

# THE <sup>R</sup>GEATEST MIRACLE OF THE AGE

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My father A.F. Dugger died December 17, 1910. He was a very deep and thorough student of the prophecies of the Bible, having dwelt particularly on the prophecies of Moses and Daniel relative to Israel and the Gentile nations, and it was through his teaching that the writer became interested in the same subjects. He had taught us that in all probability there would be a world war begin in the year 1912 to 14, which seemed to be quite impossible because the years preceding these dates, were taken up with world-wide efforts to bring about universal peace, which were constantly reported through the columns of our newspapers and magazines.

It was during the summer of 1914 that the first world war commenced which brought havoc and destruction such as never before known to the Gentile nations, costing the lives of many millions, and in December of 1917 Jerusalem was taken from the Turkish nation, through the conquests of the armies of England under the command of General Allenby. In his book, "The Conquest and Capture of Jerusalem," he refers to the prophecy of Isaiah (Ch. 31:4-5, here the prophet said, "As birds flying the Lord of Hosts would Deliver Jerusalem." The Turkish armies were strongly fortified in the city and General Allenby approached from the South West. Before attacking the city he ordered one hundred birds of the air (War planes), from an Egyptian base, and as they drew near, the Turkish soldiers fled in confusion without firing a shot. This was the first miracle in preparing the land for the people, which was fully accomplished by world war number one, the first stroke at the destruction and bankruptcy of Gentile nations.

These dates were figured out and announced in Dr. Guinness' work on prophecy, published in Australia almost one hundred years ago, and by our father in publications printed about 70 years ago.

The writer being Editor of the Bible Advocate publishing in the state of Missouri during these years from 1914 to 1932, we followed with keen interest the miraculous happenings of those eventful years, passing them on

to our readers in the light of divine prophecy.

As certain time periods which announced crises events came to pass with startling accuracy in the years 1914 and 1917, with Jerusalem wrested from the grasp of the Mohammedans, we were watching with deep interest for other marvelous events in fulfillments of Bible Prophecy.

In the spring of 1918 the newspapers of the U.S., reported a great exodus, of what they said was a million Jews, migrating from Russia to the Holy Land and pictures of this great concourse of pilgrims were printed in many papers, un-noticed by the masses, even by millions of professed Bible scholars. This exodus of Jews to Palestine was stopped at the border and not permitted to enter, what the authorities knew was an arid, and desolate, desert country, having laid waste with little rainfall, for nearly two thousand years. I was much disappointed at the action of the authorities in not permitting them to enter into the land deeded to Israel by the Lord through their Father Abraham for an everlasting possession. Genesis 12:1-7: and 17:1-8. Note also Genesis 15:18.

#### **MANNA FALLS IN PALESTINE**

It was in the fall of that same year 1918 that the Pathfinder the well known school paper, came to my desk carrying a front page, small headline, "Manna Falling in the Holy Land." You can imagine my interest in this very unusual and miraculous announcement. I at once associated the two incidents, and decided that this was heaven speaking, and telling the world, that God was just the same to day, as when He led Israel out of Egypt and fed her in the wilderness with manna for forty years. Exodus 16th chapter. The Jews would have been fed if permitted to enter

I published this item in the Advocate, with similar comments comparing the two events, and then mailed the clipping from the Pathfinder to the American Consul at Jerusalem asking them to kindly report if it were true. An answer came back confirming it as true, and that they

were selling the manna some places in candy stores. Later, however with my wife and three small children came over to Jerusalem and found many people who also told of the falling manna, which fell a little the following year, but not to the extent of the year before. All of the people living here now, who lived here then, will tell you about the falling of the manna. It was indeed a profound miracle of our own day, a repetition of that which happened in the days of Moses when he led the twelve tribes of Israel out of Egypt. The manna was rained down for them for 40 years. Exodus 16.

#### **THE LAND RESTORED TO ISRAEL**

As soon as Jerusalem and the holy land had been taken from the Turkish empire the first armistice was drawn up and signed bringing an end to the first world war. Soon after its end, the "League of Nations," officially gave the land of Palestine to the Jews (the Jews embracing two of these tribes Viz. Judah and Benjamin, also a portion of Levi) for their national home. Lord Balfour of England made his famous and historic declaration which was indorsed and signed by 53 nations embracing what was known at that time as "The League of Nations." The signatures were placed on this historic document the year 1922, the terminating date for another time period of prophecy also figured out and announced by the prophetic writers previously mentioned. The national organization known to day as "The United Nations," had no authority for changing this original declaration, and giving about one half of Palestine to the Arab nations in the year of 1947, condemned by the prophet Joel. Joel 3:2.

#### **PALESTINE WAS MORTGAGED PROPERTY**

Moses had previously declared that it would be through the gathering of the wealth of the world, that Israel (of whom the people known as Jews are a part, and also the

royal line), would have fulfilled to her the promised covenant. Deut 8:18 which reads, "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH HIS COVENANT." It has been through the financial success of the Jews scattered among the nations of the world during this long period of Gentile times, that caused the League of Nations to give them Palestine, for their national home.

The Baron Rothschild banking system of Europe previous to World War Number One, had negotiated a loan of one billion dollars to the Turkish nation and had taken a mortgage on Palestine to assure its payment. Hence when the Armies of General Allenby, fighting with the Allied nations, capturing the city of Jerusalem and the entire Holy Land, they found it to be mortgaged property. The Jewish banking firm of Europe demanded a settlement of their billion dollar loan to Turkey. In order to bring about the settlement of the enormous debt, together with a large amount of accumulated interest certain liberal deductions were made on the part of the Rothschild Bankers, with the understanding that Palestine was to be given to the Jews for their national homeland. This was the reason for the famous Balfour Declaration, and the action of the 53 nations the year 1922, giving the land officially to the wandering homeless Jews scattered in every portion of the world. Since that time hundreds of thousands have returned to their home land, and at this writing the year 1963 there are near three million Jews living in Israel.

The prophet Isaiah also said that the Jews would "Suck the milk of the Gentiles, and suck the breasts of kings." Isa. 60:61. Moses said that the Lord would raise up a prophet in Israel like unto himself (Deuteronomy 18:15-19), and this prophet spoke a parable concerning the Jews obtaining wealth whereby they would be received back into their land given to them for an everlasting habitation. Luke 16:1-9. When the stewardship was taken away from this unjust steward (the Jewish Nation having drifted

away into sin, exactly as the Gentile nations have today), to dig he would not, and to beg he was ashamed, but he was to deal in merchandise, and make to himself friends of the Mammon of unrighteousness or of money. Verse 3-4 and 9. This is exactly what the Jews have done in their dispersion among the Gentile nations. During this time, they have not been diggers, or farmers, neither have they been beggars but successful business men, and they have had power to get wealth.

Owing to the long standing rivalry between the Jews and the Arabs (descendants of Jacob and Esau) the League of Nations appointed England as the mandatory power to protect the Jews in their occupation of the land as they returned from all parts of the world. There are now Jews here from seventy-four different nations. This rivalry between the two nationalities often broke into violence and bloodshed. The Arabs did not want to see the Jews coming in and occupying this land. They were extremely unwelcome guests, although they brought in hundreds of millions in money and with it great enterprises giving work to the Arabs, and wonderfully developing the country.

England stationed a few thousand soldiers in different parts of the country to keep peace between them, however, mainly because of constant protests by the Arab nations and the Pope of Rome against Palestine being given to the Jewish people, England only permitted a very small number to return yearly, which soon brought on a clash between the Jews themselves and the British government. There was much bloodshed and mob violence, which finally caused Britain to give up the Mandate. Ship loads of helpless immigrants from the horrible concentration camps of Jews over Europe, brought into being through the Hitler massacre, were turned back at the ports of Palestine, and Jews attempted to swim to shore in their last desperate effort to return to the land of their fathers, were shot by the English soldiers. Concentration camps were formed on the island of Cyprus near the shores of

Palestine for the refugees forbidden to land, and ship load after ship load were turned away to Cyprus.

King David hotel in Jerusalem was the housing headquarters of the English army staff, and although closely guarded day and night, an underground organization composed of Jews smuggled in explosives, under the guise of bottled milk, and the south wing of this hotel was blown up killing most of the army staff. These events of violence caused England to throw up the Mandate, but before doing so there was organized a powerful Arab army known as the "Arab Legion." This army was across the Jordan river to the East, more than ten thousand strong. It was well trained and generated by English generals, also provided with tanks, and modern weapons of war, purposely arranged by Britain to take over the land as soon as the British moved out.

It was the expectation of the British that this alone would abundantly take care of the Jewish-Arab situation. The Arabs expected to murder every man woman and child in Palestine excepting the Arabs, they constantly pled with them day after day through radio stations to leave Palestine, and come over to their friendly neighbours for a few days vacation, or they would be mowed down by the Arab bullets, or mistaken for Jews and slain.

For days before the dead-line announced by the British, they were moving out, the roads were clogged by fleeing Arabs going out of the country for a short time vacation but they have never yet returned, and this accounts for most of the refugee camps, now stationed along the borders of Israel.

#### **THE NATION ISRAEL BORN**

In April the year 1948 the Jews formed their own Government choosing Dr. Weizman for president, and selecting a cabinet of 126 members, giving the name Israel to the new nation, a free people's Democracy. The United States was the first to declare their recognition of Israel, but others soon followed. England, however, was one of

the very last to do so, and not until the Jews had won the war.

As the dead-line approached in the spring of 1948 the "Arab Legion" stood on the border ready to advance and do their work, but this was not all. Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq also mobilized their armies and stationed them on the borders to the North and North-east with Egypt on the South, all of them determined to capture their part of the land, and to thus extend their borders but miracle after miracle happened confirming the presence of invisible armies of heaven to fight the battles for Israel as in times of old. Besides these, there were two other nations joined in the league to wipe out the Jews, making a total of seven, exactly the number fighting against Israel when the twelve tribes came out of Egypt. See Joshua 24:11.

As soon as the British moved out, all of these armies moved in on the defenceless Jews, armed only with broom sticks, hoe handles mop sticks and anything that resembled a gun, each army having only two or three guns, which they would shoot here and there in different places in the trenches, so the sticks would be seen as guns by the enemy.

#### **THE BEES FIGHT FOR ISRAEL**

When the Arab Legion from the East, ten thousand strong, came across the border, many of their tanks were destroyed by the blowing up of the big dam on the Jordan when the tanks were in proper position in the valley along the river. Others were blown up by men of the Israel suicide squads, with bottles of nitro glicerine buckled around their bodies, as they hid near the approach and flung themselves against the tanks.

The Legion without tanks but supplied fully with guns and modern weapons, swept across Palestine from the East to near the approach of Tel Aviv, the metropolis of Israel. Thousands of swarms of honey bees were kept in the groves to the east of Petah Tikvah, a suburban city. As the army went into these groves and past them, the



bees swarmed out of their hives by the hundreds of millions attacking the army from one end to the other. Dropping their weapons they frantically fought the bees and ran. Thus disarmed, with their guns in the hands of the Jews, the army was defenseless.

The American News Papers carried front page news, headlines, "The Bees Fight For Israel", which is a well known fact by many now living in the U.S. The writer personally saw this in the American News Papers. We are again reminded of the time when Israel was faced by seven enemy nations in the time of Moses. We read as follows, "Moreover the Lord Thy God will send the hornets among thee, until they that are left and hide themselves from thee will be destroyed." Deut. 7:20. Also, "And I sent the hornets before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites but NOT with thy sword, or with thy bow." Joshua 24:12.

#### **ANGELS APPEAR AS MEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD**

As the approaching crisis of the midnight hour drew near when the British were to move out, and the hostile armies on the borders of Palestine were to move in on a handful of defenseless Jews, they called into service all boys from 12 years and upward, and mobilized whole armies of girls and young women, armed only with broom sticks or limbs off of trees and anything to resemble a gun. Trenches were dug around their cities and villages with these camouflaged weapons appearing protruded over the trench resembling the barrels of guns, and intermittent firing of one or two guns here and there along the lines made the enemy think they were approaching well armed and entrenched soldiers, so for days they delayed, being fearful to attack.

Finally to the entire surprise of the Jewish army officers, on one very important sector, they observed the approach of a group of Egyptian officers with white flags hoisted above their heads. They were struck with amazement, as well as fearful that these were attempting to play some

game, when they offered to surrender their entire army provided, the prisoners would be safe and well cared for. The Jewish officers of course accepted their surrender consenting to the terms. When this had been agreed to, with the officers in the lead, the entire army of several thousand, reported as five thousand strong, marched up and laid down their arms. They were confined in a location surrounded by hills and by guarded armed Jewish soldiers as prisoners of war.

As soon as they had all surrendered, and laid down their arms, the Arab officers said to the Jews, "What became of the large army on these hills around."

The answer was, "All the army we have is here in the trenches." Then they said, "But we saw an army all over these hills and it looked like a million, and where are those three men with long white beards that came and told us to surrender the army or we would all be killed." The Jewish officers informed them that they knew nothing about this circumstance, but the Arab officers would not believe the Jews, and contended that the army was there in the hills as they had seen it.

### **THE ARMIES FROM THE NORTH STRICKEN**

The armies from the Northern countries bordering Palestine were successful in their advance, and conquest of northern Tiberias, Nazareth, and all cities down to the Valley of Jezreel. Practically all of this northern portion was inhabited only by Palestine Arabs at that time, and there was but very little if any opposition. It is supposed that these nations were going to divide this north portion among themselves, and that this was the completion of their grab of the spoils of victory but the tide soon turned.

Just as the Television scene of a million armed soldiers surrounding the Egyptian army on the south, with heavenly messengers accompanying the vision had caused the surrender and disarming of the Egyptians, and the bees had been sent to disarm the Arab Legion from the East, another similar miracle routed the Northern armies, com-

posed of the combined forces from the three adjoining states, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria.

Upon the eve of the battle from the bees resulting in the disarming of the Arab Legion, there was a sickness fell upon the armies then camped in the Jezreel Valley, and with this form of dysentery, they were too weak to fight the attacking forces armed with the guns obtained from the victory by the bees. The Israel soldiers drove these armies across into their own countries, capturing more than twenty of their villages and towns, suffering only eighty casualties, and captured large stores of ammunition and supplies, which these sick soldiers had to leave behind.

### **THE ARMISTICE**

It was in the wake of these most startling and miraculous victories of the armies of Israel that the United Nations, hastily brought forth the proposed Armistice to stop the war. The Israel forces were 150 miles over in Egyptian territory, with the Egyptian army entirely disarmed, destroyed or scattered, and the old city of Jerusalem inside the walls, practically in the hands of Israel. Three more hours after the 12 o'clock time set for the Armistice to become effective, would have seen the old city entirely in the hands of the Jews. Their armies approaching from the North through Damascus Gate, had met with the army entering on the West side through Jaffa Gate, and the defense of the city was routed and destroyed.

Israel agreed to the Armistice, believing that such would bring about peace between them and their neighbours, but sadly have they been mistaken. In spite of effort after effort by their leaders to hold peace conference with the Arab nations, it has all been in vain. There has been constant bloodshed brought upon Israel by her border enemies, in spite of her desire and longing for peace.

Having been thus so keenly disappointed in the result

of the Armistice in bringing to Israel her desired goal of peace with their neighbors, we are in serious doubt, of her accepting or agreeing to another armistice offered by the United Nations, in the event of her enemies starting a second round which they are boasting must come, in order to pluck up Israel by the roots. This they have repeatedly threatened during the past ten years of violence and murder of Israel citizens along the borders. The writer living here for more than half of this entire period, understands first handed all about these conditions and at different times when near the borders I have heard the first shots fired by the Arabs on the opposite side.

#### **BEN-GURION, A LEADING FIGURE**

David Ben-Gurion, the man of destiny, and perhaps the most active VISIBLE leader during this turbulent period of liberation is still at the helm vigilantly watching every detail of Israel's security, while powerful enemies surrounding the little nation, threaten her destruction, but the intervening hand of an Almighty Creator will see her through to the end, as the vanguard to His approaching kingdom repeatedly announced by the prophets of Israel. See Daniel 2:45, and 7:27; Isaiah 9:6-7; Psalms 110 and Micah 5:1-4 etc.

#### **THE FOREGOING MIRACULOUS EVENTS CAME AT THE FULNESS OF PROPHETIC TIME**

The foregoing period of Israel's liberation came at the end of the "Seven Year Cycle," divinely announced from heaven over two thousand years ago. It did not just happen to come in the course of human events. Moses warned Israel that if she continued to break the Commandments of God, and to ignore the statutes and laws of heaven, she would be punished "Seven times more for her sins." Leviticus 26:1-8. This warning is repeated several times in the chapter to impress upon Israel its reality. After this warning was given, Israel suffered a number of short periods of punishment, which accounts for the statement of Moses that she would be punished "Seven times MORE

for her sins." There was another cycle period on ahead for her punishment, if as a nation, she still continued to break the commandments of God.

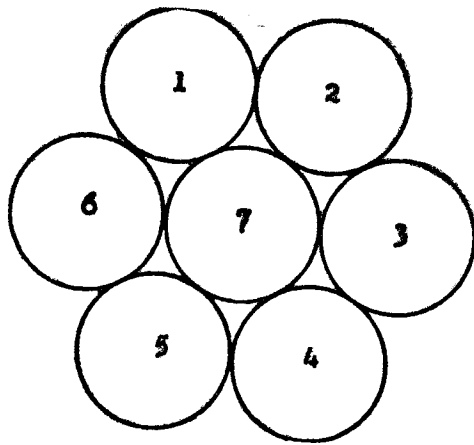
The prophet Ezekiel several hundred years later added his prophetic warning also in the following words "Thou profane and wicked prince of Israel whose day is come when iniquity shall have an end. Thus saith the Lord God, remove the diadem, and TAKE OFF THE CROWN. This shall not be the same, exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn-overturn-overturn it, and it shall be no more until he comes whose RIGHT IT IS and I will give it him." Ezekiel 21:25-27. This is the returning Messiah to be King.

The permanent removing of the crown from Israel with a thrice overturning of the kingdom by a foreign power was to mark the beginning of the long period of debasing the kingdom that was highest, and the exalting of the Gentiles over the world affairs. This had its beginning with the conquest of Jerusalem by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and the destruction of the temple of Solomon, since which time Israel has had no king or crown, or even a nation until April 1948.

#### **THE CYCLE PERIOD OF SEVEN TIMES**

The word "time" is the ancient word for year, and seven times therefore covers a seven year period, each year reduced to days, or a total of 2520 days, corresponding to that many years. The prophet Ezekiel said when speaking of periods of punishment for Israel and Judah, "I have appointed thee each day for a year." Ezekiel 4: 5-6. It was on this premise that Professor Guinness and also the writer's Father, announced about one hundred years ago, the first and second world wars, and the previously mentioned events to befall Jerusalem and Israel.

In the book of 2nd Chronicles chapter 36 we read about the thrice removing of the crown from Israel, and the thrice overthrow of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon



**Illustration showing the fullness of the number 7.**

The first blow was struck against Jehoiakim (Verse 4), when he was carried away captive, and Jehoiakin placed on the throne of Israel. This was the year 606 B.C.

By placing this measuring line of the "seven cycle period," to 606 B.C., it reaches exactly to the year 1914, the outbreak of the first world war, which brought bankruptcy to many nations, but which opened the door for Israel to possess her land. This was the system used by my father when he taught us children that 1914 would be the probable year for the beginning of the consumation of Gentile nations. Other astonishing events were also calculated on this basis which likewise have come to pass. The scriptural month is 30 days and the year composed of 12 months hence the calculation of 2520 years is covered by this seven year cycle.

The second general carrying away of the nobles of Israel to Babylon by King Nebuchdnezzar occurred the year 598 when Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim was overthrown. See Jeremiah 24:1, also 27:20, and note the date given at the top of the page. As we place the measuring

line of this cycle to 598 B.C. it reaches exactly to the year 1922, A.D. when 53 nations signed the decree to give Palestine to the Jewish people for their national home land, choosing England as the mandatory power over Palestine.

Zedekiah was placed as king over Israel, but he rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, and the third stroke came in the removal of the crown from Judah, when the King of Babylon also removed him, and this third overturning was the finish. The city was burned, and the temple completely destroyed. This was 588 B.C. and is marked at the end of the cycle period of 2520 years by the beginning of the great rebuilding period of Jerusalem that began 1932. The writer was living here that year and witnessed this event.

The year 570 B.C. King Nebuchadnezzar lost his mind, and it is said that seven times passed over him (seven years) while in this state, refusing clothing he ate grass and lived with the beasts of the field. Daniel 4th chapter. Placing the measuring line of this cycle period to 570 B.C. it reaches to 1950. The world since this date has been passing through a corresponding period of seven years of similar insanity when the Gentile world, has been devoting its resources, to the beastly work of preparing a war of extermination. It has been a period like that of ancient Babylon, when perplexity fell upon the people because of the mental state of their king. Just so it is today and has been during these years, a time of fear and perplexity. Nebuchadnezzar, however, came to himself at the end of this period, and went back on the throne and it is hoped that the world will now soon regain her normal balance for a period at least in like manner.

We note also that his period of rulership was brief, and soon another king reigned in his place, and Jehoiakim, the Jewish king was taken from the prison in Babylon, and given a throne ABOVE the thrones of the Gentile kings. Jeremiah 52:31-33. This was the year 562 B.C., the 25th day of the 12th month. As we place this cycle period of seven times to that date, our measuring line points

to the lightening victory of the Sinai campaign when the military might of Israel was witnessed by the Gentile nations and she was lifted up in favor by returning the fruits of victory, the Gaza strip and Sinai peninsula.

It is clearly evident to any unbiased mind that such world shaking events as those which have occurred in recent years pertaining to Gentile nations and the restoration of Israel as a nation corresponding as they do, with equally unparalleled events at their destruction, at the other end of this "cycle period" have been in keeping with the divine announcements of Him Who ruleth in the kingdoms of men.

The cycle period of "Seven Times" allotted to the Gentile nations for their years of world rulership is also most remarkably set forth in the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2:28 to 45), reaching from the head of gold to the feet of miry clay. Also illustrated by the seven times period when he ate grass, refused clothing, and associated with the beasts of the earth.

This period of Gentile rule is further, and most wonderfully symbolized by the four beasts of Daniel 7th chapter. These, the scriptures tell us, represent the four universal Gentile kingdoms viz. Babylon Medo-Persia, Grecia and Rome which in their succession ruled the entire world beginning with Nebuchadnezzar and reaching to the destruction of all Gentile governments, as they give way to the Messianic kingdom illustrated by the stone that smites the iron and miry clay, (capitalism and Communism), the East and the West, Daniel 2:40 to 45.

As it required three successive strokes in the destruction of the kingdom of Israel by the overturning three times by Nebuchadnezzar, so it is to require three strokes for the destruction of all Gentile nations. Two of these strokes have come, and we now approach the much threatened world war number 3.

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