

***Judah's Failure
To Stand By
Her Agreed
Test of Over
1900 Years Ago,
But Many Are
Now***

During the early period of this C.E. (Common Era), there were twenty eight men arose claiming to be the Messiah. For this reason some confusion exists in Judah and Israel. Many different opinions also exist as to how the Messiah will come, while many are waiting anxiously for Him, believing his coming is near at hand since the Old City of Jerusalem is in the hands of Israel.

A Great Rabbi's Decision Settled An Insurrection

The followers of a highly distinguished Messiah were put in jail, and during the night an angel came and delivered them. As a consequence of this very unusual event, the high priest, the captain of the temple and chief priests and Rabbis came together and took counsel to slay these men.

A great man among them, a Pharisee, a doctor of the law, a man of great reputation, arose in the counsel, and said:

"Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do as touching these men. Before these days arose up, Theudas boasting himself to be somebody to whom about four hundred joined themselves, who was slain and as many as joined him were scattered and brought to naught."

"After this man arose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and he drew away much people, he also perished and all even as many as obeyed him were dispersed. Now I say unto you, refrain from these men and let them alone, for if this work be of men it will come to naught, but if it be of **God ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found fighting**

against God, and to him they ALL AGREED."

This record is found in Acts 5th chapter verses 17 to 42.

The way to test the matter was offered by one of the greatest Rabbis, the great Gamaliel, teacher and doctor of the law. It was a wise way to make a test and the decision was agreed to **at that time by the high priest, the captain of the temple, and all the priests and Rabbis.** We appeal to Judah in the name of our mighty Creator, to follow these great men, and abide by their decision(also Israel as a nation.

Has the work of those humble men whom these leaders were about to slay, come to naught? Nearly two thousand years have passed, and lo the work of this, the only divinely chosen Messiah has stood. He has over seven hundred million followers today, constituting the greatest and most enlightened nations of earth. Millions have died for him, while millions of others have lived and witnessed the satisfying peace, and lasting joy, they have found, in accepting Him as the Messiah, their friend and Saviour, and have had their sins forgiven by His shed blood.

We appeal again, and humbly urge the Government officials and great leaders of our nation Israel **to stand by this wise decision of our High Priest and great leaders of Judah.** Nearly two thousand years have passed by, and this work has been proven to be of God. This greatest of all prophets, and miracle man is the long expected Messiah of Israel. He fulfilled nearly one hundred prophecies of our great prophets, given 500 to 1,000 years before they were fulfilled and could not possibly have been counterfeited by any imposter.

So amazing is this miracle of the pre-written life of our Messiah, as we see it fulfilled in the New Testament, that one instinctively leaps at the conclusion that **THE HAND THAT DREW THE IMAGE IN PROPHECY ALSO MOLDED THE PROTRAIT IN HISTORY.** He is the only person ever born into this world whose ancestry, forerunner, birth-time, birth-place, birth-manner, infancy, manhood, teaching, character, career, preaching, reception, rejection, death, burial, resurrection and ascension were all pre-written in the most marvellous manner centuries before He was born.

When without prejudice we prayerfully consider the following evidence, we find it to be also overwhelming proof of our Messiah having already come.

He was to come as a child (Isaiah 9: 6, 7) to grow up as a son. Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5: 2), to grow up as a tender plant and to be despised (Isaiah 53: 1, 2).

Taken from prison to judgment, as a lamb, made an offering for sin (Isaiah 53: 7 to 10), given a portion with the great (verse 11), ascended to heaven.

Forty years ago the writer visited the place just freshly excavated where He fed the 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes (Matt. 14: 17 to 21). It is just north of the sea of Galilee. At that time it was owned by an Arab to whom I paid a little money to see it.

There were no buildings there then. It had just been discovered. I saw the pictures of the five loaves and two fishes in mosaic on the floor of the old synagogue, also the baskets full of fragments and a picture of the building. I took pictures as it was then, and still

have them. It has been changed much, however, since the Catholics took over there.



Never has there lived such a miracle man, a Jew born of the seed of David, whom the Romanized Christians have kidnapped, and falsified about his teaching. He was a Jew and belongs to the Jews, and it is time to rescue Him from His abductors, and accept HIM as Israel's Messiah as the Saviour of the world who is SOON coming again to deliver those who believe in Him, and who pray to the Father in His name.

~~He is not another God;~~ but is our High priest in the heavenly Sanctuary, according to the book of Hebrews.

The prophet Isaiah said a virgin would conceive and bring forth a son (Isaiah 7: 14). This agrees with chapter 9: 6-7. All of this is in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Therefore it was a part of our prophets genuine writings.

The birth of this child (Isaiah 7: 14; and 9: 6, 7) was no greater miracle than the birth

of Isaac when Sarah was past the age.

Why was Abraham ordered to make a three days journey from Beersheba to Jerusalem to offer up Isaac on the very mountain where later the real sacrifice, the only son of God was to be offered, when there were many mountains much nearer to Beersheba?

Abraham's faith had been sufficiently tried many times, and the offering of Isaac had a much deeper seated purpose and meaning than the trial of the faith of Abraham. The time had not yet come for the human sacrifice to be offered on that very spot, therefore the Creator provided the ram for the offering instead of the only son of Abraham.

The fact alone that the Creator took from us, by the hands of the Gentiles, the sacred site of the two houses, the only place to offer the blood sacrifice, is certain proof that HE HAD PROVIDED A SACRIFICE. Otherwise He would not have permitted this calamity. He sent the sacrifice to Abraham which He accepted and saved his son Isaac, but our forefathers rejected the sacrifice, and lost their city and nation.

We urge you to prayerfully reconsider this important matter, and hold firmly to the decision of the high priest, and leaders of Judah, that this miracle man was truly of God for His work was not overthrown, neither did it come to naught as did the work of all of these other twenty seven false Messiahs.

He is soon to return, with all the holy angels in power and glory, to deliver Israel. Israel must accept Him as the One who died on Calvary and this one addition to their faith will complete their Jewishness and establish the

~~Jewish religion as the true religion of the Holy Bible.~~

Isaiah's Prophecy of The Death of Our Messiah And His Resurrection

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

"And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

"Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Correct Application

The foregoing scripture given to us through Isaiah is a most amazing prophecy pre-announcing the coming, the rejection and death of the Messiah Yahshua (Jesus).

It could not refer to any other for it describes him perfectly, how he was rejected, and gave his soul an offering for the sins of all people.

It is erroneously claimed by some, that this is a description of Israel and of her trials and afflictions, but Israel is always spoken of as "the Daughter of Jerusalem", or "the Daughter of Zion", and never illustrated as a man, applying the masculine to Israel. All scriptures referring to Righteous Israel are feminine: the Daughter of Jerusalem.

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Read the following scriptures: 2 Kings 19: 21; Isaiah 37: 22; Lamentations 2: 13 also 9: 9; Isaiah 6: 2, 22, etc. ZEPH 3: 14

The Messiah's birth, his life of service to the poor, of miracles, of raising the dead, His trial and crucifixion, and resurrection, perfectly fulfilled over two hundred Old Testament prophecies, concerning the Messiah. This is why we are very anxious to see Israel and every Jew, know this, believe it and receive the blessings of the Holy Spirit that will come to them by this one addition to their wonderful religion.

"The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken." — Deut. 18: 15.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from hence forth even forever." - Isaiah 9:6, 7.

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though, thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." — Micah 5:2.

Yahshua was born in Bethlehem.

A Wonderful Pre-Arranged Visit

Following the destruction of Jerusalem by king Nebuchadnezzar, the year 606 B.C., Da-

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niel was led away captive to Babylon. In verses 20 and 21 of this chapter we find him praying for the restoration of Israel and confessing the sins of his people. While he was on his knees praying as it was his custom (chapter 6: 10 it says he kneeled upon his knees three times daily), the angel Gabriel was caused to visit him. He came to give Daniel "skill and understanding". — Chapt. 9: 21, 22.

Chapter 9:23: At the beginning of his humble prayer a commandment came forth from the Creator to Gabriel for him to go to Daniel. Gabriel said: "At the beginning of thy supplication the commandment came forth, and I am come to SHOW THEE."

The Coming Messiah

Chapt. 9:24: "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people, and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sin, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up the vision and the prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy."

Notice that seventy weeks were determined upon the Jewish people and upon the Holy City Jerusalem to bring about six important conditions as mentioned in this verse.

When prophecies are given in relation to days, it has been definitely proven by passing events, that we must take each day for a year in their correct application. The prophet Eze-kiel gives us this instruction chapter 4: verses 5 and 6.

We have also learned from Chapter 7 how wonderfully the 1,260-day period applies to

Rome and the work of the little horn power, the papacy.

This seventy-week period, reduced to days therefore equals 490 years, as there are 490 days in 70 weeks. At the end of this 490-year period, reconciliation was to be made for iniquity, and a means provided to forgive sins, or to make an end of sins. Also to anoint the Most Holy.

Verse 25 gave Daniel assurance that his prayers were going to be answered and a commandment would go forth sometime in the future to restore and to build Jerusalem. This gave him great hope and joy for the future of the city and people he loved. **From the going forth of this commandment until the coming of the Messiah there was to be 69 weeks.** After the "three score and two weeks" (one score being 20), the Messiah was to be cut off, but not for Himself. It was for others that He was to be cut off.

Notice verse 26 carefully, that after He is cut off there is to be a destruction of Jerusalem and a period of desolation.

The Starting Point

This line of prophecy would be meaningless if it were not for the definite starting place given. — "From the time the commandment goes forth to build Jerusalem" unto the Messiah the prince. — Verse 25.

Did such a commandment go forth and under what circumstances and when?

The Commandment Goes Forth

Daniel did not live to see the promise of Gabriel fulfilled, but we have a record of the

decree, and a copy of the letter written by king Artaxerxes to Ezra the priest. This is in your Bible in the 7th chapter of the book of Ezra, verses 11 and 21.

While other decrees had been made concerning the rebuilding of the Temple and also that the Jews had before they began returning to Jerusalem, they were poverty stricken, and powerless to rebuild the city and the Temple without money. This, therefore, marks the time for the real decree, and the basis for the starting of this prophecy of 70 weeks or 490 years.

Ezra 7: 11, 12, 16: "Now this is a copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest... Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest... I make a decree that all the people of Israel, and of this priests and Levites which are minded to go up to Jerusalem go with thee... And all the silver and gold in all the province of Babylon that thou canst find with all the free will offerings of the people and of the priests for the house of God at Jerusalem." This whole chapter should be read.

The Jews were a hated people at this time and it required something tremendously shocking to bring these hated captives into favour, throughout the nation, and cause such a decree as this to go forth in all the provinces of Babylon.

Why The Miracle of Esther

Gabriel had given the prophecy to Daniel that such a condition must come about in order for the decree to go forth upon which the prophecy of the coming Messiah was based,

and He was able to bring this about. It was 17 years previous that the miraculous events recorded in the book of Esther took place, and this was what paved the way, bringing the Jews into favour among all the people. "Many in every province became Jews." — Esther 8: 17.

There was a deep seated meaning and a far reaching purpose in the events recorded in the book of Esther. Their real purpose should be made known every year in celebrating Purim.

At the top of the page on my Bible it gives the date 457 B.C. when the commandment went forth to build Jerusalem. This date agrees with all histories concerning the time when Artaxerxes was king and when Ezra was priest. Most English Bibles with concordances have the date at the top of the page when the recorded events occurred. We add 33 A.D. the year He was cut off and it makes exactly the 490 years.

Note that Gabriel said there was to be 70 weeks or 490 years after this commandment went forth until the Messiah came. Also that he was to be cut off, and reconciliation would be made for iniquity, that is a means of forgiving sins, etc.

Now we go over to the New Testament and read in the ending chapters of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John where these events happened, and find the date given at the top of the page 33 A.D. It was 457 B.C. when the commandment went forth and thus the prophecy was fulfilled.

Note, however, that this 70 weeks was determined upon "THY PEOPLE", the Jews. — Dan. 9:24. Notice also that there is another

week not yet accounted for (Verse 27). In the midst of this week, the Messiah was to cause the sacrifice to cease. Then following there was to be an overspreading of abomination, and the land was to be desolate "UNTIL THE CONSUMATION". The Consumation began with World War No. 1.

The Messiah was to be cut off, but not for Himself (Verse 26). Now, in verse 27, we find that in the midst of this last week, HE WOULD CAUSE the sacrifice to cease. When he made his soul an offering for sin (Isaiah 53): 8, 9, 10), the old system of sacrifices ended. The blood of the lamb offered twice daily was finished. This cutting off the Messiah (Isa. 53: 8; also Daniel 9: 27), happened in the midst of this seventieth week. Then there were three and a half years left to fulfil the 70 weeks exactly. The 70 weeks were determined upon Daniel's people.

During the following one half of this last week, or three and a half years, they refused to hear the message. The Messiah also said just before He was cut off, speaking of the Jews: "They shall fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles UNTIL the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled". — Luke 21: 24.

This 70 weeks was determined upon the Jewish people and the balance of this one week reaches on just three and a half years when they refused the message, turning against their own race, put them in prison, and stoned them to death. Notice Acts 7:54 to 58. Also chapter 8: 1 to 3, and chapter 5: 18 to 20 etc.

Just as there was a definite turning away

from the gospel during this period, now at this end of Gentile times, there is a positive change coming over Israel. "Blindness in part was to happen to Israel UNTIL the fulness of the Gentiles had come in." — Romans 11: 25. Now the Holy Spirit is coming upon Israel. — Eze. 36: 24 to 27, and leaving the Gentiles. Notice particularly Daniel 9: 26, the words of the angel Gabriel that after the Messiah came, Jerusalem was to be destroyed, and the land become desolate. Everyone who knows history understands fully that Titus the Roman General besieged Jerusalem, destroying the city, and this land became desolate trodden down by the Gentiles (Luke 21: 24) during this long period of Gentile times.

This is absolute proof that Yahshua, (Jesus), was and is our Messiah. If the Messiah's first coming is future then Jerusalem is doomed for another destruction and this land will go into a desolation. This is all past. Praise to the Almighty. Our beautiful country and lovely city is here to stay. The Messiah has come. Isaiah 9: 6, 7. He came as a child born in Bethlehem (Micah 5: 2) and is to come again and rule the world on David's throne right here at Jerusalem.

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