

LIFE'S
GREATEST
QUESTION



DOES

GOOD

EXIST



Basic Apologetics

- Classical Arguments
- Historical
- Scientific
- Mathematical
- Geographical
- Biological
- Astronomical
- Archeological
- The Bible
- The Greatest Mystery?

Over 20 different compelling arguments for the existence of God and proof that the Bible is the Word of God given to man

Basic Apologetics

- Two Great Discoveries:
- 1) The Bible is a message to us from outside our space-time
 - The Bible tells the end from the beginning
 - God actually presents this as an intellectual test of His existence & Sovereignty
- 2) Every number, every letter, every detail are there by skillful deliberate supernatural design

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THE

GREATEST

MYSTERY



THE Greatest MYSTERY

- What if there was a mystery that spanned the ages?
- A mystery birthed in a Middle Eastern desert over three thousand years ago that is now determining the events of our day?
- What if I told you this mystery involves global leaders, heads of state, presidents, and many others who have all been working to a pre determined timetable?

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- What if I could show you that this mystery has decided world events down to the year, the month and even the very day of their occurring?
- What if I showed you that everything that ever has been and all that will be are connected to and are part of this mystery?
- What if I showed you that you don't need faith to believe this mystery?

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- What if there was a people brought into existence as a sign, as a witness to the existence of God and as a vessel to bring about His purposes?
- If such a people were to exist, what do you think would become of them?
- Wouldn't you expect them to stand out?
... to be different from every other people group on Earth?

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- And if there is a God and everything the Bible says about Him is true...
- It follows that there must also be a Devil, and everything the Bible says about him must also be true.

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- Logically it would then follow that...
- If God had brought a group of people, a nation, into existence to stand as a witness to His existence and to fulfill His purposes...
- We could expect the Devil to have a peculiar hatred toward that group of people, and even go as far as attempting to destroy them.
- Is there such a people?

THE

MYSTERY OF

ISRAEL

“The survival of the Jewish people is the greatest proof of the existence of Almighty God. If there were no God in Heaven, there would not be one Jewish person on the earth”

“Reluctant Witnesses” - Stephen R. Haynes



“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!”

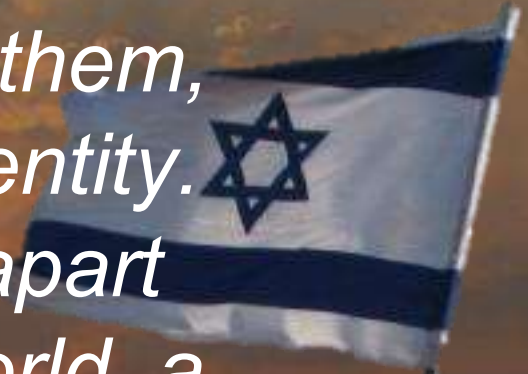
David Torrance



*“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



God's Promise:

³⁵ Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

³⁶ If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

God's Promise

37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- In Moses final words to the nation of Israel, at the end of their journeying through the wilderness, and just before he died...
- He told them exactly what would happen to them in the centuries and ages to come...

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- He told them that their land would be invaded by their enemies and they would be scattered from one end of the earth to the other!
- But he also told them that in the last days they would be re-gathered to their land!

God's Terms

⁵ Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

⁶ And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Exodus 19:5-8

God's Terms

7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.

Exodus 19:5-8

Blessings for Obedience

Deuteronomy

Chapter 28: 1-14

God's Terms

- ¹ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:
- ² And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

God's Terms

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Deuteronomy 28:3-6

God's Terms

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Deuteronomy 28:7-8

- God promised Abraham the Land of Israel

God's Terms

9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

Deuteronomy 28:9-10

God's Terms

11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

God's Terms

¹³ And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; **if that thou hearken** unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

¹⁴ And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Curses for Disobedience

Deuteronomy

Chapter 28: 15-68

God's Terms

¹⁵ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee...

Deuteronomy 28:15

36 The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

Deuteronomy 28:36-37

- The northern kingdom of Israel was taken into captivity by Assyria in 722 B.C. (p=700yrs)
- The southern kingdom was conquered by Babylon in 606 B.C. (p=800yrs)

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

Deuteronomy 28:41

- This was fulfilled with the likes of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

Deuteronomy 28:48

- Rome typified by iron (cf Daniel 2:40)

49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:



Deuteronomy 28:48-49

- The Chaldeans are described as flying eagles in Hab 1:6 ff., Jer 48:40; 49:22; Ezek 17:3,7,
- But the standard of Rome was also an eagle!
- The language of Rome would be very different than Hebrew and Aramaic

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

Masada 73 A.D.



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- For 2 years following the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. a number of Jews resisting Rome retreated to the mountain fortress of Masada
- Eventually the Roman 10th legion built a ramp that allowed their battering rams to break through
- When they got to the top, the 960 Jews had committed suicide & set it on fire
- Only 2 women & 5 children survived
- IDF swearing in: *“Masada will never fall again!”*

63 And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deuteronomy 28:63

- In A.D. 132 Shimon Bar-Kokhba led a revolt against Roman Emperor Hadrian
- The Jews were defeated in A.D. 135 and Jerusalem was ploughed over by oxen
- The remaining Jews were deported
- Hadrian renamed the land 'Palestina' (p=1500yrs)

32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

Leviticus 26:32-33



Deuteronomy 28: 64-68
The International History of Israel

⁶⁴ And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

Deuteronomy 28:64

65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest:

but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

Deuteronomy 28:65-66

67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

Deuteronomy 28:67









" I WILL PUT MY BREATH INTO YOU AND YOU SHALL LIVE AGAIN, AND I WILL SET YOU UPON YOUR OWN SOIL ... " (EZEKIEL 37:14)





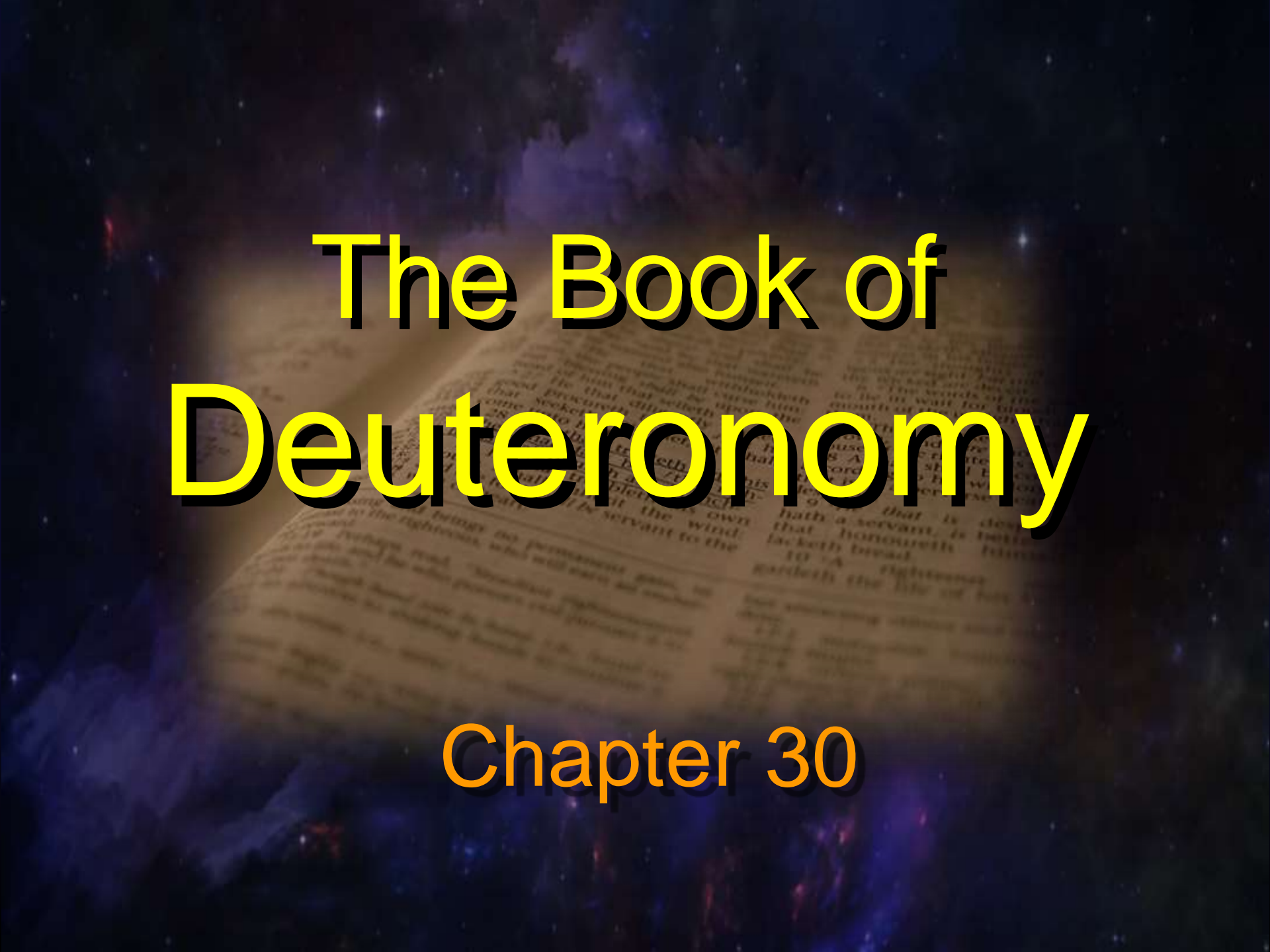
Incredible Prophecy

- For failure to obey the Mosaic Law...
- Israel would be driven from the Land
- Israel would be scattered among all people
- ‘From one end of earth to the other’
- Their lives would hang in doubt
- They would be in great distress
- **All this has happened! (to the letter!)**
- Yet Israel remains as an identifiable ethnic group
 - **Contrast with Hittites / Jebusites / Amalakites**

Deuteronomy 28

Greater rebellion = Greater punishment

- v.1-14 Blessings for obedience
- v.15-24 General curses - In the Land
- v.25-35 Defeat & plunder - Times of the Judges
- v.36-47 Captivity – The times of the monarchy
- v.48-61 Yoke of Iron/Seige – Roman Occupation
- v.62-68 Life hanging in doubt - Dispersion
among the nations / holocaust



The Book of Deuteronomy

Chapter 30

Deuteronomy 30

¹ 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,

² 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;

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

Deuteronomy 30

- 3 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.
- 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:

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

Deuteronomy 30

5 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 30:5

(p=3500yrs)

Regathering

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

Jeremiah 16:14-18

(p=2600yrs)

Regathering

¹⁶ Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

¹⁷ For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

Jeremiah 16:14-18

- Israel will be literally forced back home!

Regathering

¹⁸ And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things.

Jeremiah 16:14-18

- Double = an exact likeness
 - Like looking in a mirror and seeing your double

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 democracy in the Middle East, is excluded, as the Bible foretold”.

Dave Hunt – Judgment Day



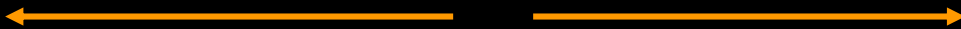
THE
APPOINTED
TIMES

The Appointed Times

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Genesis 1:14b

myd []/mh Ha Moyadim – ‘the appointed times’



The Appointed Times

- Equidistant letter sequences *should* naturally occur at random in the text
- The more letters in a word, the less likely a word is to occur in the text
- The word 'Ha Moyadim' *myd []mh* should statistically occur 5 times in the 78,064 letters of Genesis...but it doesn't!
- It occurs *only once*, and at equidistant letter sequence of *70*
- It 'just so happens' to be centered on *Genesis 1:14*

The Appointed Times

- What is significant about the spacing of 70?

The Appointed Times

Israel had 70 Sabbaths according to the Law of Moses

- 52 weekly Sabbaths
- 7 days for Passover
- 1 day for the Feast of Pentecost
- 1 day for the Feast of Trumpets
- 1 day for the Feast of Atonement
- 7 days for the Feast of Tabernacles
- 1 day for the 'Eighth day of Assembly'

70

The Appointed Times

- The odds against this occurring by unaided chance have been estimated to be greater than *70,000,000* to *one*!

The Appointed Times

¹⁶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of **an holyday**, or of the new moon, or of the **sabbath days**:

¹⁷ Which are a **shadow of things to come**; but the body is of Christ.

Colossians 2:16-17



THE
APPOINTED
FEASTS

The Feasts of Israel (Leviticus 23)

1 Feast of Passover

The death of Jesus

2 Feast of Unleavened Bread

The burial of Jesus

3 Feast of Firstfruits

The resurrection of Jesus

4 Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)

The birth of the Church

5 Feast of Trumpets

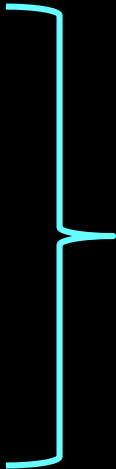
The Time of Jacob's Trouble

6 Feast of Atonement

The spiritual restoration of Israel

7 Feast of Tabernacles

The millennial reign of the Messiah



The Book of Joel details the fulfilment of these Feasts

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The Feasts of Israel

- In what other ways are Israel's feasts shadows of things to come?

The Appointed Times

The First Day of Nisan

– 1st day of Israel's religious calendar

Theme: Cleansing and New Beginnings

- The dedication of the tabernacle [Ex 40:2,17](#)
- The cleansing of the temple by Hezekiah [2 Chron 29:17](#)
- Ezra & the exiles begin their return home from Babylon [Ezra 7:9](#)
- The decree is given to Nehemiah to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem [Nehemiah 2:1](#)

The Appointed Times

The Tenth Day of Nisan

Theme: Sanctification

- The sanctification of the Passover lamb on the night of the Exodus **Ex 12:3**
- Israel crosses the Jordan & enters the promised land **Joshua 4:19**
- Christ was 'taken' as our Passover Lamb on Palm Sunday **Luke 19:37-38**
- Ezekiel's vision of the Millennial Temple **Ezekiel 40:1**

The Appointed Times

The Fourteenth Day of Nisan

Theme: Covenant relationship with God

- God's covenant with Abraham [Gen 15:18](#) / [Ex 12:41](#)
- Passover supper eaten in Egypt [Exodus 12:6](#)
- The 1st Passover in Canaan (the Covenant renewed) [Joshua 5:11-12](#)
- The book of the Law found and reaffirmed under Josiah – [2 Chron 34:2-3](#)
- The dedication of the 2nd Temple – [Ezra 6:16-19](#)
- The last supper (the new covenant established)
[Luke 22:19-20](#)

The Appointed Times

The Fifteenth Day of Nisan

Theme: From Death to Freedom

- The departure from the place of death as Israel leave the bondage of Egypt and enter into a life of freedom **Numbers 33:3**
- Christ buried: “Unless a grain of wheat” **John 12:24**
- Masada: 960 men, women and children took their own lives so as not to be captured by the Roman army

The Appointed Times

The Seventeenth Day of Nisan

Theme: New Life!

- Noah's ark rests on the mountains of Ararat
Gen 6:5
- Israel crosses the Red Sea Exodus 14:11-12
- Israel eats the Firstfruits of the Promised Land
Joshua 5:10-12
- The Resurrection of Jesus

The Appointed Times

The Sixth Day of Sivan

Theme: New Revelation of God's Will

- The giving of the Law on Mt Sinai **Exodus 19:11**
 - 3000 people died
- The giving of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost **Acts 1:8**
 - 3000 born again!
- “The letter kills by the Spirit gives life!” **2 Cor 3:6**

The Appointed Times

The Seventeenth Day of Tammuz

Theme: The breaking of a spiritual symbol of God's favour

- Moses breaks the tables of the Law (re the Golden Calf) **Exodus 32:19**
- The Babylonian army breaks through the walls of Jerusalem causing the daily sacrifices to cease
- The Roman armies attack on the Temple Mount forces the priests to stop the daily sacrifice

The Appointed Times

The Ninth Day of Av

Theme: A Fast of Mourning

- 12 spies return from Canaan & their lack of faith results in the death of that generation **Num 14:39**
- The destruction of Solomon's temple by the Babylonians in 587 B.C. **Jeremiah 52:5-14**
- The destruction of the 2nd temple by the Romans in A.D. 70 & then ploughing with salt in A.D.71
- The defeat of Shimon Bar-Kokhba's revolt and the expulsion of Jews from the Land AD135
- England expelled all Jews 1290 A.D.
- Spain expelled all Jews in 1492
- The start of WW1 1914 Russian Jews persecuted

The Appointed Times

The Ninth Day of Av

Theme: A Fast of Mourning

- Just taking this one date, what is the chance that these 8 historical tragedies could have occurred by chance rather than by God's foreknowledge and sovereignty?
- For two events to occur: = 1 in 365
- For three events: $1 \times 365 \times 365 = 133,225$
- The odds that all 8 events would occur by chance alone on the 9th Av rather than by God's design is:
- One chance in 863,078,009,300,000,000
- 1 chance in 863 Zillion! (for just 8 events)
- There are more than 40 'anniversary events'



THE
LABOUR
CYCLE



The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- Consider the start of a human life and the timetable of a human pregnancy...
- We will discover that the blueprint for this is hidden in the Feasts of Israel that were recorded thousands of years before medical science made the discoveries we now know.
- The best time to conceive is on the 14th day of a woman's cycle.
- If we compare this with the Feast of Passover, we realise that it also falls on the on the 14th of the month.

The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- The next feast is the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which according to Jewish law, must occur the next day.
- For pregnancy to occur the egg must be fertilized within 24 hours.
- Then follows The Feast of Firstfruits, which could fall anywhere from two to six days after the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- Amazingly, once an egg is fertilized, it travels down the fallopian tube at it's own speed taking anything from two to six days to arrive safely at its destination in the womb.

The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- Next we have the Feast of Pentecost that occurs exactly fifty days after Firstfruits.
- From the point an embryo reaches the womb it starts to grow, but nothing dramatic changes until it becomes an actual foetus when it takes the form of a tiny baby.
- This happens exactly 50 days later!

The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- It is no coincidence that 50 days after Christ's resurrection on the Feast of Firstfruits, the Church took on the appearance of a body as a result of the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- The Church technically began at Firstfruits when Jesus rose bringing new life to all who would accept it, but it wasn't until Pentecost that it had a noticeable structured form.

The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- Once a baby has passed the 50th day, the growth is gradual with nothing momentous happening until the 1st day of the 7th month.
- According to medical textbooks, on the 1st day of the 7th month the baby's hearing is fully developed.
- The baby can then distinguish one sound from another.
- ...for example, a trumpet can be heard as a trumpet.
- Any guesses as to the next feast of Israel?

The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- *“And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the **seventh month**, in the **first day of the month**, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets**, an holy convocation”*. (Leviticus 23:23-24)
- This is the Feast of Trumpets!
- Now all this could be just coincidence, but then again.....let's continue.

The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- *“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement”*
(Leviticus 23:26-27).
- So the 10th day of the 7th month was to be the Feast of Atonement.
- The next significant event in the development of an unborn child occurs....
- ...yes you guessed it, on the 10th day of the 7th month!

The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- At this stage there are important changes in the blood and it is necessary for the foetal blood, which carried the mother's oxygen through the baby's system, to change in such a way that the baby can carry the oxygen that it will obtain upon birth.
- Technically, the haemoglobin of the blood has to change from that of a foetus to that of a self-respiring and circulating human being.

The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- A foetus doesn't breathe, but rather depends on the oxygen obtained through the mother's blood circulation.
- Naturally, this system must be changed before birth, and that change occurs according to the textbooks, in the 2nd week of the 7th month, and to be precise on the 10th day.
- It is on that day according to the Mosaic Law, that the high priest takes the blood into the holy of holies and presents it as an atonement for the sins of Israel.

The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- Leviticus 17:11 puts it this way, *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul”*.
- So, we’ve now reached the 10th day of the seventh month in the development of a human child, but the baby is not ready to be born.

The Feasts & Labour Cycle

- One more development is yet to occur, which coincides perfectly with the 15th day of the 7th month, which in the Law of Moses is when the Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated.
- At this point the lungs are developed; this is a major step in the development of a child because once the lungs are operating, even if it is then born prematurely, the child stands a very good chance of survival.

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- This is an incredible picture of the feast of tabernacles!
- The tabernacle is the 'house of the Spirit'.
- The Hebrew word for 'Spirit' is the same word that is translated 'breath'.
- So tabernacle is literally the 'house of breath', and the lungs are indeed the 'tabernacle' of the breath
- God breathed breath into Adam to make him become a living soul and Jesus breathed on the disciples and said : *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* (John 20:22)

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- At this point 'our baby' could survive and is now as good as ready for birth, but we've only reached 200 days and a normal pregnancy should last 280 days.
- The Feast of Tabernacles however, marks the end of the Levitical feasts as recorded in Leviticus 23
- Is there anything in the Jewish calendar that occurs at 280 days?

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- Amazingly, on the 280th day of the Jewish calendar we come to another feast, not one of the Mosaic feasts, but rather one that was added much later - the Feast of Dedication, or Hanukkah as it is called today.
- In Daniel.8:9-14 we read that an 'abomination of desolation' would result in the daily sacrifice in the temple being taken away. This prophecy was fulfilled in 167 BC when a Selucian ruler called Antiochus Epiphanes captured Jerusalem and desecrated the Jewish Temple, sacrificing a pig on the alter.

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- However as Daniel had prophesied, after 2,300 days the sanctuary was cleansed thanks to the revolt against Antiochus led by Judas Maccabees.
- When the Jews finally entered the temple they found only one days supply of the precious consecrated oil that was needed to maintain the light on the seven-branched lampstand called the 'Menorah'.
- Under the Law of Moses this was to be kept continually burning.

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- The priests poured the precious oil into the seven lamps and lit them to bring forth light. However, it would be 8 days before more oil could be supplied. During those 8 days a miracle occurred; the one days supply lasted for 8 days!
- So in honour of the miracle of light, the Jewish people added the Feast of Dedication to their calendar - on the 280th day.

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- Whilst not specifically given by God, the validity of this feast is confirmed in John 10:22. It is on this day that the (textbook) pregnancy ends when a baby is born and sees the light for the first time!

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- Thus we have the feasts of Israel and the pregnancy cycle in harmony.
- As the medical knowledge necessary to verify this was not known until recently, and the feasts of Israel were established thousands of years ago...
- ...the only logical conclusion can be that both were intentionally designed by the same Author to validate God's Word as supernatural, again showing that only God knows the end from the beginning and has revealed it in the pages of the Bible.



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