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WHY ISRAEL IS HERE TO STAY

Prophetic Dates Pre-announced Her
Fall And Rise Again.

shadows of death and despair, which sin and its penalty have brought upon mankind (Psa. 30:5; Mal. 4:2; Isa. 35:10). What though the Scriptures tell us that Israel is yet to have "The time of Jacob's trouble". (Jer. 30:7) in connection with the world's great Time of Trouble now upon us! None of these things shall hinder us from rejoicing in the New Heavens and the New Earth, which God declares He is about to create — "Be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create" (Isa. 65:17-18; 66:22).

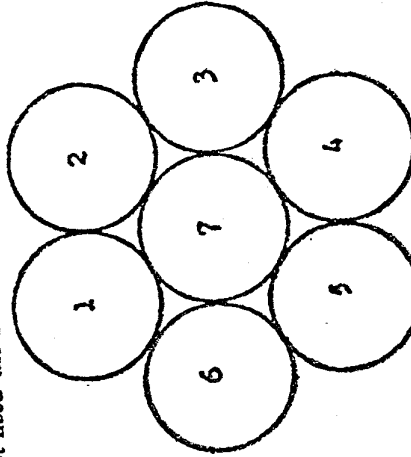
"The New Heavens and the New Earth are near at hand We are in the last days and there will be a new social order, as well as a new ecclesiastical system, eternal in the heavens. The time has come when our text is having its fulfillment. The shining of that lamp of Truth upon the prophetic page shows us that the great clock of the Universe is marking the hour when He whose right it is shall take to Himself His great power and reign (Ezek. 21:27). Ah yes! We remember that it is written that then the nations shall be angry, and God's wrath shall be manifest (Psa. 110:5-6; Mal. 4:1), and then the time shall come for the judgment of the dead and the reward of all, both small and great (Dan. 7:9-10). We are glad indeed that the "times of the Gentiles" are ending and the time of Messiah's government is at hand." — J. H.

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"SEVEN TIMES" passed over him which according to the Bible was a period of seven years, Daniel 4th chapter. It reached from 570 to 563 B.C. and was a time of extreme perplexity, uncertainty and distress throughout the entire world, because of the strange malady that had so mysteriously befallen their renowned king.

Moses told Israel of repeated judgments that would come upon her if she continued to break the commandments and ignore the statutes and laws of God. She was punished over long periods of years, for not heeding his warnings. Then we find where Moses again brings to her attention these impending judgments where he says if Israel would not for all of these preliminary judgments serve the Lord and keep His commandments He would punish her. "Seven TIMES MORE," for her sins. Leviticus 26:1-18. In order to impress this fact upon her, the Lord repeats several times in this chapter, His promised period of judgment that would be for "Seven Times," in case she would not heed the summons.



Seven Circles of Any Size Completes a Circle

This world rule under Gentile dominion, was revealed to king Nebuchadnezzar in a dream as well as in a personal experience. He saw a great metallic image before him, the head of which was gold, the breasts silver the belly and thighs brass and the legs of iron. Daniel 2. This was interpreted to him by Daniel the prophet, as representing the four Gentile periods of world rule, to precede the kingdom of God. We also find this same Gentile period symbolized by four ravenous devouring beasts in chapter seven which has characterized the nature of the 4 world empires viz. Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome following one after the other in their order exactly fulfilling the announcement of the prophet. All histories and encyclopaedias record these four, and only four, from the days of Nebuchadnezzar to the present time. The fifth one announced, viz. The Kingdom of God is next in the order, in His divinely appointed "Times and Season" program.

To further establish the long period of Gentile dominion over the nations, rightly symbolized by blood thirsty beasts, the king himself became like the beasts, in his mental dilemma for a period of seven years. Here is the record, while the words (boastful exalting words), were in the king's mouth, there fell from heaven a voice saying "O king Nebuchadnezzar to thee it is spoken, the kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make thee to eat grass as the ox and 'SEVEN TIMES' shall pass over thee, until thou shalt know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdoms of men." Daniel 4:31-32.

Then this same king, to prefigure the insane rule of Gentile nations became mentally demented, and lived for seven years with the beasts of the field refusing clothing, and eating of the food of beasts. This continued until

Then we are also told that he laid upon her the period of her iniquity according to the number of days, "each day for a year" Ezekiel 4:5-6. This divine rule has proven true in the calculation of numerous time periods of Bible prophecy and the events announced have followed with astonishing accuracy. Thus are we assured that the same rule can be depended on in the calculation of future world stirring events ahead.

The number seven denotes completion. It is a perfect cycle within itself, and is so used repeatedly in the scriptures. For instance there were seven years of plenty in Egypt, followed by seven years of famine, Gen. 41:26-53. Naaman dipped himself seven times in the Jordan to be cured of leprosy; Joshua went seven times around Jericho before the walls fell, Joshua 6.

Reducing this seven years to days and using the Hebrew year cycle of 360 days, also mentioned in the scriptures, we have a measuring line of just 2520 days or years. This is the length of the Gentile man, from the head of Gold to the feet and toes of clay. It represents the period of punishment for Israel from the time their king was thrice removed until the rightful heir comes again, "whose right it is." Ezekiel 21:26-27.

JACOB BOWED HIMSELF SEVEN TIMES

Just as Jacob bowed himself seven times to Esau, (Gen 33:1-4), so have Jacob's posterity bowed themselves under the yoke of Gentile rule for this "Seven Times" period of their chastisement. The Gentiles, however, are soon to recognize the value and worth of Israel, and acknowledge Israel's God whom they have forgotten, and no longer recognize as the ruler in the affairs of earth. This is illustrated by the change of Esau's attitude to Jacob after the latter had bowed for the seven times. Also by King Nebuchadnezzar's recognition of God as the ruler of heaven

and earth at the end of his "seven times", experience as best of the field. The climax of the Gentiles experience with Israel, which will take place as we reach the final completion of the 2520 years, will also be to recognize Israel's God as supreme. This the prophet Ezekiel makes clear in chapter 38, when Gog and her allies come against Israel. After these Gentile nations are overcome, by the presence of God in their complete overthrow, the Lord says "Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am God". Verse 23.

THE BEGINNING OF THE GENTILE CYCLE

It was that great Gentile king Nebuchadnezzar, ruler of the world, and king at Babylon, who thrice smote the kingdom of Judah at Jerusalem and destroyed the temple of Solomon. The prophet Ezekiel foretold this pending calamity upon Judah and Jerusalem in the following language.

"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 will give it him." Ezekiel 21:26-27

In just three successive strokes the king of Babylon, overturned the Jewish kingdom here at Jerusalem, removing king Jehoiakim 606 B.C., then again besieging Jerusalem his successor Jehoichin's crown fell and Zedekiah was placed on the throne. Likewise he rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, and was also subdued, captured, and his eyes put out. Note 2 Chronicles 36: 5 to 19. "They burned the house of God and broke down the walls of Jerusalem and burned all the palaces thereof with fire and destroyed all the goodly vessels."

This was the end of the Jewish kingdom, and never has there been a king to reign in Israel since, and will not be, according to the prophet Ezekiel until he comes whose

of Jerusalem from the Turks just 2520 years later, at the end of this seven times measuring rod, the year 1917.

Bringing it down another five years to 598 B.C.E. when Jehoiachin the son of king Jehoiachin was carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon with all of the other nobles of Israel (Jeremiah 24:1, also 27:20), and it reaches to 1922 when the "League of 52 nations" signed the decree to give Palestine to the Jews.

From this date also it is evident that the 40 year period of Israel's national development began according to the prophecy of Micah, Chapter 5:15-16.

Bringing it down to the year 588 B.C.E. when the second temple at Jerusalem was burned and the walls broken down and all the palaces burned. 11 Chronicles 36:19-20.

This event of destruction corresponds to the memorable date of the beginning of the present rebuilding of Jerusalem, 1932. The writer lived here that year and witnessed this unusual event. We heard the blasting day and night as basements for more than 2 thousands buildings were blasted out of the rock.

Bringing it down now just eight years to the year 580 B.C.E. when the decree went forth by the law of the "Medes and Persians", to destroy the companions of Daniel in the fiery furnace, and it reaches to the world war 1940 when in like manner two rulers, Hitler and Mussolini contrived a plan to destroy the Jews, but as a result of the war, the Jews as a people triumphed again over their enemies, and gained their home land of Israel.

It was 570 B.C.E. that the voice from heaven said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O King... to thee it is spoken the kingdom is departed from Thee." Daniel 4:30-31, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, until thou shalt know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men. His period-of-insanity began that year 570 B.C.E. and placing this 7 year cycle of 2520 years it reaches

right it is, (Ezek. 21:27), and this will be the coming Messiah born to be king of the Jews. Matt. 2:2. Also 27:37. With these three strokes, the Jewish kingdom ended and Gentile rule over the world had its beginning.

Now to the Gentile nations committing the same offenses as did Israel, the decree stands that as they have often done, so shall it be accomplished for them. The judgments of heaven are falling upon the Gentiles. There have been two universal strokes, world war No. 1 and world war No. 2 with the last and final stroke now in preparation. As there were three strokes or overturnings of the Kingdom of Judah so there are to be three strokes in the overthrow of the Gentiles

It has been shown that the number seven denotes completeness, and fullness of time, throughout the Word of God. Just as seven circles all placed together completely fills the circle that circumscribes them, so does this seven year cycle complete the "Years and Seasons" of the Gentile world dominion, and carry us from the head of Gold to the feet of clay. Dan 2:31-45.

Beginning with the year 606 B.C.E. when the Jewish kingdom was smitten and Daniel led captive to Babylon by king Nebuchadnezzar, this measuring rod of "seven times", reaches to the year 1914. It measures the time with precision from the first stroke at the destruction of the Jewish kingdom 606 B.C.E. to the first stroke at the destruction of Gentile nations the first world war 1914, world war No. 1.

Now we bring it down three years farther to 603 B.C.E. when the decree went forth to slay Daniel with the rest of the wise men of Babylon because of failure to interpret the meaning of the king's dream.

The miraculous deliverance of Daniel from the lions den a very wonderful manifestation of the intervening hand of the Almighty has its counterpart in the deliverance

to 1950. It was exactly 2520 years after this that the 1st Parliament of Israel passed the law of "The Return", 1950 opening wide the gates for the Jews to return without restriction.

To ancient Babylon these seven years were fraught with uncertainty, doubt and fear. Their great king Nebuchadnezzar had lost his mind, was with, and became like the beasts of the field, and thus to the entire world it was a time of perplexity. We are now at this end of the prophetic period. The measuring line points literally to the very time in which we are living, likewise a time fraught with uncertainty, doubts and fears. The world is indeed mad, and devoting itself to elements of destruction and annihilation. Also bringing heavy burdens of taxation upon the people everywhere to exploit the heavens with space ships, and landings on the moon. Billions being spent to manufacture missiles of destruction, while claiming this to be the way to universal peace. Indeed it is a time of madness and insanity.

Israel's Independence And Sinai Campaign

It was the year 599 B.C.E., when king Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiachin king of Judah, son of Jehoiachin, captive to Babylon. 2 Chronicles 36:9-10. These dates can be found quickly on the margin of any English reference Bible, and they correspond to the same dates found in histories and encyclopaedias. King Jehoiachin was kept in prison at Babylon for 37 years when a very extraordinary and miraculous event again occurred.

The prophet Jeremiah says "And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin, King of Judah, in the 12th month, in the five and twentieth day of the month that Evilmerodach King of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin

ch, King of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison. And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the thrones of the kings that were with him in Babylon," Jeremiah 52:31-32.

This was about the year 560 B.C.E. and corresponds very strikingly to the time when Israel was lifted up and her military might surprised the Gentile world in the 1956 lightning victory of the Sinai campaign. Also she was lifted up in honor and praise for returning the fruits of victory, the Gaza strip and the Sinai Peninsula, back to Egypt at the request of the United Nations.

Twelve years before Prince Evilmerodach became King an unusual event is said to have occurred the year 572, wherein he became deeply interested in, and attached to King Jehoiachin, which led to giving him his liberty and placing his throne above the other kings of Babylon the first year or his becoming King, as related above. This exactly corresponds to the year 1948 when Israel gained her independence and became a nation, choosing her first ruler.

It is not just a mere co-incident that such world stirring events as those surrounding the destruction of the Jewish nation 2520 years ago, should have their counterpart in equally starting events in their being again established as a nation. Furthermore it is especially noticeable and miraculous that each stroke of victory by the Gentiles back there 2520 years ago would exactly hit the very year of an unusual triumph of the Jews over the Gentile nations here in our day. How faith assuring are these wonderful revelations!

It is only those who are ignorant of the foregoing as well as other marvelous pre-announcements of the ancient prophets, who teach another destruction of Israel and period of exiles for the Jews. Their long period of chastizement is ended. It is forever in the past. It is the Gentiles

who are now about to be even more severely punished for the same offenses, of breaking the commandments, and desecrating the Sabbath which was set forth as a sign "between God and Israel FOREVER." Exodus 31:16-17. See also Jeremiah 17:24-27. He is no respecter of persons. We are now at the end of Gentile times (Luke 21:24), and can see the world-wide Atomic preparations among Gentile nations for their own destruction, while the nation Israel is firmly re-established in their home land never to be plucked up again. Amos 9:13-15.

A Recognized Nation

"At long last, after many years of negotiation and the termination of the British Mandate, the State of Israel was set up in May, 1948. Dr Chaim Weizmann was elected as its first President, and David Ben Gurion its first Prime Minister. Since then many thousands of Jews have returned to Palestine by air, sea, etc. Under the Law of the Return passed by Israel's Parliament in 1950, the gates of Israel were opened to whoever desires to return. It is reported that Jews have come from 80 different countries, and there are now over 2,000,000 Jews in Israel.

Wherever the returning exiles are settling, they are, under Divine blessing, through scientific agriculture and fruit culture restoring the former fertility of the land. In 1927 the Pools of Solomon, dry for centuries, began to overflow and some 60,000,000 gallons of water were by measurements estimated to be in the pools. At that time the High Commissioner of Palestine was asked to declare a day of public thanksgiving for this seeming miracle. For many centuries the "early rains" had disappeared entirely. But, these have returned to gladden the land, with the result that some parts of Palestine yield two or three crops a year. By irrigation, drainage etc. hundreds of thousands of acres have been transformed from swampy, arid and



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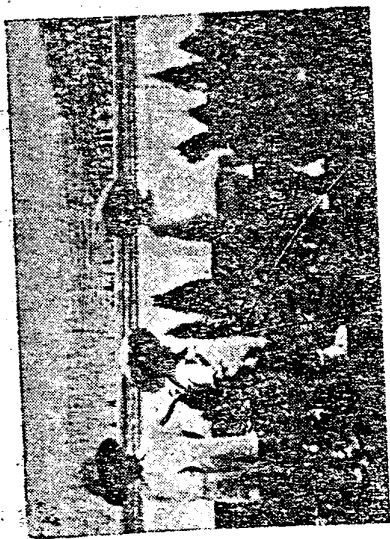
ish army could have held out for a long time, and the city might have been bombed and destroyed with a worse destruction than when it was laid low by Nebuchadnezzar in 606 B.C., at the beginning of the "seven times" (7x360, or 2520 years before the Fall of 1914), or by Titus and the Roman army at the end of the Jewish Age. But God's time to favor Israel having come, He spared Jerusalem from destruction—it was actually taken without a single shot being fired though it was being held by fierce and well equipped Turkish troops.

It was not until after the armistice that the full story behind Jerusalem's easy capture came to light. It is said that as General Allenby approached with his army, he wondered how he could best take the city without too much damage. He did not wish to destroy it, and he abhorred the thought of devastation and bloodshed within its sacred walls. But war is war, and he had a duty to perform.

As the Turks had warned if he attacked the city they would blow up all the sacred sites, in his bewilderment he wired King George of England what to do? Word came back to pray about it, and to act as he was led to do. After obeying the King he ordered all of the war bombers then located at the Egyptian base to come in one formation at early morning of December 9th, 1917.

Henry Cohen, a soldier of the Turkish army took the Editor in person to the spot where he stood on that eventful morning. He said they heard a terrible roaring to the southwest just over the low mountains. The army had not left their positions for three days. He said they were all visibly frightened, and as the planes, in one long row, more than 100 appeared over the hills, the entire army threw away their guns and ran. He said he ran with them clear over the Mount of Olives. Then out of breath he decided to return and surrender. He said to me "Brother Dugger

malarial conditions into fertile land e.g. the valley of Esdraelon (Jezreel), one vast malarial swamp, has been turned into an Edenic garden. Palestine's fruits, e.g., oranges are considered superior to any others in the world. Close to 18,000 tons of olives, the biggest harvest in recent years, were picked in Israel during the past year; and over 4,000 olive oil mills now operate and manufacture numerous products. Indeed, O Israel, God has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain the vats shall overflow with wine and oil" (Joel 2:23-24 — R.S.V.)



Solomon's Pool with our children Andy, Naomi and Orabelle in the foreground 33 years ago

How Jerusalem Was Spared

"The sparing of Jerusalem on Dec. 9, 1917, without bombs or gunfire and without demolishing any of its sacred buildings, was nothing short of a miracle. Jerusalem is almost impregnable as a national fortress or stronghold. The Turk-

the Divine promise made at the beginning of their organization (Lev. 26:44), they have been preserved separate and distinct from all other nations. The Jews are a miracle in themselves. They witness to the civilized world God's promises and the power thereof in the human mind. As foretold in the Scriptures, for many centuries they have had no Prophet, no Priest, no ephod, no vision from God no revelation (Hosea 3:4). The people to whom at one time belonged the honor of being the only people to whom the Divine purposes were revealed have for more than eighteen centuries been left destitute of any evidence of Divine favor, except in this one fact: their solidarity as a people has been preserved.

We are not of those who rail against the Jew; who cry out, "Christ-killers; the vengeance of God is upon you, and what you have suffered is only a foretaste of more awful sufferings for all eternity!" Thank God, No! We have no such evil sentiment in our heart. We have nothing but sympathy for the Jew, even while in him, as in other of Adam's children we may see much to reprehend; never the less, we see also his commendable qualities. Among others, we see also the quality which God so greatly appreciated in Abraham, viz., faith in his God and in the Divine promises. Such a faith has inspired "God's Chosen People" to wait for His promised Messianic Kingdom, for these many centuries — through all kinds of adverse experiences.

ISRAEL, THE CHANNEL OF BLESSING

"The long-promised time of Israel's exaltation as the channel of Messianic blessing to mankind is near — it hastens greatly. What though there shall be another and great spasm of tribulation in conjunction with the birth of the New Order of things! Beyond the sighing and the crying the morning dawns — the glorious day in which the Son of Righteousness shall chase from the world all the

that was the happiest moment in my life".

This was a most miraculous fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. - "As birds flying so will the Lord of Hosts defend Jerusalem, defending He will deliver it, and passing over he will preserve it". Isaiah 31:5. In General Allenby's "Conquest and Capture of Jerusalem", he also states that the historical event was in fulfillment of this prophecy.

Dear reader, we are truly living in days of miracles, which give faith and spiritual strength to those who understand. All of these things thrill our hearts with joy because we know they give positive assurance of the certainty of still greater events of the very near future for which we wait. The personal return of the Master; the resurrection of the dead, and the eternal home with the redeemed in that glorious kingdom of peace which philosophers have hoped for, which poets have seen in their bright dreams of fancy, and which prophets have beheld in holy vision, when the glory of heaven will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, and nation will not lift up sword against nation, neither will they learn war any more.

These events are announced to come with certainty in this generation. Luke 21:24-36 - Editor.

"COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE"

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortingly to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her appointed time (margin) is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1-2).

There can be no doubt that the words of this text apply not to Spiritual Israel and the heavenly Jerusalem, but to the Seed of Jacob, for many centuries travelling in pain — a nation without a land, people possessing most wonderful promises, yet enjoying very few of these — a people scattered among all other peoples; yet in harmony with