eze 16:60-63 speaks of an unconditional everlasting covenant with the Jews. Eze 37:1-28 speaks of an unconditional future restoration of Israel, followed closely by Armageddon in Eze 38-39. Hos 11:9-10 speaks of a future restoration of Israel from the West. Joe 3:1-3 predicts the restoration of Judah, followed by Armageddon. Amo 9:11-15 speaks of an Israel restored to the land. Zec 8:8 speaks of a post-exilic, unconditional restoration of the Jews to Jerusalem and the land. Zec 10 and 12 are more prophecies of a future restoration of the Jews. Zec 14 speaks of Armageddon, with the Jews in Jerusalem. Luk 21:24 speaks of a dispersion, the time of the Gentiles, and a restoration following. Rom 11:11 states that the Jews have not fallen so as to be lost. Rom 11:17 states that only some of the branches were broken off. Rom 11:17 states that the church was grafted in among the Jews. Rom 11:28 states that the gospel-age Jews are still elect. Rom 11:29 states that God's calling of the Jews is irrevocable. Rev 7:4-9 speaks of the 12 tribes of Israel in the Christian Era. Rev 12:1-6 speaks of Israel in the Christian Era. Rev 15:3 is a passage primarily about the Christian Era; there are two songs, one for the Jews, one for the Gentile church.

<sup>2</sup> Simply stated, Replacement Theology is the belief that the Church, as adopted Israel, has totally replaced the physical seed of Abraham and that God is completely finished with the Jews of the Christian Era. This view holds that during this era, the Church is all the Israel there is. The Scriptures cited in the preceding footnote, plus Rom 11:15, stand directly against such a doctrine.

## 64 *The False Prophet*

Psa 33:11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

But if the Two Witnesses are two churches, when are they going to witness? If we stand by the day-year principle, they would have to witness for 1260 years:

Rev 11:3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.

The time of the Two Witnesses cannot come after the time of the Gentiles because Jesus told us there would be only ONE generation following 1967: “This generation [*after the time of the Gentiles*] will not pass away until all things are fulfilled” (Luk 21:24, 32). A generation cannot be over 70 years (Psa 90:10), and is usually considered to be 40 years, so we have to look back in history for these 1260 years. The author could find only one 1260 year time period that had any spiritual significance at all during in the whole Christian Era:<sup>1</sup>

*1948AD - 1260 = 688 AD and the Dome of the Rock!*

And this fits history perfectly! As of 1948, the Jews are no longer witnessing in the nations. The Abomination that maketh Desolate was set up in 688, and the Jews were driven into the “wilderness” of the nations at that time.<sup>2</sup> Now, 1260 years later, there is a new autonomous nation of Israel, and the Jews are back in the Holy Land again. So the Jewish people are one of the Two Witnesses of the Christian Era.

---

<sup>1</sup> Since there have been Hebrew believers all the way back to Abraham’s time, and the Church has existed since Pentecost, why do the 1260 days start in 688 AD? Before that date, both Jew and Christian were free to worship in Jerusalem, even on the temple mount itself. After 688 the Moslems persecuted the Christians and Jews and drove them out of the land. That is when the most final of all the dispersions of the Jews took place. By now we should begin to get the picture. God’s Word is eternal, and regardless of what nation ruled in the Holy Land, that old temple site was always of inestimable importance to the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Eze 20:35 “And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people,” shows the Gentile nations to be the wilderness.



### THE OTHER WITNESS

We can see 688 to 1948 as the time of Jewish witness, but what about the second witness, the Church? How can the church's time of witness be over since we are still here? Well, look at what has happened to the Church since 1948. Most Christian homes have a Bible, but few Christians still read them or continue to witness to the lost. The immorality, involvement in the occult and satanism in the western nations has mushroomed since 1948, and the church has done little to slow the decay. As a result of our apathy and questionable lifestyles that followed, much of the Gentile church has fallen into apostasy.

Most churches in this country are terminally ill, many have already fallen away, and Europe is far worse. Many are beyond reach, "the sin unto *spiritual* death" (1 Jo 5:16). Since our battle is really spiritual, one is inclined to wonder if the coming destruction of the visible Church may not be more spiritual than physical. If it is, we are frighteningly close to that hour:<sup>1</sup>

Rev 11:7 And when they [*the Two Witnesses*] shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

One way or another, in the final hours of this age, the Two Witnesses are going to be destroyed. Read Rev 11:7 in the original Greek or in any translation you like. All predict the end of the visible Church. How can that be? Didn't Jesus promise that the gates of Hell would not prevail against His church? Yes, but the

---

<sup>1</sup> The National Council of Churches (to which your own church might belong) joined the World Council of Churches in 1948. That organization has a declared goal of causing social change rather than teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is what "Liberation Theology" is all about. It is reported that through them, millions of dollars from mainline denominational churches (your tithes included) have gone to buy guns to support various third-world insurgent "liberation fronts." As a result, it appears that the Gentile church has fallen into apostasy. As one indicator of church conditions, elders and deacons within mainline churches have become occultists and satanists or are into New Age.

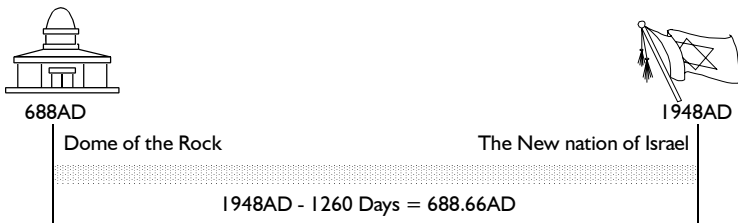
true Church that remains isn't all those big buildings out there, it's only a remnant now... a few hairs hidden in a hem of the Lord's garment (Eze 5:3).

For the first time since the invention of the printing press, books on astrology, satanism, and the occult are outselling the Bible. Truth has fallen in the street (Isa 59:14), and the consciences of our people have been seared as with a branding iron (1Ti 4:2). This will eventually lead to a worldwide rejection of the Bible and of the Lord. As the spiritual decay deepens, a ruthless and devastating evil will be unleashed upon this planet, and it will come with an intensity unknown since the flood. It has already begun.

GRAPH NUMBER 9

## The Two Witnesses

Rev 11:3-4 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two Candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.



Note: Before 688, both Christians and Jews could freely worship in Jerusalem, and on the temple mount. They were not prophetically in the nations until the Moslems made it unsafe for them to worship in that city. That is why the time of the Two Witnesses began in 688.

What is a true Church to do when conditions become unbearable? Later in this book, you will read how we may become united with

the faithful Jews, to stand with them in steadfast array against the enemies of the Lord:

Isa 11:13-14 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together.

That verse may not seem applicable to a true Church today, but it's relevance will be explained in later chapters.

#### **A NEWS BRIEF**

*Arutz Sheva Israel National Radio, 11/11/2001, 10:52am*

On the Hussan bypass road, near Beitar Illit, a very powerful bomb was discovered and safely detonated this morning. It contained a 120-mm mortar shell. Two mortar shells were fired at the Rafiach Crossing in southern Gaza in a pre-dawn attack this morning. There were no injuries.

An Islamic Jihad terrorist was killed early this afternoon in an explosion at his place of work in Bethlehem. PLO sources say that the man probably suffered a "work accident" in the course of preparing explosives. They say they are continuing to check, however, whether he had been targeted by Israel.

# Time, Times, & a Half

## CHAPTER 7

*But if ye turn unto me,  
and keep my commandments, and do them;  
though there were of you cast out  
unto the uttermost part of the heaven,  
yet will I gather them from thence,  
and will bring them unto the place  
that I have chosen to set my name there.*

NEH 1:9

SO far, we have only studied prophetic days. In every instance we found them to be years. But day=years are not the only duration of prophetic time in the Bible. Twice in Daniel, and once in Revelation, there is the expression “time, times, and half a time.” So how long is a time? Look at these times in Daniel:

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a **time and times and the dividing of time**.

Dan 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for **a time, times, and an half**; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Is a *time* a year like the day=years? One thing for sure, a *time* is not a year. Here is how we know. The Hebrew word for day is *yom*. The Hebrew and High Syriac words for *time* (as used in Dan

7:25 and 12:7) are *iddan* and *moadah*.<sup>1</sup> Surely, the Creator of the universe knows the difference between *iddan*, *moadah* and *yom*. Of course, and He gave us a *yom* for a year, not an *iddan* or a *moadah* for a year. So *iddan* (time), and *moadah* (time), must mean something else. Lets call them time durations “X.”

And what about the cryptic way in which those words were used, “time, times, and the dividing of a time?” How many “times” do we have there? As is true of English, Hebrew is full of idiomatic language. For instance, the Hebrew idiom “cut off” means to kill. “Ate the pieces of” means to bring malicious accusations against, and so on. Is “time, times, and the dividing of a time” also an idiom? Let’s see if there is Scripture to support that hypothesis:

Job 33:14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

Job 40:5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.

Psa 62:11 God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

In the above, *once* is one, and *twice* is only one more, for a total of two:  $1 + 1 = 2$ . A singular *one* followed by a plural *twice* is only two. In the same way, a singular *time* followed by a plural *times* might be only two. Only two! The words are different, but the idiomatic form is the same. If the Lord had said, “time, yea times” we might have seen it instantly.

Now let’s employ the same idiomatic language to interpret time, times, and half a time. *Time* = one; *times* = one more, for a total of two times. Add a *half a time* and we have two and a half

---

<sup>1</sup> DAY= H3117. yowm, yome: from an unused root mean. to be hot; a day (as the warm hours), whether lit. (from sunrise to sunset, or from one sunset to the next. TIME= H5732. ‘iddan, (Chaldean), id-dawn’: from a root corresponding. to that of H5708; a set time. TIME= H4150. mow’ed, mo-ade’; or mo’ed mo-ade’; or (feminine) mow’adah (H2 Chron. 8 :13), mo-aw-daw’: from H3259; prop. an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season.

times, or  $1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} = 2\frac{1}{2}$ .<sup>1</sup> That is pretty simple, isn't it? So why have people been saying that "time, times, and half a time" are three and a half years? Who knows? Probably because it fits the *Seven-Year* tribulation scheme. However, Hebrew scholars have told me their grammar does not support  $3\frac{1}{2}$  times as the correct translation for that idiom.

All right, so "time, times, and half a time" are two and a half times. But if a time isn't a year, how long is it? Daniel understood day=years, but he didn't understand *time*. Why? Because day=years were defined for him in Old Testament scriptures while time was not. In fact, *time* was not defined until late in the New Testament epistles:

2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day [*Greek word, hemera*] is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

On the surface that sure doesn't look like much of a definition for time, does it? It certainly doesn't work in English. But something is wrong here. God has already given us the definition for day. He gave us a day for a year. Is the Lord changing His definition of prophetic days here? Not at all. We can prove that the correct interpretation for prophetic days is still years by the 42 months and 1260 days of Revelation that we just studied.

What we have here is an "X with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as an X." So how do we solve for "X"? By doing a word study in Greek, which was the original language of the New Testament. The Greek word translated "day" in 2Pe 3:8 is *hemera*, (*ἡμέρα*).<sup>2</sup> *Hemera* is an ambiguous word

<sup>1</sup> Sorry about this 1+1 stuff. I know I am getting down on the kindergarten level, but this seems the easiest way to explain the concept.

<sup>2</sup> Strong's No. G2520. *hemera*, hay-mer'-ah: feminine. (with G5610 implied) of a der. of *hemai* (to sit; akin to the base of G1476) several days were usually reckoned by the Jews as inclusive of the parts of both extremes; fig. a period (always defined more or less clearly by the context): age, + always, forever, judgment, (day) time, while, years.

sometimes translated: period, moment, season, year, and, guess what ... *Time*. So what is the correct translation here? In Greek, context often determines translation, but in the above verse, the correct translation cannot be established with certainty because context does not suggest the correct concept. Understandably, translators went with “day,” which is the most common usage, but that may not be correct. *Hemera* is translated *time* in four verses in the KJV, and twelve verses in the NASB. So *time* is a very acceptable translation. Is it possible that duration “X” is a thousand years?

If *time* is a thousand years, and we have 2½ of them, then “time, times, and half times” could be 2500 years. Thus far, we have only a supposition. But that is all we had for day=years until we started plugging them into history. Let’s see if there is an exact 2500 year historic fit that fulfills the Bible’s description of these *times* right to the year.

After Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon died in 562BC, each of his three sons ruled for a couple of years.<sup>1</sup> The kingdom was very unstable. Though the archives don’t tell us a lot about it, reading about those Middle Eastern empires from secular sources gives us a picture of what must have been going on there. King Labashi-Marduk was murdered as a mere child. Daniel must have been walking on eggs to avoid the plots and political intrigue in the Babylonian court. Many of his fellow rulers in Babylon hated him and some even plotted his death (Dan 6:4-13). However, the Lord protected Daniel in that harrowing environment.

Then in 555BC, a nephew of Nebuchadnezzar named Nabonidus seized the throne. He proved to be a very able ruler. However, he couldn’t stomach the Babylonian court life, so three years later, in 552, he chose a close relative, Belshazzar, to rule

---

<sup>1</sup> Nebuchadnezzar was succeeded by his eldest son Awel-Marduk – the Evil-Merodach of 2 Kings 25:27-30 (561-560BC). Awel-Marduk was followed by Neriglissar (560-558 BC), who was succeeded by Labashi-Marduk (557BC).

the empire for him. Then Nabonidus spent the rest of his life wandering around Arabia, doing archeological digs and writing lots of poetry.<sup>1</sup>

During these turbulent times, the Lord gave Daniel the vision of four great beasts coming up out of the sea.<sup>2</sup> Scripture tells us when this was, right to the year, “In the 1st year of Belshazzar” (Dan 7:1). In pictorial language, the vision then describes the four great kingdoms that were to rule in the Holy Land during the time of the Gentiles. At the end of that prophecy, the Lord tells Daniel about *times*:

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the Most High and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Sometimes our doctrines get messed up because we don't think about who the Lord is speaking to, or when. In this instance, the Lord is speaking to Daniel in 552BC.

So in Daniel's day, who spoke out against God? Then, as now, Satan speaks out against God. Who were the saints in Daniel's time? The Jews, of course. So from 552BC, when this prophecy was given, the Lord is telling Daniel that the Jews would be under satanically controlled Gentile powers for two and a half times, or possibly 2500 years. That the Holy Land would be ruled by Gentile strangers far into the future. Now let's run that up and down the framework of history and see what it fits. Since the definition for time was given in the New Testament, we don't even need to

---

<sup>1</sup> To date, there is no direct archeological evidence for 552BC being the 1st year of the Belshazzar's regency. However, that date can be supported by correlating evidence about the reign of Nabonidus. John Walvoord, *The Key to Prophetic Revelation* (Chicago, Moody Press, 1971) p. 115 accepts a 553BC Belshazzar dating, and most authorities recognize a one to three year ambiguity in Old Testament dating.

<sup>2</sup> The sea is the peoples of the Earth (Rev 17:15): “The waters which thou sawest ... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.”



convert from Hebrew to solar years to fit our calendar. A simple subtraction will do just fine:

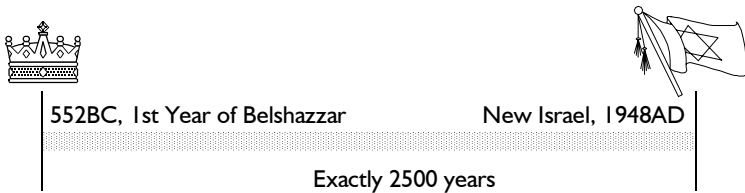
$$2500 - 552BC = 1948AD, \text{ and new Israel!}$$

Just a lucky hit? If that is not the correct interpretation, then it has to be one of the most remarkable coincidences in all of recorded history. It fits Scripture and history, right to the year. But remarkable as that fulfillment of prophecy may be, we would still have only a theory if it was the only 2500 year *time* period that fit antiquity.

GRAPH NUMBER 10

## 1<sup>st</sup> Time, Times & Half a Time

Dan 7:25 And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.



God is so kind. When He takes the blinders off, He gives enough proof for us to know for sure that we are headed in the right direction. At the end of Daniel's prophetic ministry, God gave him another vision containing *times*. This prophecy also includes the 1290 days which led us to understand that the Dome of the Rock is the Abomination that makes Desolate. This vision may be dated to the third year of Cyrus the Persian, or 533BC:

## 74 *The False Prophet*

Dan 10:1 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar .

Daniel was now a very old man. He knew he was going to go to be with the Lord soon. The temple mount had been abandoned and sacrifices abolished during his own lifetime. He knew that an Abomination of Desolation was going to stand on that beloved temple mount in less than 1300 years. Would the Jews ever control Jerusalem again? Of course. Many Old Testament Scriptures told him so. But when? The Lord told him that as well, right to the year, but then hid it so that no one would know when that time would be, until it happened:

Dan 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Three years earlier, Cyrus had given a decree that would permit the Jews to return to their homeland. They had begun their trek back to the Holy land, and soon they would begin to build the 2nd temple. That temple stood until 70AD, when the Jews were driven from the land again. But God knew the end of this second dispersion, too. He knew that at the end of it, the Jews would return to the Holy Land one more time and again control Jerusalem. When was the vision given? In 533BC, the third year of Cyrus. So this “time, times, and half a time” should begin in the third year of Cyrus:

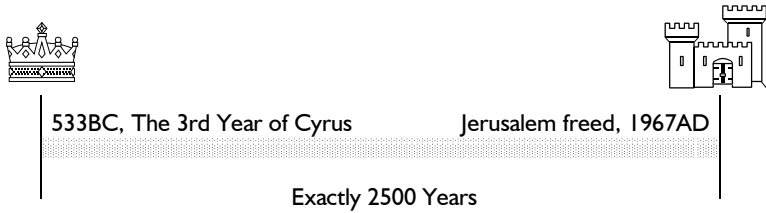
*2500 - 533BC = 1967AD*

*Jerusalem freed of Gentile control!*

GRAPH NUMBER 11

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Time, Times & Half a Time

Dan 12:7 And ... he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.



Note: When the Jews again took control of Jerusalem in 1967, the “scattering of the power of the holy people” was over. Daniel was a prophet to the time of the Gentiles. Daniel’s prophecies were, in the main, fulfilled in 1967AD. This does not include the last half of Dan 8, which directly states that it is a vision of “the ultimate time of the end.”

The Lord even worded the last phrase of that prophecy in such a way that it would be difficult to miss His intent: “... and when he shall have accomplished to scatter [*or shatter, NASB*] the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.” As of 1967AD, His holy people, the Jews, were no longer scattered among the Gentiles. They have their nation again, and their power is shattered no longer.

### A SEASON AND A TIME

There is a third *time* in Daniel that proves a prophetic “*time*” to be a thousand years. The four beasts of Daniel 7 are understood to be the great Gentile empires that would rule in the Holy Land during the time of the Gentiles. The first three beasts were Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece. The fourth beast, Rome, fell in 476AD (*more on these empires in a later chapter*). The Moslems

came on the scene soon after Rome fell, but the Moslems were not granted world dominion like the empires that came before them; however, the Lord did permit the Islamic states to rule in the Holy Land for a “season and a time”:

Dan 7:11-12 I beheld *even* till the [4<sup>th</sup>] beast [Rome] was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts [*the Islamic nations of the Middle East*], they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives [*in the holy Land*] were prolonged for a season and time.

If time is 1000 years and there are four seasons, then a season would be 1/4<sup>th</sup> of a time, or 250 years. 1000÷250=1250. Remembering that a season is not an exact number and could fluctuate a week or two either way, this “season and time” fits history well, indeed.

*New Israel became a nation a “Season and Time,”  
(1260 years) after the Dome of the Rock was built.*

We have seen three examples, from Daniel alone, of *time* fitting history, when *time* is understood to be a thousand years. Consequently, it is unrealistic to hold that prophetic *times* mean anything else. Brethren, I’ll accept time=1000 years as a coincidence once, but not three times. These solutions span thousands of years, from historic events that took place in antiquity to historic events that have taken place in our own lifetimes. That is a statistical impossibility, so we no longer have just a theory; we have a sound biblical and historically supportable doctrine<sup>1</sup>.

---

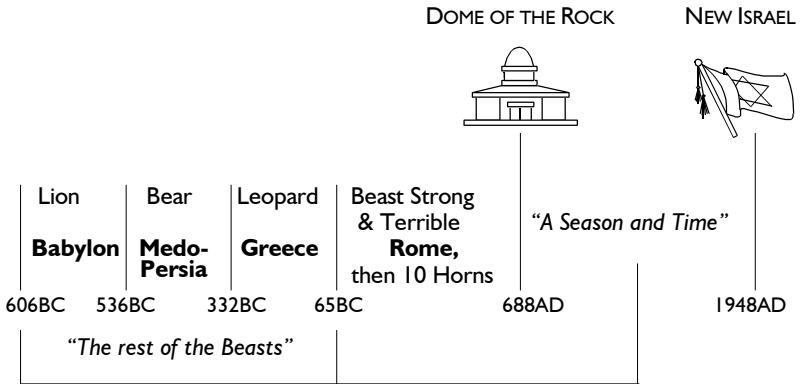
<sup>1</sup> There is a further message in Dan 12:7: “all these things shall be finished” shows that all events predicted in Daniel’s last vision, including “Michael standing up,” were fulfilled by 1967. This brings to an end the contention that Dan 11:36-45 is about some period in our future or about a coming antichrist. These verses are all fulfilled.

GRAPH NUMBER 12

## A Season and a Time

Dan 7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast [Rome] was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

Dan 7:12 As **concerning the rest of the beasts** [*the Islamic Nations of the Middle East*], they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{A Time} &= 1000 \text{ years} \\
 \text{A season is } 1/4 \text{ of a time, or about} &= \underline{250 \text{ years}} \\
 \text{Total} &= 1250 \text{ years}
 \end{aligned}$$

**NOTE:** A season is generally considered to be a fourth of a year, but it is an indefinite time that can vary by a week or so. Consequently, this "season and a time" from the Dome of the Rock to new Israel is a dead hit, and it proves from Daniel itself that a prophetic "time" should be understood to be 1000 years.

In *times* and day=years, we have a solid empirical argument, a prophetic jigsaw puzzle in which all the pieces interlock with each other. We can argue about the placement, color, or shape of any one piece, but when the whole puzzle is put together, we can stand back and view a completed picture. It's not so easy to discredit a prophetic picture in which all the elements fit perfectly.

If it is not of God, it will crumble back into its original pieces on its own; however, if it is of God, it will remain and flourish, no matter who comes against it (Act 5:35-39).

These day=year and *time* prophecies are truly remarkable. They show the sovereignty of a timeless God over the affairs of men in a way that is difficult to dispute, and they do so over eons of time. Despite the best efforts of the enemy and the complexity of 2500 years of history, God not only foreknew what was going to happen in the Holy Land, but He managed history in such a way that what the Bible prophesied did take place, right to the year, at His chosen location, in His chosen time. Astounding.

#### **NEWS BRIEF**

*Arutz Sheva Israel National Radio, 11/20/2001, 11:18am*

The three Shavei Shomron residents who were wounded in yesterday's attempted terrorist murder outside their community are still hospitalized. Shimrit Haibi, 17, is in moderate-to-serious condition, her father Ya'ir is listed in moderate condition, and Rabbi Yehoshua Shmidt was lightly hurt. The three were travelling in a taxi when they were hit by several rounds of fire. Rabbi Shmidt told Arutz-7 today that though two bullets passed through his kippah (skullcap), "G-d protects us, and my head was only grazed."

# Mounting Evidence

## CHAPTER 8

*He hath remembered his covenant forever,  
the word which he commanded  
to a thousand generations.*

PSA 105:8

SO far, you have read some almost unbelievable Bible prophecies, many of which have come to pass right in our own generation. All were about Jerusalem, the Jewish people, the Holy Land or Islam. All were timed prophecies and all were fulfilled right to the year. Let's review those prophecies for a moment:

1. The 1290 days of Dan 12:11 fulfilled in 688AD by the construction of the Moslem Dome of the Rock.
2. The 42 months of Rev 11:2 fulfilled in 1967AD by the freeing of Jerusalem from Gentile control.
3. The 1260 Days of Rev 11:3 fulfilled in 1948AD by the Jewish people returning to their homeland.
4. The 1260 days of Rev 12:5 fulfilled in 1948AD by the establishment of the new nation of Israel.
5. The Time, Times and Half Time of Dan 7:25 fulfilled in 1948AD by the new nation of Israel.
6. The Time, Times and Half Time of Dan 12:7 fulfilled in 1967AD by the freeing of Jerusalem.
7. The Season and Time of Dan 7:12 fulfilled in 1948AD when Gentiles lost control of the Holy Land.

It is a statistical impossibility for all the above prophecies to exactly fit Scripture and history to the year, as they do, unless this is the correct interpretation; and my, what doors of understanding those prophecies open for us. Looking back at the rest of the Bible through the doctrinal filter the "Great Detective" has given us in Revelation, we now know that the time of the Gentiles is over.

Since we can identify the Two Witnesses, we also know that God has not forgotten His chosen people, the Jews. We further know that the Abomination of Desolation is not an antichrist in our future, but a building that has stood on Mount Moriah for over 1300 years. In addition, since prophecies throughout Revelation have already been fulfilled, it appears that the book is not about events in some future tribulation period, but about happenings within our own Christian Era. These fulfillments of prophecy are real, folks, whether we are ready for them or not, and they strongly impact the rest of our end-time doctrines.

All those prophecies were thought to be about a Seven Year Great Tribulation, but they aren't! 688, 1948 and 1967 were pivotal years, indeed. What follows now are the conclusions to which I was inexorably driven as I built logically on the prophetic importance of the new nation of Israel and Islam as shown through the day=years and times. If we stand behind Revelation, as we now can, and look back at the rest of the Bible through the filter of what that book has taught us, a totally new doctrinal picture appears. A picture that is very hard to believe.

The historic fulfillment of Daniel's *times* enables us to understand Revelation's *times*, and Revelation's *times* show us what happened to the ten tribes of northern Israel after Shalmaneser of Assyria dispersed them into Mesopotamia in 725-722BC, and knowing what happened to those ten tribes is of importance to us. Who and where are they? That story appears to be hidden in the native religions of isolated tribes like the Karen, Yalu, Rengma, and Lahu.



# One More Time

## CHAPTER 9

*They shall come with weeping,  
and with supplications will I lead them:  
I will cause them to walk  
by the rivers of waters in a straight way,  
wherein they shall not stumble:  
for I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.*

JER 31:9

DEEP in the mountainous interior of Irian Jaya, formerly Dutch New Guinea, there lives a tribe of natives called the Yalu. They were one of the most isolated peoples on the face of the earth yet they had a very formalized blood sacrificial system. They had a law of Ten Commandments called the *wene malalek* and a holy ground called an *osuwa*. That *osuwa* was surrounded by a stone wall. Any man not consecrated to the spirits of *kembu*, or any woman who trespassed on that ground, would be killed. Within the *osuwa* was a sacred building called the *kembu-vam*. It had two rooms, an outer room where the priests of *kembu* held ceremonies, and an inner room which held the sacred stone. The stone was never allowed to be moved by one man, but had to be carried by four men at its four corners. Pigs were slaughtered and roasted in the court outside the *kembu-vam*, and priests, with awesome ceremony, took pig fat into that holiest of rooms and anointed the sacred stone.<sup>1</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> A more detailed account of the Yalu folk religion may be found in Don Richardson's *Lords of the Earth* (Ventura, CA Regal Books, 1977) pp. 76-80.

Though unbelievably corrupted, the parallels of the Yalu folk religion to the Levitical code are so inescapable that one has to ask: Where did they get all that?

In Burma, there was a tribe of people called the Karen who worshiped the God Y'wa. Their prophets declared that they once possessed a book of the law but had lost it many centuries before. Sacred songs passed down from generation to generation, reminded them of their lost law:

*Omnipotent is Y'wa; Him have we not believed.  
Y'wa created men anciently.  
He has a perfect knowledge of all things.  
Y'wa created men at the beginning.  
The earth is the treading place for the feet of Y'wa.  
And heaven is the place where He sits.  
He sees all things and we are manifest to Him.  
Y'wa formed the earth originally.  
He appointed food and drink.  
He appointed the "fruit of trial."  
Mu-kaw-lee deceived two persons.  
He causes them to eat of the fruit of the tree of trial.  
They obeyed not; they believed not Y'wa ...  
They became subject to sickness, aging and death ...  
O children and grandchildren,  
If we repent of our sins,  
And cease to do evil - restraining our passions -  
And pray to Y'wa. He will have mercy upon us again.  
If Y'wa does not have mercy on us, there is no other one  
who can.  
He who saves us is the only one - Y'wa.  
O Children and grandchildren! Pray to Y'wa constantly.  
By day and by night.<sup>1</sup>*

---

<sup>1</sup> Don Richardson, *Eternity in Their Hearts* (Ventura, CA, Regal Books, 1981) pp.77-79, cites from *The Gospel in Burma*, Wylie, p. 6, and *The Karen Apostle*, Mason, p. 97-99.

Y'wa is just too close to Yahweh (the Hebrew name for God) to be coincidental. And what about the “fruit of trial” and prayer? Those traditions do not appear to be founded in the New Testament Gospel, but upon a knowledge of the Old Testament. Again we have to ask: Where did they get all that?

The Lahu of northern Burma had a tradition that *Gui'Sha*, the Creator of all things, had given their forefathers His law written on rice cakes. The Rengma tribe in India believed that the Supreme Being gave His words to their forefathers written on animal skins (*which, by the way, is what the Mosaic law was written on*). But according to their traditions, the forefathers of the Rengma people had been careless with the skins and dogs had eaten them.<sup>1</sup>

These examples are not unique. The native religions of almost every isolated people on earth contain haunting memories, in varying detail, of an earlier knowledge of the true God, or of His Law. So, once again we ask; where did all this knowledge come from? To find out, we may need to go back again into the history of the children of Israel ...

Jacob, named Israel by the Lord, was Abraham's grandson. Jacob had twelve sons, among whom was Joseph, and those twelve men became the fathers of the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel. After the death of Jacob, Israel's twelve tribes remained in Egypt for 430 years. They fled Egypt in 1446BC, and were in the wilderness for another 40 years. After Joshua's conquest of Canaan, they lived in the Promised Land, under judges, for another 300 years. Then, during the judgeship of Samuel, the people demanded to have a king.

God first gave them Saul, then David, and with David began the line of kings through which Jesus would be born. But the kingdom remained unified for only two generations. If you read

---

<sup>1</sup> Ibid pp. 85-91

the account carefully, it appears that Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, had a son who was truly inept. Rehoboam's decision to raise taxes caused a revolt, so during his reign the Davidic kingdom divided. God separated Judah and Benjamin from the ten northern tribes, and the twelve tribes became two separate nations: Israel in the North, and Judah in the South. Jerusalem remained the capital of Judah while Samaria became the capital of Israel.

Northern Israel remained in continual rebellion to the Lord, putting it in conflict with Judah and the nations around them. Finally, in 748BC, Tiglath-pileser of Assyria made northern Israel a vassal state and took captives off to Assyria. In 725BC, Shalmaneser began a major deportation of Israel, and put Samaria under siege. Samaria itself fell in 722BC and what was left of the nation of Israel was taken captive and relocated near the Caspian Sea (north of what is now Iran) and they were never heard from again. This happened just as Moses prophesied it would:

Neh 1:8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, *If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:*

Why did God ever allow this to happen? Were the Israelites not part of God's chosen people? Didn't the everlasting covenant God made with Abraham include the ten tribes? The prophet Isaiah saw what was going on around him and lamented:

Isa 63:17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, *and* hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

The fall of northern Israel was not just an unfortunate accident in history. It was an integral part of God's eternal plan, and the Lord told His people about it in advance.

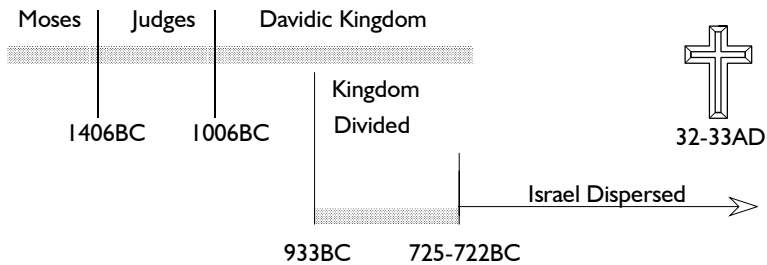
Hosea was placed in Israel just before its fall, and he alone details the future of the ten tribes after their dispersion among the Gentile nations. Hosea prophesied from about 750-722BC and

he prepares God’s people for the calamity that is about to befall them. Read the prophet carefully, and you will see that the destruction of Israel and Samaria is fixed. It is going to fall to Assyria, no matter what. Hosea is not a call to repentance to save the northern kingdom. Instead, the prophet is describing the Lord’s plan for the ten northern tribes *after* they disappeared.

GRAPH NUMBER 13

## History of the Ten Tribes

Lev 26:32-33 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.



In the verse below, we begin to see the everlasting love our Heavenly Father has for His wayward Israelites. While they were figuring out ways to rebel against Him, God was putting a long-term plan in motion to save them: a plan spanning thousands of years. The following verse is in that setting. Israel is about to go into captivity when God tells them:

Hos 1:10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

That is a paradoxical Scripture is it not? Note the tense of the verb, “shall be.” Shall be is future to when it was written. Israel is

about to go into captivity never to be heard from again, and the Lord tells them that they are going to be numerous beyond count. Furthermore, He tells them that no one will know they are His Israelites. Nonetheless, they will be called the sons of God. Isn't that mystifying?

Hos 2:19-20 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever ... I will even betroth thee unto me ... and thou shalt know the LORD.

The Lord then declares that this lost and scattered people will be His bride, a bride whether they know it or not. Impossible from man's standpoint, nevertheless, an accomplished fact from God's. But there is more. If we picture in our minds how seed was sown in the old days, we can also understand this unique Old Testament figure of the sower:

Hos 2:23 And I will sow her [*Israel*] unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

Taking from his bag of grain, an ancient farmer would cast seed evenly over every square foot of his field with a side-wise motion of his arm. That is what the Lord did with Israel. He scattered Israelites all over His great field, the earth, from South Africa to China. Oh my, can you see it? God scattered the seed of Israel over the whole world, from Terra del Fuego to the tip of Siberia.

Descendants of the lost tribes of Israel are everywhere, and God did not disperse them to lose them. In spite of their scattering, the Lord declared that He would have mercy on them. Here, at the beginning of the 21st century, it is only a hundred generations from when God made an everlasting covenant with Abraham. Since the very hairs of our heads are numbered, surely the Lord has no trouble remembering every one of Israel's

descendants. The prophet Amos also spoke of this continuing covenant with a dispersed Israel, but in figurative language:

Amo 9:9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

Can we hear that? “Yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth?” The Creator of the universe was going to save his wayward Israelites. But not only them. God didn’t have just a little local plan to deal with a few Israelites. The Lord saw and planned the history of the whole world and its inhabitants in eternity and He is very good. Everything God does is good. So it is reasonable to believe that the Lord scattered the ten tribes of Israel abroad for a good reason, and not just as judgment upon His people. To see why Israel was dispersed, we need to stand outside our 21st century mind-set and look back on Earth’s 6000 years of recorded history from the standpoint of God’s overall plan.

Earlier in this chapter we saw how bits of the true faith were spread among the primitive peoples of the world.<sup>1</sup> Apostate as northern Israel became, it is scripturally provable that there were still men within it who retained a knowledge of God and of His law (2 Ki 17:26-28). Taking a broad view of history, it appears that 700 years before Jesus was born, the Lord may have spread the children of Israel over the whole earth for the express purpose of sharing the knowledge of the true God with the Gentile nations. To prepare the hearts of the people of the world for the coming of

---

<sup>1</sup> Because parallels to prominent historic Israelite figures like Abraham, Moses, and David do not appear in most native religions, Don Richardson (author of *Eternity in their Hearts*, *Peace Child* and *Lords of the Earth*) questions whether these religions originally sprang from Hebrew roots. But the beliefs of these primitive peoples were passed down by oral tradition over the 2700 years that Israel has been dispersed. During that length of time, almost any amount of corruption or omission could have taken place. The importance of their great historic figures would have lessened as the memory of their deeds was lost in antiquity. If a culture barely remembers that it once had a “lost book,” it seems unlikely that it would remember who wrote it or what it contained.

Messiah and the preaching of the Gospel. Now we can see a literal fulfillment of a verse that is usually spiritualized:

Rom 11:25-26 Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. **And thus all Israel shall be saved.**

What does that verse say? That Gentiles must come to the Lord for all Israel to be saved. But when the Gentiles do turn to Jesus, *ALL Israel shall be saved!* Do you see what that verse could mean if taken literally? Despite the dispersion of the ten northern tribes, it could mean that God intended to save the Israelites all along, and in the Christian Era there is only one way He would do so: by leading them to a knowledge of His Son. Everyone in the Church may not be a direct descendant of Jacob, but from Amos 9:9 and the other verses we have read, it is reasonable to conclude that the dispersed descendants of Israel are saved and in the Church.

No matter what the color of your skin, or where you are on this planet, if you have come to the Lord with a humble heart it is very possible that you are a physical descendant of one of the ten tribes of Israel, and as such you could be the physical brother or sister of every other believer on Earth. Greetings, then, my brother or sister, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### **EPHRAIM, WHERE ARE YOU?**

Now we have discussed all Israel, but what happened to the tribe of Ephraim? Joseph had two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. Our historic setting for the following quote is with them, in Egypt, at Israel's bedside 3700 years ago. The great seven-year famine is long past. Jacob is old and full of years. He is almost blind, and now he is about to die.

Jacob (Israel) called his twelve children around him to give them his final blessing. Joseph and his two sons were ushered in



first. Joseph herding his boys before him, just as any parent would do when he wants you to notice his children:

Gen 48:13 And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him.

14-16 And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

17-18 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the firstborn; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and **his seed shall become a multitude of nations.**

So the half tribe of Manasseh would become a great people, but further into the future, the half tribe of Ephraim would become a multitude of nations. Ephraim never did become a multitude of nations in Old Testament times, so if they didn't do so *before* they were taken captive, they would have do so *after* they were absorbed into the Gentile world. Obviously, the tribe of Ephraim is not out there claiming to be Israel, so they must not even know who they are themselves. Where has the Lord hidden them, and can it be proven biblically?

Hos 11:8-9 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel Mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together ... I will not execute the fierce-

ness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee.

As the warrior tribe, Ephraim was the most powerful house in Israel. In fact, that tribe was so influential that Ephraim's name was sometimes used in reference to all ten tribes. But when the Lord tells us He will not give Israel up, He does make a special reference to Ephraim, so Ephraim might have a special prophetic significance.

Hos 11:10 ... then the children [*of Ephraim*] shall tremble from the west.

They are going to return from the West, and, since Israel's lands bordered the Mediterranean Sea wherever they are, west would have to be west of the Holy Land itself!

Hos 7:8 Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned.

That is one of my favorite verses. The tribe of Ephraim is not only mixed among the nations, but it is also a bread not turned. What can that possibly mean? Well, the ancient Israelites baked their bread one side at a time, something like the pancakes we make today. It took time to bake one side, and more time to bake the other. At the time of Hosea, the Lord tells us that only one side of the bread is baked, in other words, Ephraim's history is only half over. For Ephraim's future, the cake would need to be turned and baked on the other side. God is telling us that half of Ephraim's saga was still future to this prophecy and that it would take place after their dispersion. So where did God put them?

Hos 9:13-17 (*excerpts*) Ephraim ... is planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer ...<sup>1</sup> Oh Lord: what wilt thou give? give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts...yea, though they bring

---

<sup>1</sup> "Murderer" in Hebrew is: H2026. harag, haw-rag'; a prim. root; to smite with deadly intent: put to [death], make [slaughter], slay (-er), "Shall bring fourth his children to the murderer (slaughter)" In OT times, Israel "went forth to war." This is probably a figurative reference to warfare, to abortion, or to both.

forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb . . .  
and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

Ephraim will be placed in a pleasant land, but in these terrible texts, we see that Ephraim's future would not always be pleasant. A warrior tribe still, they would be involved in foreign wars. And many of their children would die unborn, either through miscarriages or abortions. So who and where are they?

#### REVELATION'S "TIMES" IDENTIFIES EPHRAIM

The "time, times, and half a time" in Daniel were provably 2500 years, so unless there is a good scriptural reason to disregard that principle, Revelation's "times" should also be 2500 years.

Rev 12:14 And to the woman [*Israel*] were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for **a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent.

This 2500 year period cannot be in our future because there can be only *one* generation (forty years or so) following the time of the Gentiles and the time of the Gentiles is over (Luk 21:24-32). So to find out when this "time" fits, we need to lay this 2500 years over past history.

The last we heard of Israel was when they were taken captive into Assyria. Samaria, the capital of Israel, fell in 722BC. But the major captivity took place about two years earlier, circa 724BC. Hosea stated, "Ephraim is mixed with the nations," and his book was written just before the fall of Samaria. Could 724BC be when Revelation's "time, times, and half a time" began?<sup>1</sup> If so, then this *time* should lead us to a significant year in the history of Ephraim:

*2500 - 724BC = 1776AD...The United States became a nation!*

---

<sup>1</sup> The language of the verse does not tie us to the date of the destruction of Samaria. "Fly into the wilderness" speaks of the dispersion itself, and would be applicable for any time between 725-722BC.

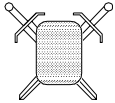
GRAPH NUMBERS 14

### 3rd Time, Times & Half a Time

Deu 4:27 And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.

Hos 2:15-16 And I will give her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall

sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.

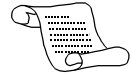


Ephraim dispersed

725-722BC

U.S. Declaration of Independence

2500 years



1776AD

Note: *Ishi* is Hebrew for husband, *Baali* is Hebrew for master. In the New Testament, the Church has a bride-bridegroom relationship with the Lord.

Is America the pleasant land where Ephraim was planted, and could the people who come from all over the world to seek freedom from tyranny and religious persecution be the descendants of those missing tribes? It certainly appears to be a possibility. For years people have been looking for the United States in prophecy. Now that we have found some evidence that this nation might contain the remnants of Ephraim and the ten lost tribes of Israel, do you suppose anyone will want to believe it? Not a chance. We would rather hang in there with the Seven-Year Tribulation view for which there is *NO* biblical or historic evidence whatsoever. But, unless we can think of some other incident of

major prophetic importance that took place on or about 1776, then the United States becoming a nation is probably what that prophecy is about. That makes North America and the United States the pleasant and protected land where the Lord hid Ephraim (Hos 9:13).

### THE DISPERSION

How most of the children of the ten dispersed tribes migrated to Europe is a story recorded by others.<sup>1</sup> Suffice to say that the heraldic symbols used by the great houses of Europe have their roots in the titles Jacob gave his twelve sons. If you question that, ask any authority on heraldry.<sup>2</sup> The coats of arms that people so proudly hang on their walls are straight out of Gen 49:1-27.

Throughout the Christian Era, the true saints of God were hounded all over Europe. The chronicles of the oppression of the true Church during the middle ages have to be read to be believed. Fox's *Book of Martyrs*, Thielman van Braght's *Martyr's Mirror* (the Anabaptist record), and Broadbent's *The Pilgrim Church* record the sufferings of our forefathers in detail. The true Christians had no settled home in any land, and their very lives were continually at risk. They wandered from place to place or were in hiding from persecution. They had a symbolic valley of Achor (*Achor means trouble*) throughout the middle ages. But the Lord told us it would be like that:

---

<sup>1</sup> To avoid any suggestion that the author is using material which is conjectural or lacks red-letter accreditation, only common historic knowledge and the Bible itself were used to support the conclusions in this chapter. However, for those interested in pursuing this line of study, here are a few books on the subject: *One Man's Destiny*, C.R. Dickey (Merrimac MA, Destiny Publishing); *Missing Links Discovered in Assyrian Tablets*, E. Raymond Capt (Thousand Oaks, CA, Artisan Sales); *The Royal House of Britain and Enduring Dynasties*, W. H. M. Milner (Windsor, Ontario, Canadian-British Israelite Association.)

<sup>2</sup> Heraldry is the profession, study, or art of devising, granting, and blazoning coats of arms, tracing genealogies, and determining and ruling on questions of rank or protocol, as exercised by an officer of arms.

Heb 13:13-14 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Then they cried unto the Lord and the Lord hid them from their persecutors and planted them in a very pleasant land. It was rich and fruitful and flowing with milk and honey. The New World was just such a land, and the United States was founded by Christians fleeing religious persecution. God also told us exactly how that was going to happen:

Rev 12:15-17 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

In the verses above we read that Satan would try to destroy the Jews and the Church with a flood of people.<sup>1</sup> But the Lord separated a remnant church and many Jews from their enemies by the Atlantic Ocean. This country grew and prospered and became the hub of the Western world. West, West, where have I heard that before? This hemisphere is as far West as you can get. Go any farther and it is called the Far East.

Hos 11:10-11 (*excerpts*) They shall walk after the LORD ... then the children shall tremble from the west ... and I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.

Furthermore, the Church, like the Levites, is called to be priests and to come out from the world.<sup>2</sup> God called Levi to be directly in

---

<sup>1</sup> "Waters" is figurative language for many peoples: Rev 17:15 "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

<sup>2</sup> 2Co 6:14-18, 1Pe 2:5-9, Rev 1:6, 5:10, and Rev 18:4-5.

the Lord's service. As priests, they were separated from the rest of the people. God even gave them special cities to live in:

Num 35:7 ... cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty and eight cities: them shall ye give with their suburbs.

The Levites had 48 cities; the Continental United States has 48 states. It was not until after the pivotal year of 1948 that we too "mixed ourselves with the nations," (Hos 7:8) and states outside our borders were added. It was not until after 1948 that the United States began to lose its influence as the Christian lighthouse of the world. Occasional coincidences happen. But are all these historic fits just random chances that by some fluke of mathematical magic just happen to fit Scripture? That would be difficult for any thinking person to swallow. Here are another couple of "coincidences" of interest.

1. The Lord gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. Until the last decade, babies were routinely circumcised in the United States. Why us? There is no sound medical reason for this practice.
2. The United States was the first nation to have a five-day work week, thus observing the Sabbath as well as Sunday.
3. Though Jacob had only 12 sons, Joseph's two sons became two tribes. Counting Ephraim and Manasseh, there were then actually thirteen tribes. In America there were only 12 colonies, but the Carolinas were too large to govern in horse and buggy days, so the Carolinas were split into two states, North and South Carolina. So as Israel's twelve sons became thirteen tribes, our twelve colonies became thirteen states.

All that was long ago. Since then the United States has fought a half-dozen foreign wars: bringing her "children forth to the murderer," as foretold in Hosea 9:13. And now, through manifold abortions, we also bring our children forth to the murderer in a new and savage way. However, terrible as that may sound, God's eternal plan is still on schedule.

### **EZEKIEL'S TWO STICKS**

Just before Ezekiel describes the battle of Armageddon in the 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> chapters of his book, he tells of the restoration of the Jews to the Holy Land in the vision of the “dry bones.” Noting the context, these dry-bones were fulfilled in Israel in 1948.

Eze 37:11-12 Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts ... Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will **open your graves**, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

Armageddon follows closely at the heels of this prophecy. How soon will that battle be? End-time pundits notwithstanding, Scripture doesn't seem to say. However, because of where we are in history, we can now cross-reference those dry-bones with one of Daniel's final prophecies and get a time pin:

Dan 12:1-2 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the **dust of the earth** shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and ever-lasting contempt.

As the Lord put flesh on the dry-bones lying in their graves (Eze 37:11), so those who slept in the dust awoke, to be restored to the Holy Land (Dan 12:1-2). Same event, different figurative language. As an interesting side note, God tells us that all who came to life (returned to Israel) would not be believers. However, despite their spiritual condition, the Lord is assembling the forces that are going to take a stand for Him in the final battle:

Eze 37:16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it,



For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and for all the house of Israel his companions:

All agree that the above is an end-time vision. Simply stated, Ephraim and the ten northern tribes are one stick, while Judah (the Jews) is the other. As we look about us now, something wonderful is happening to both the Jews and the ten lost tribes, something we have been waiting to see for 2700 years:

Isa 11:13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

Before the end, the Lord will take the stick of Ephraim, now in the true Church, and unite it with the stick of Judah, and we will be one stick in God's hand.

Eze 37:19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

It appears that God plans to make one stick (one people) of Israel and Judah again. He is going to heal the division between them and draw them together. Within this generation, the Christians will be united with the Jewish people, and we will be one people again. The Israel of God. Are we up to the task ahead? Of course not, but now that our hearts can be opened to who Ephraim and Judah are, we can just begin to see what our end-time roles will be:

Zec 9:13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.

Judah, now back in the Holy Land, will have only one true ally: Ephraim and the Gentile church. We are the only candidate left in the world for the title of "the stick of Joseph." The days when the United States was a trustworthy ally to Israel are swiftly

passing, as our governmental leaders bend to the wishes of the Palestinian Moslems and dip Old Glory into the inescapable tar-pit of Islamic oil.

There is only a remnant of the true Church left in any western land now. As Scripture opens before us, we can see that the remnant may be from the lost tribes of Israel, whom Satan has always hated (Rev 12:17). Don't be lulled to sleep, folks. If the Lord doesn't provide a way of escape, physical persecution is close at hand for Christians everywhere:

Rev 12:11-12 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, *ye* heavens, and *ye* that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

So, were 1948 and 1967 important dates? In those years, the new nation of Israel was born and the time of the Two Witnesses came to an end. Jerusalem was freed, and all day=years and time-times were fulfilled. We are now in the end-times, the final generation, and God is assembling His forces for the hour of trial (Rev 3:10) and the battle of Armageddon. The true Church is part of those forces, and the other part is ...