

...a verse by verse study

Types & Shadows

10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.

Hosea 12:10

- Joel is speaking in the aftermath of a devastating locust plague
- Yet he is speaking as though the devastation he is describing is yet future...
- The actual locust plague was 'merely' a dress rehearsal of what is to come

The Feasts of Israel

(Leviticus 23)

2 Feast of Unleavened Bread

3 Feast of Firstfruits

4 Feast of Weeks

5 Feast of Trumpets

6 Feast of Atonement

7 Feast of Tabernacles

Prophetically

Fulfilled during

Passion Week

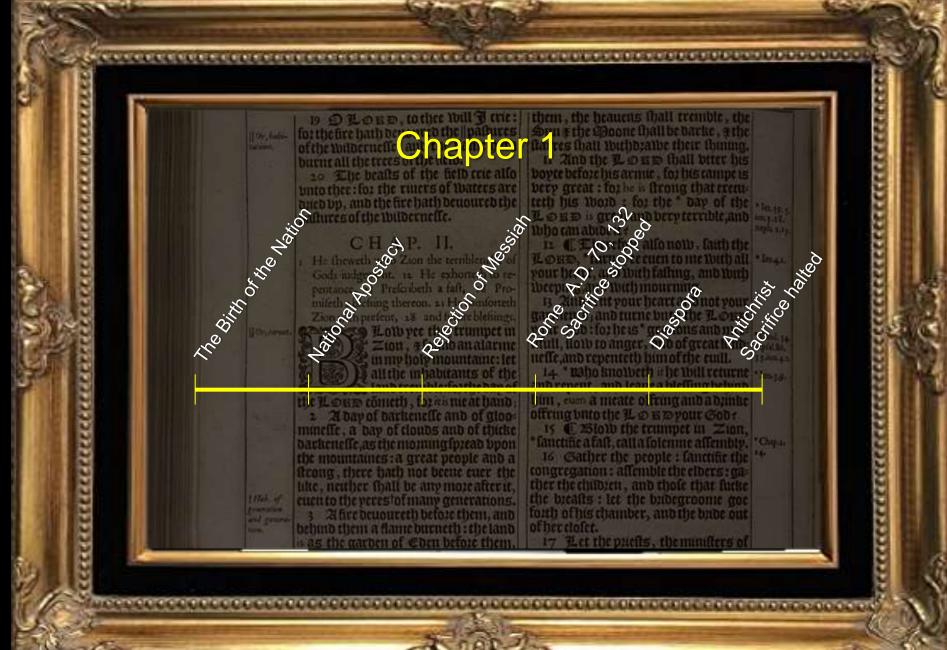
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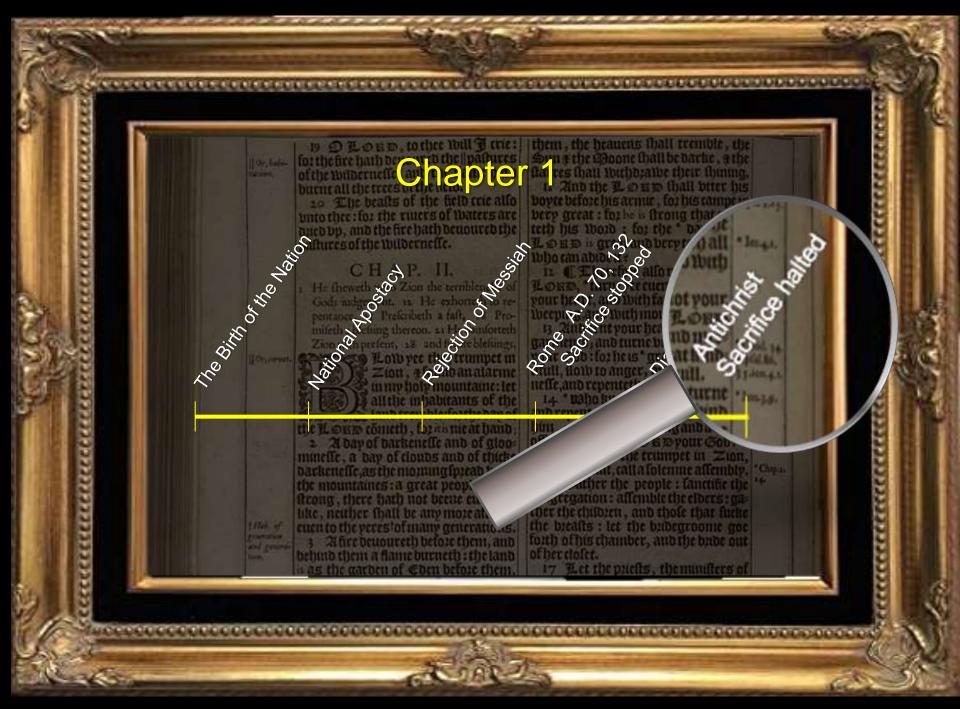
Prophetically
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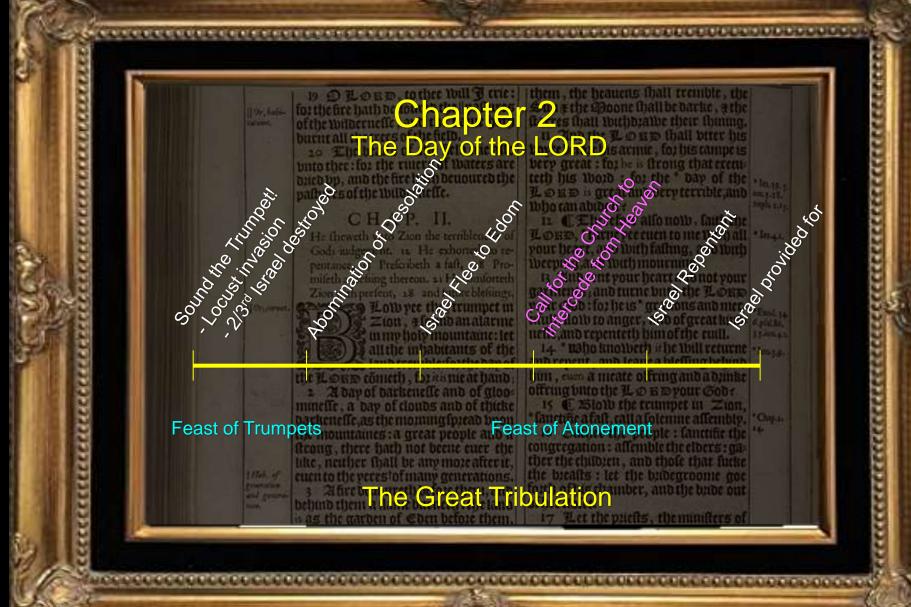
Joel?

Joel

 "Joel, ... was probably the first of the so called writing prophets; so this book provides a valuable insight into the history of prophecy, particularly as it furnishes a framework for the end times which is faithfully followed by all subsequent Scripture. God started a new work with the writing of Joel, that of preparing the human race for the end of this temporal era, and thus gave an outline of His total plan. Later prophets, including even our Lord, would only flesh out this outline, but in keeping with the divine nature of true Scripture, never found it necessary to deviate from this, the initial revelation." Montague S. Mills





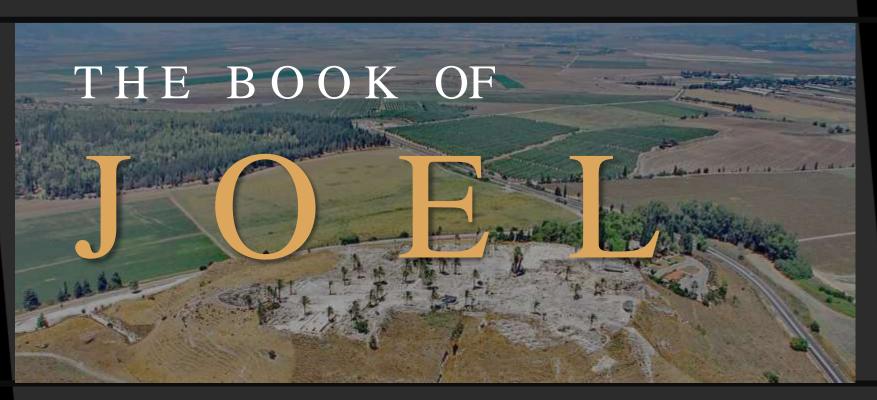








Chapter 3



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32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

Joel 2:32

- Remember: Joel is giving an outline of prophetic history
- We can however deduce 5 key things from this verse

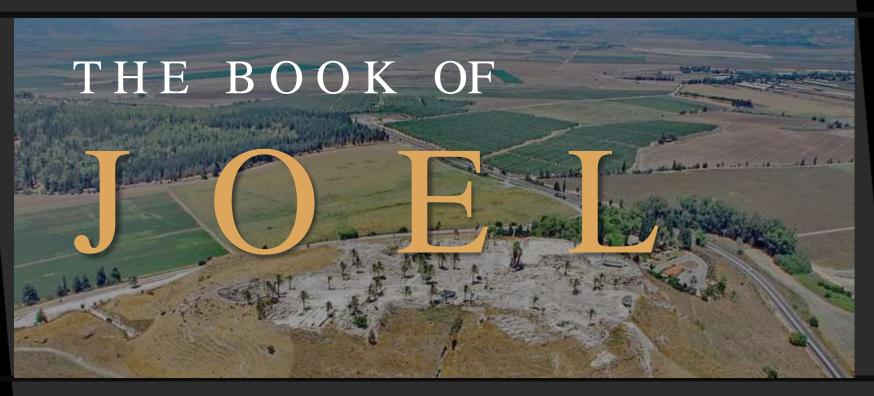
Joel 2:32

- God's plan of salvation is for the 'whosoever'
- God will establish His kingdom on this Earth
- His capital city will be Jerusalem
- His chosen people are the Jews
- Only a remnant of the Jews will survive





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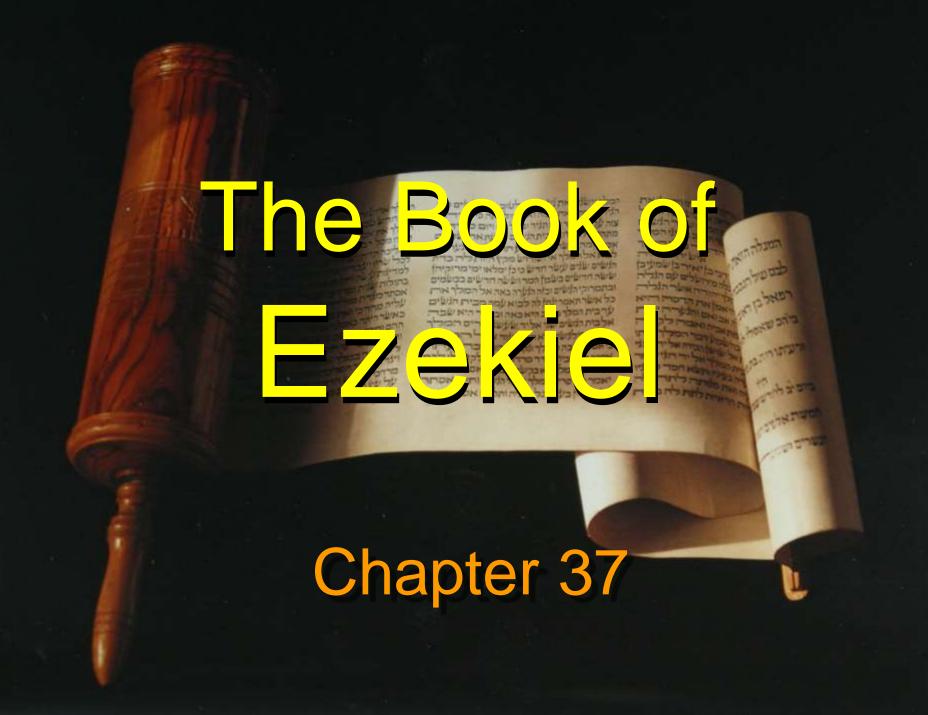
The Feast of Tabernacles



For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

Joel 3:1

- God's commitment to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
- Denied by much of the church for 2000 years!
- Demonstrated by God in 1948 and since!
- Prophesied by Moses…
- Outlined here by Joel…
- Expounded on by Ezekiel (ch 37:21-28)



- 21 Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:
- 21 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

Ezekiel 37:21-22

- Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.
- 24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

²⁵ And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

Ezekiel 37:25-26

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
28 And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

Ezekiel 37:27-28

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Chapter 30

• The 'When' and the 'Then'

- And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,
- And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

• The 'When' and the 'Then'

That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

Deuteronomy 30:3

The re-gathering of Israel

- 4 If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:
- And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

Deuteronomy 30:4-5

When will this happen?

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The Key to the Return

- God told Moses that when these things had come upon them...
 - The blessings, but also the curses, the scatterings and being driven around the world
- That then the LORD would have compassion upon Israel WHEN they turned to Him
- Solomon prayed this very prayer
 - 2 Chron 6:36-42
- Ezekiel had also prophesied that although Israel would be regathered, they would be 'spiritually dead' until God breathed life into them

The Key to the Return

 When, among the nations, did Israel seek the Lord and cry out to Him?

YSTERY

- In the first century, in the days of the Book of Acts, a gathering took place of Messianic Jewish believers, disciples, apostles, and leaders in Jerusalem.
- It was from that gathering that the door of faith would be opened to the nations.
- The gospel would go forth beyond the land of Israel to the nations.
- And the Gentiles would now come in.

- That gathering would change the course of world history.
- But as the first century neared its end and the days of the Book of Acts drew to a close, such gatherings of Jewish believers disappeared from the world.
- But in-line with the 'Jubilee principle', in the 'days of return' that which had disappeared must reappear!
 - In essence there would be a reversal

- So was there another gathering, the first such gathering in two thousand years, the first such council of Messianic Jewish believers since the days of the disciples!
- They came from the nations, teachers, leaders, and emissaries, to the city of London.
- There they worshipped, prayed, shared, declared their identity, agreed on their purpose and mission, and arrived at a resolution.

- The gathering established the first known alliance of Messianic Jewish believers since the first disciples gathered in Jerusalem two thousand years earlier.
- One of the speakers at the event reminded the assembly of its ancient origins. He said this:
 - "There was a meeting a long time ago, when Jews from every nation were gathered together, and the Lord poured out His Spirit upon them: that was the first Hebrew- Christian Alliance"

- The timing of the gathering was significant
- It took place in the year ... 1867
- It's the reason why everything began in 1867.
- It was that gathering in London that constitutes the first Jubilean event, the first return.
 - That gathering convened in the spring, in the month of May - the same month in which the destruction of Israel began, when the Roman armies invaded the land
- So, in the same month that the destruction began, so did the restoration.

 Two days later, after two thousand years, the release of the Promised Land began as the Ottoman Land Code became law.

- Less than thirty days after that gathering a ship set sail from New York, bound for the Promised Land,
- ...and the journey of the Stranger began!

THE PROPHECY of the STRANGER

22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the Lord hath laid upon it;

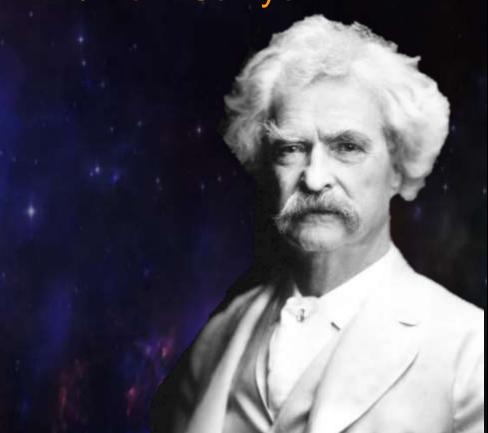
Deuteronomy 29:22-23

THE PROPHECY of the STRANGER

23 And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:

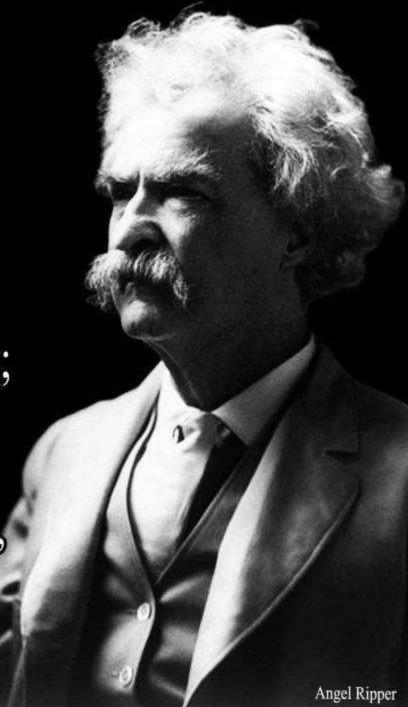
Deuteronomy 29:22-23

- The stranger was none other than Mark Twain!
 - Known as the father of American literature.
 - Author of Huckleberry Finn / Tom Sawyer



THE BIBLE

"It is full of interest. It has noble poetry in it; and some clever fables; and some blood-drenched history; and some good morals; and a wealth of obscenity; and upwards of a thousand lies." - Mark Twain



Upon arriving in the Land he wrote:

"Rags, wretchedness, poverty and dirt...Lepers, cripples, the blind...To see the number of maimed, malformed and diseased humanity that throng the holy places..."

- According to Moses the stranger would say:
 The whole land is brimstone, salt...
- So Twain would bear witness:

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"...all desolate and unpeopled...
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...miles of desolate country

...the far reaching desolation ...the

waste of a limitless desolation...

- According to the prophecy the stranger would say: "All the land is ... a burning waste"
- Or, as another translation puts it, "your land" has become a scorching desert".
- So Twain would write:
- "It is a scorching, arid, repulsive, solitude.
 Such roasting heat, such oppressive solitude, and such dismal desolation cannot surely exist elsewhere on earth...
- · Nowhere in all the waste around was there a foot of Shade, and we were scorching to death

- The prophecy in Deuteronomy says that the land will become devoid of anyone to sow it,
- Twain wrote:
 - "All it's land is unsown...One may ride 10 miles, hereabouts, and not see ten human beings"
 "...these unpeopled deserts, these rusty mounds of barrenness, that never, never, never do shake the glare from their harsh outlines... "There is not a solitary village throughout its whole extent
 - not for thirty miles in either direction"

- Moses also prophesied that the Land would not bring forth produce "nor does it bear..."
- In the Hebrew the word *Tzamach* is used, which specifically refers to 'sprouting',
- Twain bears witness to the Land's inability to sprout vegetables, writing:

"The valleys are unsightly deserts fringed with a feeble regetation... a desert, paved with lose stones, void of regetation, glaring in the flerce sun... this blistering, naked, treeless Land"

- The prophecy states that the stranger who comes will specifically speak of grass, or rather the absence of it: "no grass grows in it"

 or as one translation: "not even a blade of grass"
- Twain, in his notebook almost quotes scripture word for word! :

"No sprig of grass is visible"

- As already mentioned, Mark Twain was a skeptic, and it is certain he had no intention of fulfilling a 3500 year old prophecy,
- Yet in addition to the things already noted, scripture foretells that in the day of the Stranger it will be said:

27 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:

Deuteronomy 29:27

• Incredibly, Mark Twain wrote:
"Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes. Over it broods the spell of a curse! ... Palestine is desolate and unlovely. And why should it be otherwise? Can the curse of the Deity beautify a lander

 Mark Twain's words appeared in articles across America and beyond and would become a witness to his generation, thus fulfilling the prophecy!

THE Greatest MYSTERY &



- And the timing was right on cue!
- It was when the Land was at it's most desolate, these events would be the prophetic key to set the stage for the redemption of the land and the return of its exiles - the Children of Israel!
- But there was another prophecy that was to be fulfilled before they could return.
- Just before Israel's return from Captivity in Babylon, Zechariah recorded a vision of a man with a measuring line



With The MEASURING LINE

- Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. So I said, "Where are you going?"
- 2 And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length."

Zechariah 2:1-2

 Just as a builder uses a measuring line as he is planning to build, to prepare the foundation, so God did this with Israel, not just in Nehemiah's day, but in recent times also.

- What happens when you are about to take possession of a piece of land or a property?
- A survey has to be completed
- 'The land must be defined or redefined, its length, its breadth, its borders, its parameters. And if there's no existing survey, then a survey must be made. The land must be defined, mapped out . . . measured and so the measuring line. So in the days of Zechariah, when the Jewish people were returning to the land, the man with the measuring line comes to the city in a vision. And his appearance is a sign of what is yet to take place. It happened in the ancient world. So too it would happen again in the modern. The ancient sign would again manifest in the world . . . in modern times. The man with the measuring line would again come to Jerusalem. And his appearance would be a sign of what was yet to come'.
 - Jonathan Cahn

- The name of the man was Charles Warren.
 - He was a former head of the Metropolitan Police, and had served as an Officer in the British army as a member of the Royal Engineers.
 - The skills he learnt in so doing proved to be invaluable, for he was later recruited by the Palestine Exploration Fund and sent to the land of Israel on a mission to survey and map out Jerusalem, to measure the Holy City.
- The Land at that time was under the control of the Ottoman Turks who were suspicious of his activities. He was always being watched.

- Nevertheless: "Warren's work would constitute the first extensive excavation of biblical Jerusalem, the first extensive measuring of the biblical foundations of the Temple Mount and of the city itself. It would usher in a new age of biblical archaeology".
- Remember the Jubilee?
 - That which was lost must be restored
- The boundaries of the Land given by God to Moses, the inheritance allotted to the Children of Israel had long since been forgotten.
- Now they were being rediscovered!

- His mission was not just to survey Jerusalem as it was then but as it once was:
- "To measure its ancient parameters, the boundaries of ancient Jerusalem, the biblical city, to locate its ancient walls and borders, to uncover its foundations"
 - To restore that which had been lost!
- In order to do that, he had to dig through centuries of ruins and earth to get to the city's biblical foundations.

- Jonathan Cahn states:
- "In the Jubilee the connection between the land and its original owner is restored. And so the consequences of Warren's work were to restore and strengthen the long-lost connection of the Jewish people to the land. And with every restored connection, the idea that the Jewish people, after almost two thousand years, might somehow return to their homeland began to move one more step out of the realm of fantasy."

 "After nearly two thousand years of exile, the man with the measuring line reappeared in Jerusalem as a sign that God was about to bring about a restoration. A measuring line is used when one is about to build something. So then the reappearance of the man with the measuring line in the person of Charles Warren was a sign that God was about to act, to move again, to build something . . . to rebuild that which once was and had fallen . . . the nation of Israel!"

- "And when else do you use a measuring line?"
- When there's about to be a transference of land.
- So when the man with the measuring line appeared in Jerusalem, it was a sign that the land was going to be transferred ... back to the original owner. The land was being prepared for the return. So it was in ancient times when the prophet Zechariah revealed the meaning of the measuring line: "A measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem . . . And the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem"

The year Warren came to Jerusalem?



THE GREATEST MYSTERY

- 1867 was the year of the gathering in London
- It was immediately followed (2 days) by the Ottoman Land grant
- That was subsequently followed by Mark Twain's visit to Jerusalem (fulfilling Deuteronomy 29),
- Which 'coincided' with Charles Warren's visit where he rediscovered the historic Jerusalem

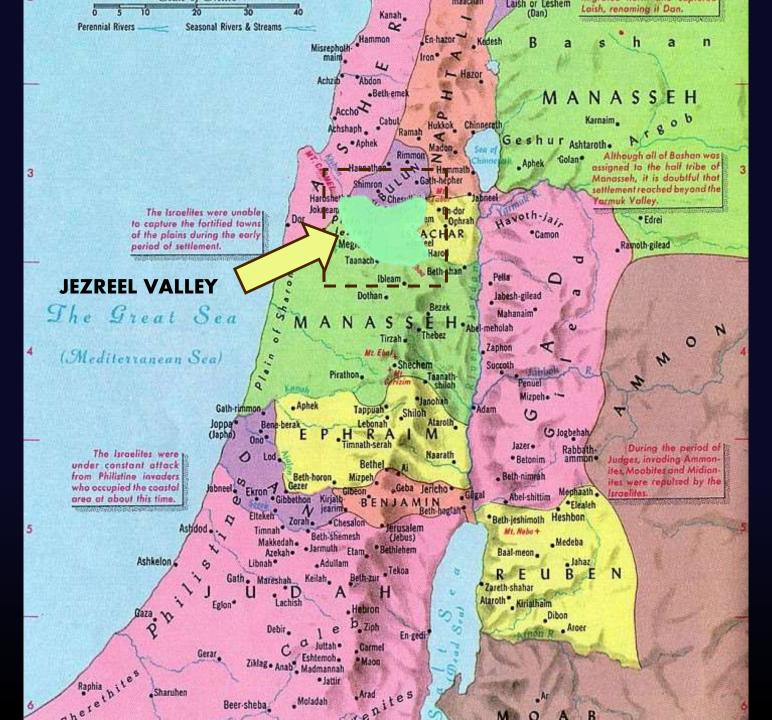
THE GREATEST MYSTERY

- And then would come the first school to teach Jewish people to farm the land
- ... and then the first settlement
- ... and then the return of the exiles.
- The month of the gathering in London was May
- The date?
- The 14th May the same date Israel would be reborn!
 - WHEN Israel called, THEN the LORD answered!

² I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

Joel 3:2

- Valley of Jehoshaphat = Jezreel Valley
- a.k.a. Armageddon





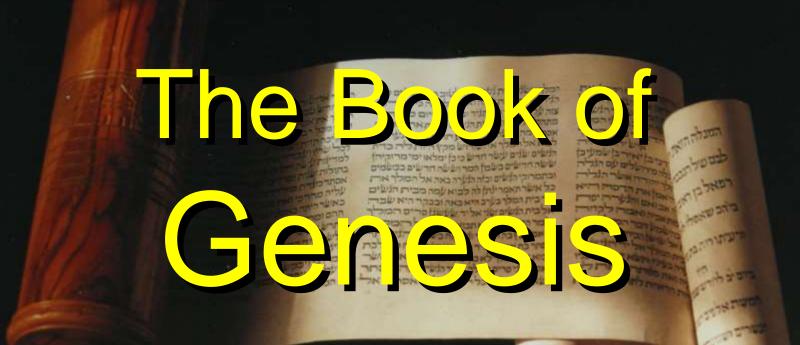




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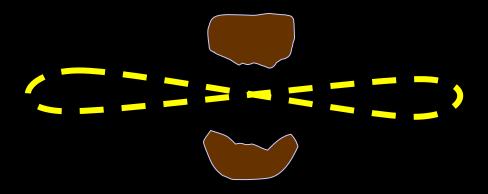
Note the complaint that God has against the nations....



Chapter 12-15

Unconditional Covenant

- Abram falls into a deep sleep
- God makes His declaration without Abram's participation
- Explained in Jeremiah 34:18-19
- God alone passes through the sacrifices
- 'barath' to cut a covenant



The Terms of the Covenant

- Declared eternal and unconditional
- Re-confirmed by an oath: Gen 22:15-18
- Confirmed to Isaac and to Jacob: Gen 26:2-5
 (despite their acts of disobedience);
- NT declares it immutable: Heb 6:13-18

18 In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

Genesis 15:18

- The Boundaries are Unmistakeable
- "from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates"

The Promised Land



The Promised Land



Boundaries of the Land

 Abraham was promised the land between the river of Egypt and the Euphrates,

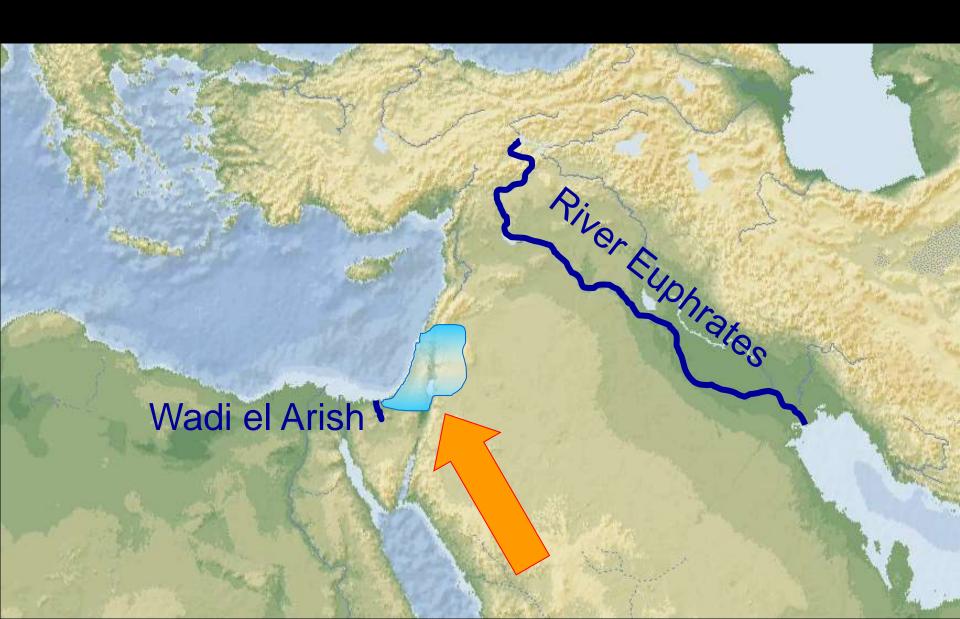
Gen 15:18-21; cf. Deut 11:24

- The full extent of the land promised was never possessed
 - For a brief period during the reigns of David and Solomon, Israel held the land from the Euphrates to the Gaza strip, or from Dan to Beersheba
 1 Kings 4:24–25
 - Nevertheless, the ideal of the promise was not lost sight of
 Ezek 47:15–20
- The promise to Abraham awaits fulfillment.

History of the Promised Land

- Abram will die in the Land
- His son Isaac will die in the Land
- His grandson Jacob will die in Egypt
- Then when the 400 years are complete...
- Moses will lead Israel out of Egypt
- Joshua will lead the Children of Israel into the Promised Land

Inheritance Under Joshua



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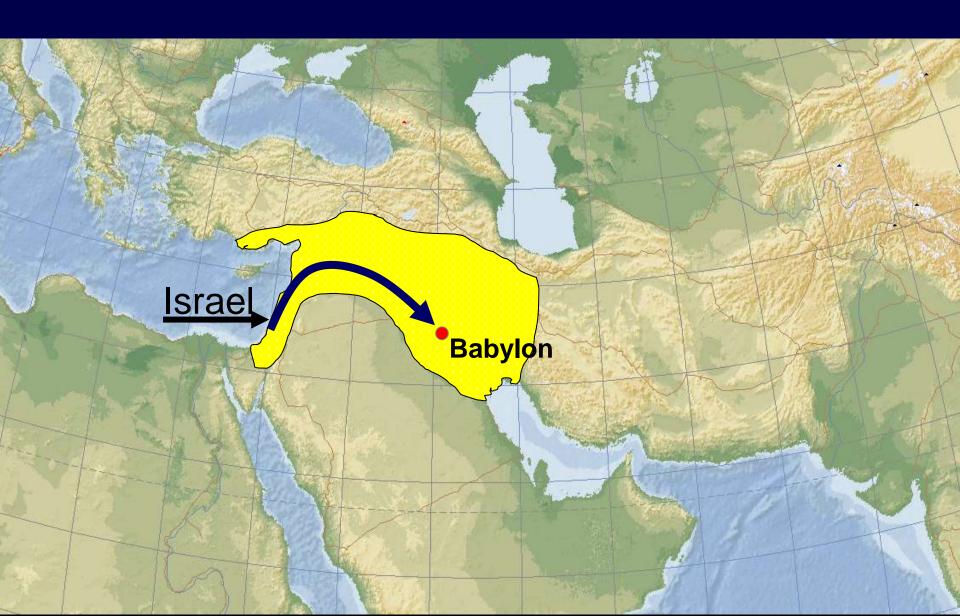
Consolidation Under King David



Last Remnant Before Captivity



Babylonian Empire 606-539 BC



Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Gold

Silver

Brass

Iron

Iron + Clay



Babylon

Persia

Greece

Rome I

"Rome II"

Persian Empire 539-332 BC



Greek Empire 332 – 68 BC



Roman Empire 68 BC – 476 AD

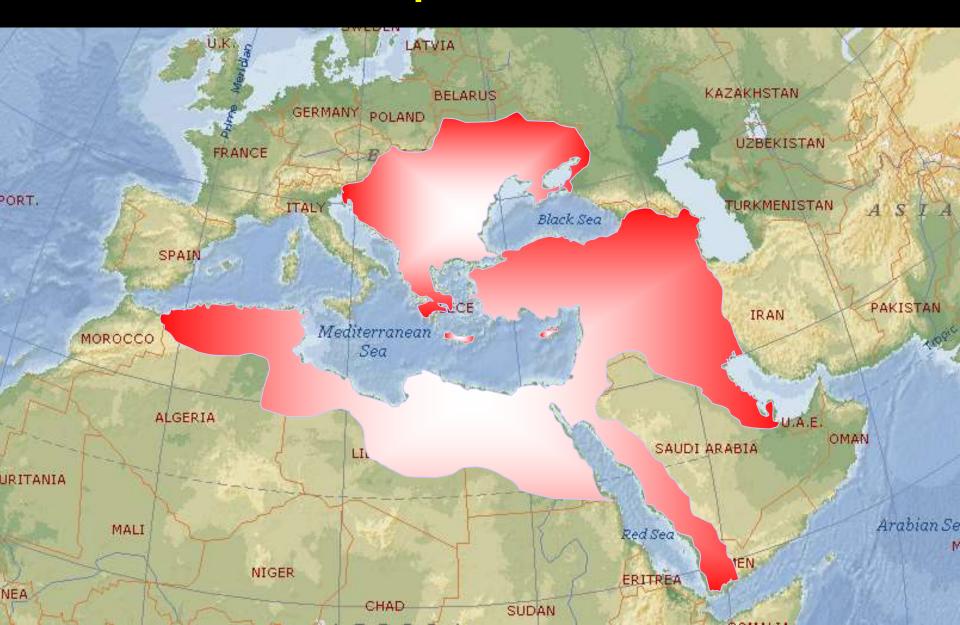


Byzantine Empire 330 - 1453



Ottoman Empire

1299-1918



Sykes-Picot Agreement 1916

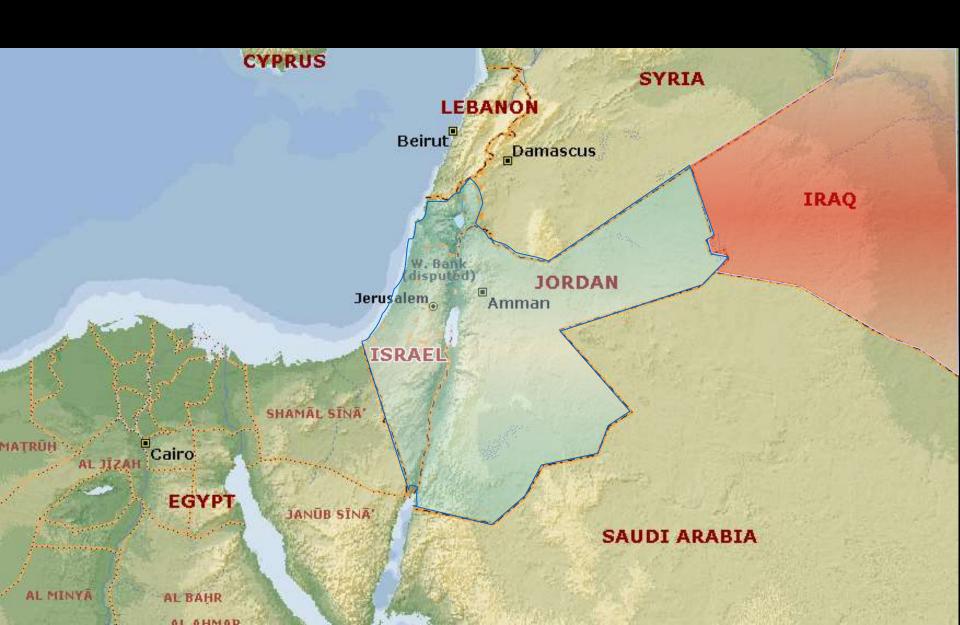


1917 Balfour Declaration

 A short note from Britain's foreign secretary,
 A. J. Balfour, to Lord Rothschild, one of Britain's most prominent Jews, stating that,

"His Majesty's Government view with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people."

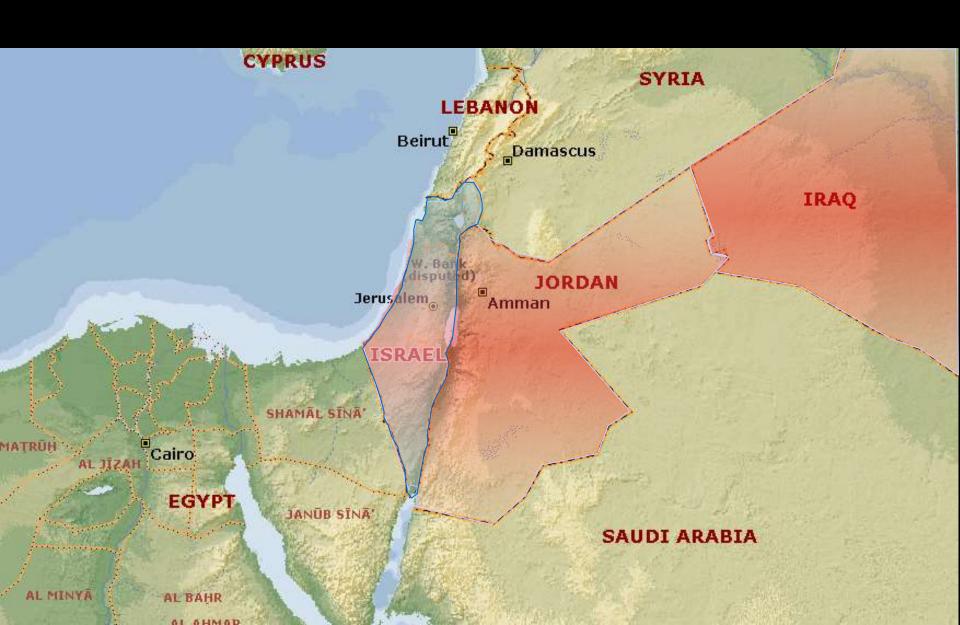
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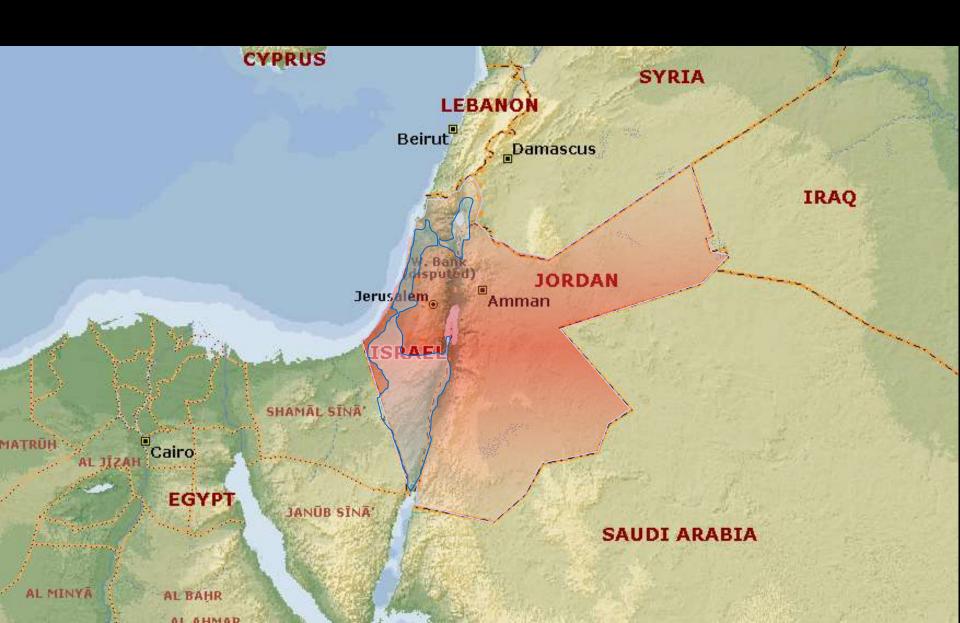
British & French Mandate 1918



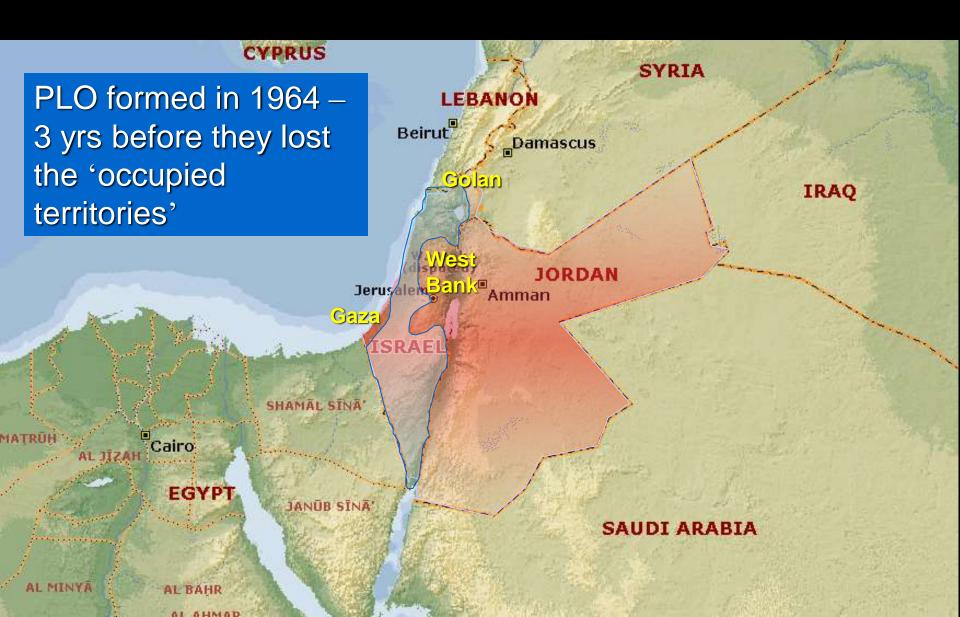
1922 British Partition



1948 UN Partition



1948-1949 War of Independence



1967 6-Day War



1978 "Camp David" Partition



1993 "Oslo Accords"



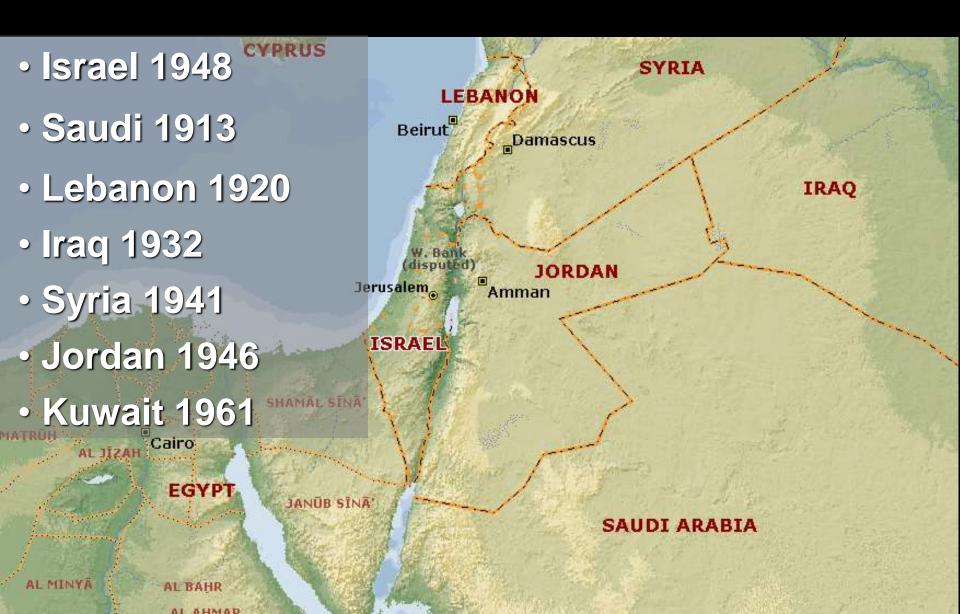
2003 "Road Map" Partition



2006 Hamas Elected



Nation Status?



United Nations Bias



- Of 865 Security Council resolutions passed before 1990:
 - 526 were directed against Israel 61%
- Of 690 General Assembly resolutions voted on before 1990:
 - 429 were directed against Israel. 62%
- During 5 wars against Israel
 - No UN resolutions against the Arab Nation

United Nations Bias



- November 2003 Israel introduced it's first resolution since 1976.
- Israel requested that Arab terrorist not target Israeli women and children.
- It was rejected.
- The UN then adopted a resolution that demanded protection of Palestinian children from Israel!

A Cup of Trembling

2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zechariah 12

One Third of all UN resolutions have to do with Israel (1:1000 of the worlds population)

Not Reckoned

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?
9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.

Numbers 23:8-9

Not Reckoned

"Israel has been a member of the United Nations for more than 50 years. Yet she is not allowed to take her 2 year term as one of the 10 rotating nations (joining the 5 permanent ones) on the UN security council. Of the 191 current members, 190, including the worst terrorist nations, are allowed to take their turns on the security council - but not Israel. Nor is Israel, as already noted, allowed to take a rotating turn on the 50-3-member UN commission on Human Rights.

Not Reckoned

All of the other 190 UN member nations are allowed to do so.

These have included Libya, Cuba, Zimbabwe, and other egregious violators of human rights. Incredibly, Sudan, where more than 2 million blacks in the south have been slaughtered by Muslims, has been voted in for a third consecutive term.

But Israel, the only demoracy in the Middle East, is excluded, as the Bible foretold".

Dave Hunt – Judgment Day

The Promised Land?

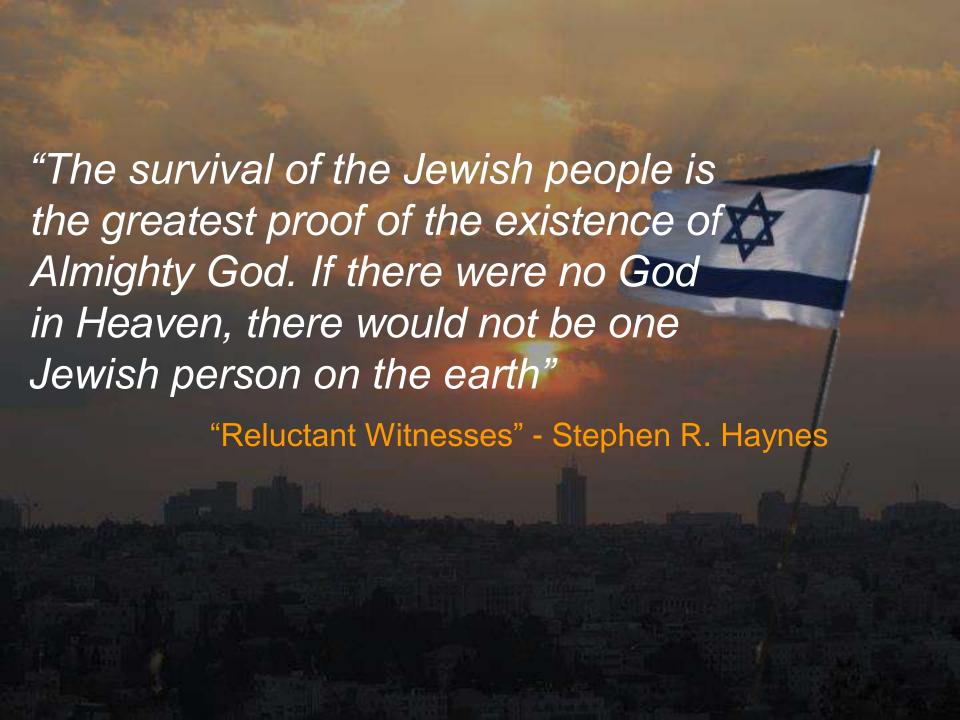
- What of the Promise given to Abram?
- Revealed in the Vision given to Ezekiel
 - -Chapters 45-46

Israel in the Millennial Kingdom



Israel's Right To The Land

- Historical right land of their fathers
- Archaeological Jews presence for 3000 yrs
- Practical value the desert is now fruitful Isaiah 32:10-15 / 41:18-19 / 43:19-20
- Humanitarian the Jews need a homeland
- Balance the only democracy in the Middle East
- Religious right Israel 2565x, Jerusalem 811x
- Divine right the God of Heaven said so!



"Queen Victoria once posed this question to her prime minister Benjamin Disraeli. She asked, "Can you give me one verse from the Bible that proves there is a God?" He thought for a moment and responded, "I can give you the answer in just one word." "What is it?" she wanted to know. Disraeli replied, "The Jew, Your Majesty."

"An eminent man once said: "The universal dispersion of the Jews throughout the world, their unexampled sufferings and their marvellous preservation, would be enough to establish the truth of the Scriptures if all other evidence was cast in into the sea""

Reluctant Witnesses - Stephen R. Haynes

"The very existence of the Jews in history, together with all that has happened to them in their long turbulent history, is proof that there is a God present and active, through His Holy Spirit, in history. By all normal laws of geography, history and ethnography, they ought as a distinct race to have disappeared long ago!". **David Torrance**

"Despite wars, persecutions and repeated attempts to obliterate them, they have kept their peculiar identity. They have remained a people apart from the other nations of the world, a testimony to the preserving hand of God. "For I the Lord do not change therefore, you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed" (Mal 3:6)

David Torrance

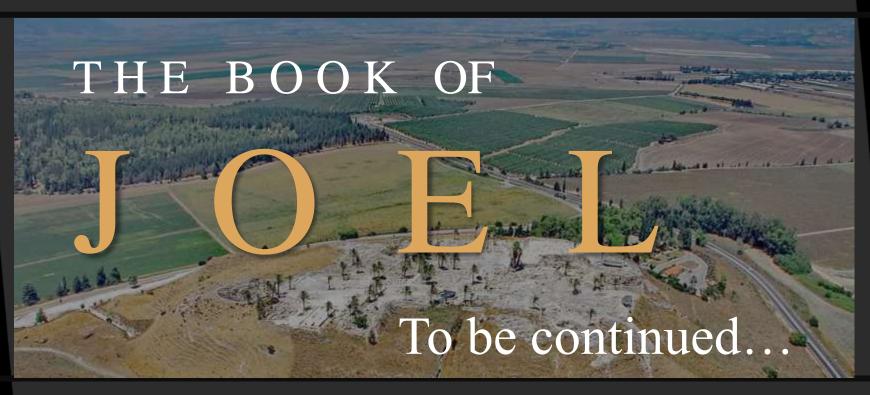
"If the Bible is in error concerning Israel, its major subject, then all of the synagogues and Christian churches that claim to base their beliefs upon those scriptures ought to admit that fact and shut their doors. If, however, the Bible is true, then the nations of the world ought to govern their conduct accordingly; for if they do not the consequences will be disastrous"

Dave Hunt





Chapter 2



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