

Jubilee and Prophecy

(Hebrews 10:1a NIV) The Law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming.

Over 3,000 years ago God set up the Jubilee directives:

(Leviticus 25:8-11) You will count off seven sabbath years, seven times seven years, and the days of the seven sabbath years will amount to 49 years. ⁹ You will then sound the horn loudly in the seventh month, on the tenth of the month; on the Day of Atonement, you should cause the sound of the horn to be heard in all your land. ¹⁰ You must sanctify the 50th year and proclaim liberty in the land to all its inhabitants. It will become a Jubilee for you, and each of you will return to his property and each of you should return to his family. ¹¹ A Jubilee is what that 50th year will become for you.

That is the ordinance of the Jubilee. It's a key part of God's timetable. Every 50th year is the Jubilee. If you lost your land, in the year of Jubilee you get it back, you go home.

Now no nation has ever so lost its land and its inheritance as the nation of Israel, the descendants of Jacob. They have been scattered around the earth for nearly 2,000 years away from their homeland. (Joel 3:2; Isa 11:12) But then God brought them back just as He promised and foretold through the prophets. In the last days He said He would gather his people from the ends of the earth and bring them back to the land of Israel. (Joel 3:7; Eze 11:17) (see my article "Replacement Theology")

Now since the Jubilee was given to the Jewish people, and since the Jubilee is about being restored, coming home to your land, then it would make sense that behind the return of the Jewish people to their homeland and the restoration of Israel *is* the Jubilee.

Is it possible that Jehovah would use a 50 year Jubilee cycle to fulfill prophecy related to Israel? That is what we will look at here.

The man who has been called the father of the state of Israel was Theodore Herzl. He's the one who started the movement called Zionism, the return of the Jewish people to Zion, the land of Israel. In 1897 he convened the world's first Zionist Congress in Switzerland to lead to Israel's national rebirth. That first Zionist Congress concluded on August 31st 1897.

Just after the conference, on September 3rd 1897, Herzl wrote: "In Basel I founded the Jewish state. If I said this aloud today, I would be answered by universal laughter. Perhaps in five years, and certainly in 50, everyone will agree."

50 years after the conclusion of that conference brings you to the date of August 31st 1947. That is the very day that the UN resolution that would restore Israel was completed, 50 years later, one Jubilee to the exact calendar day.

A few days later, on September 3rd, the same day that Theodore Herzl wrote what he wrote, the UN partition plan was received and accepted by the UN and stamped with the date of September 3rd 1947, 50 years later, one Jubilee to the exact calendar day.

According to the Mosaic Law, in the year of Jubilee, those who took or occupied your land had to get off of it. The last occupiers of the land of Israel were the Ottoman Turks. It was on Dec. 29, 1516 that Yavuz Selim, Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, entered Jerusalem to take possession of it. Thus, the Ottoman Turks ruled Israel from the very beginning of the year 1517. If you count seven jubilees from that year it brings you to the year 1867. In that year the biblical city of Jerusalem, the city of David, is uncovered after nearly 2,000 years. With that discovery the restoration to the land is set in motion.

50 years later, one Jubilee, brings us to the year 1917. 1917 is the 8th Jubilee from 1517 when the Ottoman Turks began their occupation of Israel. (To the Jews eight represents new beginnings)

Remember that In the year of Jubilee the one that occupies your land has to leave it, depart. In 1917 the world is in the midst of the first world war and the armies of the British Empire enter the land of Israel. The soldiers of the Ottoman Empire, the last foreign nation to subjugate Israel, flee Jerusalem and flee the land. (Lu 21:24) In the year of Jubilee the occupier has to leave the land in order for the rightful owners to be able to return, and so they did. And in that same year, 1917, the British Empire issued the Balfour Declaration, which promised to give the land back to the Jewish people for a Homeland.

They received back the land but they were never given their ancient capital and holy city of Jerusalem. Even when Israel was voted into existence by the United Nations they didn't get Jerusalem. But counting one more Jubilee, 50 years, from 1917, brings us to the year 1967. 50 years from the Balfour Declaration, nine Jubilees from the Ottoman Turks, the Six Day War happened.

The surrounding Arab world took action in order to wipe out the nation of Israel. On the third day of that Six Day War Jewish soldiers for the first time in 2,000 years enter the gates of their holy city Jerusalem. They come to the Western Wall, they pray, they weep. In the Year of Jubilee everyone shall return to their own possession, and so in the year of Jubilee they did.

But in the year of Jubilee you don't just return to your land. You are restored. You're given full legal recognition and the rights to your ancestral land. But when Israel was restored to Jerusalem in 1967 it was not given the legal recognition to Jerusalem by any nation on earth, including the United States. The world refused to recognize it.

Now count 50 years to the next Jubilee from 1967 and it takes you to the year 2017, and what happened was the very next step of restoration, the giving of the legal right and recognition, and it took place in America, in the white house, when the American president Donald Trump issued the Jerusalem Declaration, which for the first time in the modern world, the first time since ancient times,

a world leader gave legal recognition to Jerusalem as their ancestral possession, the eternal capital of the nation of Israel.

So we see these 50-year Jubilee sets manifesting over and over again, from 1517 to 1867 to 1917 to 1967 to 2017, and all linked to Israel, Jerusalem, and the restoration promised by God's word.

Now let's look at the Yom Kippur War. It was launched on October 6th 1973 and began with a massive ground invasion of Israel. The Invasion took Israel off guard, by surprise. Then, 50 years later, on October 7th 2023, the invasion by Hamas also took Israel off guard and by surprise.

In the Yom Kippur attack the Israeli military detected Egyptian and Syrian troop movements but dismissed them as exercises. In the attack that would come 50 years later, the Israeli military detected troop movements in Gaza but dismissed them as exercises.

The Yom Kippur war of 1973 took place on Saturday, the first Sabbath day of October when Israel was resting, on the Hebrew holy day of Yom Kippur.

The Hamas attack of 2023 took place on Saturday, the first Sabbath day of October when Israel was resting, on the Hebrew holy day of Simchat Torah.

So what happened in 1973 happened again exactly 50 years later in 2023. A massive land invasion of Israel caught the nation off guard, in the month of October, on a Saturday, on the first Sabbath of October, on a Hebrew holy day. The first Invasion led to war. The second invasion 50 years also led to war.

So what just happened in October of 2023 took place 50 years, one Jubilee, after the first attack, down to the exact same weekend, down to the exact same Sabbath.

Now 6 years before the Yom Kippur war was the Six Day War of 1967. Israel achieved a massive victory then. The Yom Kippur war was the backlash for the victory of the Six Day War. The surrounding Arab nations attacked Israel to undo what happened in the Six Day War. The Yom Kippur War began as a calamity and it shook Israel and has shaken it to this day.

Now 50 years, one Jubilee, after the start of the Six Day War takes you to June 5th 2017. On that very day the United States Senate passes resolution 167 declaring that "there has been a continuous Jewish presence in Jerusalem for 3 millennia" and that "for 3,000 years, Jerusalem has been Judaism's holiest city and the focal point of Jewish religious devotion", and officially acknowledged that "Jerusalem was reunited by Israel during the conflict known as the Six Day War." That would lead to president Trump's proclamation later that year. This was a victory for Israel.

Was there be a backlash for that victory like happened from the victory of the Six Day War? How long was it between those two wars? The Six Day War began on June 5th 1967. The Yom Kippur war

began on October 6th 1973. That is 2,315 days. If you add 2,315 days, the number of days till the first backlash, to June 5th 2017, that takes you to October 7th, 2023. The day that Hamas invaded Israel. It's the exact same number of days between the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War.

(The first 2,315 days includes two leap years. The second set only includes one leap year.)

Now if you count the number of days between the start of the Six Day War on June 5th 1967 until June 5th 2017 (the day of the Jerusalem resolution in the US Senate) you get 18,263 days. (includes 13 leap years)

And if you add 18,263 days to October 6th 1973 (the start of the Yom Kippur War) that also brings you to October 7th 2023. the day Hamas attacked Israel. (includes 12 leap years)

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Summary:

August 31st 1897 to August 31st 1947 = one Jubilee

September 3rd 1897 to September 3rd 1947 = one Jubilee

June 5th 1967 to June 5th 2017 = one Jubilee

1st Sabbath of October 1973 to 1st Sabbath of October 2023 = one Jubilee

1867 = seventh Jubilee since 1517

1917 = eighth Jubilee since 1517

1967 = ninth Jubilee since 1517

2017 = tenth Jubilee since 1517

June 5th 1967 to 1st Sabbath of October 1973 = 2,315 days

June 5th 2017 to 1st Sabbath of October 2023 = 2,315 days

June 5th 1967 to June 5th 2017 = 18,263 days

1st Sabbath of October 1973 to 1st Sabbath of October 2023 = 18,263 days

Even with the varying number of leap year days taken into account, the number of days still match.

How many coincidences must there be before we recognize guidance and control?

Jehovah truly does 'cause to become'.

(Isaiah 14:24) Jehovah of armies has sworn: “Just as I have intended, so it will occur, And just as I have decided, that is what will come true.

(Isaiah 48:3) “The former things I told you long ago. From my own mouth they went out, And I made them known. Suddenly I took action, and they came about.

Look at the world today. Things are not falling apart. Things are falling into place.

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I was wondering why ##17 and ##67 were the years that the string of Jubilees used. Was it pure happenstance, or were those years chosen for a reason? So i looked a little further back in history for the answer.

During the time of Jesus, although Israel was within the Roman jurisdiction, Israel was allowed to keep its king and had full religious freedom. But the relationship between the Jews and the Romans began to sour and in 66 C.E. things came to a head. There was a Jewish revolt in that year and they expelled the Romans and reclaimed both Judea and Jerusalem.

The next year, 67 C.E., the Roman general Vespasian came with 3 legions of soldiers and began his campaign to take Israel back, starting with the outer cities of Judea and working his way inward to Jerusalem. He completed that conquest in 70 C.E.. That would be the last time that Jerusalem would be under Jewish control for 1,900 years.

So the war by the Romans to retake Judea and Jerusalem from the Jews began in 67 C.E., ending with the loss and destruction of Jerusalem, and designating that year as the Jubilee year for the string of corresponding Jubilees that would lead to the Jews once again retaking Jerusalem in 1967.

What do *you* think?

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