

LIFE'S

GREATEST

QUESTION



DOES

GOOD

EXIST



Basic Apologetics

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

THE

GREATEST

MYSTERY



THE Greatest MYSTERY

- Is it possible that there is a mystery that spans the ages?
- A mystery birthed in a Middle Eastern desert over three thousand years ago that is now determining the events of our day?
- Could it be that 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

- Could it be 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 because it is interwoven into the fabric of history!

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?

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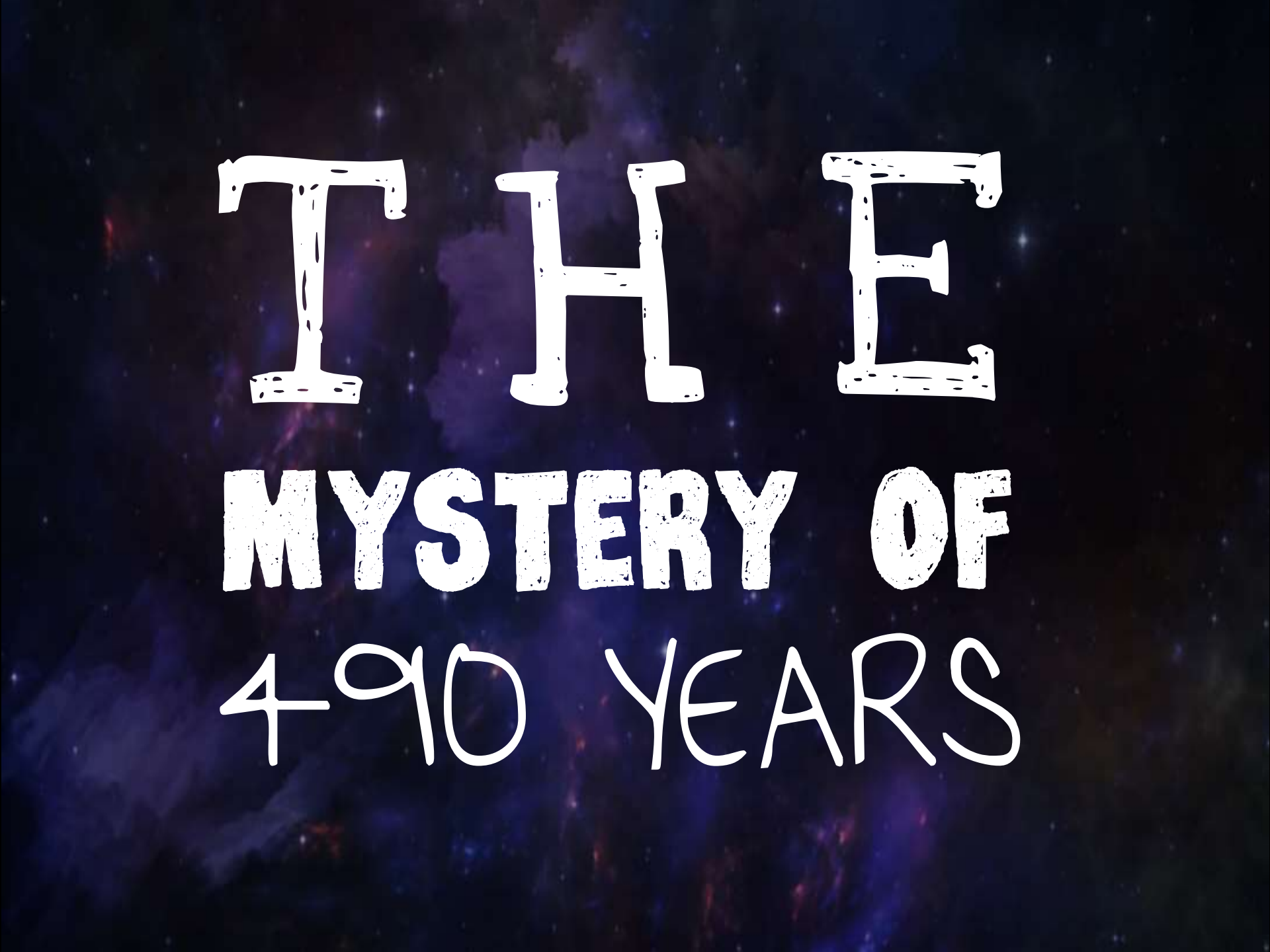
MYSTERY OF

ISRAEL

THE Greatest MYSTERY

The Mystery of Israel

- The Prophetic History of the Nation
 - The Diaspora & Regathering (Deut 28-32)
- The Appointed Times
 - The Mystery of Reoccurrence
- The Mystery of the Feasts
 - A Shadow of things to come
- The Labour Cycle in the Feasts
 - The Mystery of Life

The background of the image is a deep space scene featuring a vibrant nebula with shades of purple, blue, and red. Numerous bright stars of varying sizes are scattered across the dark expanse, creating a sense of depth and mystery.

THE
MYSTERY OF
490 YEARS

God's Control of History

"Seventy Times Seven"

1) Abraham to the Exodus

Promise	Gen 12:4	75 years		
		<u>+430</u>	505	
Ishmael,	Gen 16:16; 21:5		<u>-15</u>	490 years

2) Exodus to the Temple

Begun:	1 Ki. 6 - 8	594		
Completed:	1 Ki 6:38	<u>+ 7</u>	601	
Servitudes:	Judges 3 - 13		<u>-111</u>	490 years

3) The Temple to the Edict of Artaxerxes

	1 Ki 8:1-66	1005 B.C.		
	Neh. 2:1	445 B.C.	560	
Babylonian Captivity			<u>-70</u>	490 years

4) Artaxerxes to the Second Coming

445 B.C. to the 1st Advent (69 x 7)			483	
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"The Seventieth Week"			+ 7	490 years



ISRAEL
GOD'S
TIMEPIECE

Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isaiah 46:9-10

THE

GREATEST

MYSTERY





THE
PROPHECY
of the
STRANGER

1867!

THE MAN

With The
MEASURING LINE



THE
APPOINTED
PARASHA

THE APPOINTED PARASHA

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 APPOINTED PARASHA

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
GOD

WHO HEARS

THE GOD *who* HEARS

- Since ancient times the scattered Children of Israel would pray to God to have mercy on Jerusalem, to restore the city and bring them home:
- *"Have mercy, Lord, our God. . . on Jerusalem, Your city; and on Zion, the resting place of Your glory . . . Rebuild Jerusalem, the city of holiness, speedily in our days. Bring us up into it and gladden us in its rebuilding and let us eat from its fruit and be satisfied with its goodness and bless You upon it in holiness and purity".*

THE GOD *who* HEARS

- The stranger's real last name was not Twain; it was Clemens.
- Clemens also holds a mystery and a message
- Clemens means "Merciful"
 - "the quality of showing mercy"
- The stranger was literally a sign.
- "Samuel" God had heard their prayers;
- "Clemens" and was about to show them mercy
 - it is doubtful that Mark Twain ever realized the part he played in the mystery!

THE

LOST

FOUND

THE LOST FOUND

- *“In the Jubilee, the connection between the land and its owner is restored. Up until then the original owner has no right concerning the land. He can’t even walk on it without the permission of the one now occupying it. But when the Jubilee comes, the owner can again walk on his land, farm it, build on it, and dwell in it. The barriers are removed. The owner’s connection to the land and the land’s connection to its owner are reaffirmed and restored” - JC*

THE GOD *who* HEARS

- When the Jewish people lost their homeland and their Holy City in the first century, the Romans tried to erase every connection between the land of Israel and the people of Israel.
- They remade Jerusalem into a pagan city and called it Aelia Capitolina.
- And to further eradicate the connection of the Jewish people to their homeland, they renamed the land of Israel Palaestina, meaning the land of the Philistines.

THE LOST FOUND

- The erasing was so successful that for most of two thousand years the land of Israel would simply be known as Palestine.
- The Jews were even banned from setting foot in their Holy City.
- *“So the owner was cut off from his land. And the other powers who would follow the Romans in occupying the land and the city would do similarly, obscuring the connection of the land to its people. But when the Jubilee comes, the connection between the owner and the land is restored, and that which was lost is regained”.* JC

THE LOST FOUND

- Charles Warren, “the man with the measuring line”, didn’t only *measure* Jerusalem.
- In order to map out ancient Jerusalem, he had to dig it up.
 - So he came with more than surveying equipment; he came with shovels and pickaxes.
- He uncovered the walls of the ancient city, ancient gates, and chambers.
- He uncovered what was hidden under the Temple Mount.

THE LOST FOUND

- But it was something else ...
- ...something he didn't plan on, something he would stumble upon, that would end up being his most dramatic discovery.
- It happened while he was crawling through one of Jerusalem's rock chambers with his assistant. He stumbled upon a shaft.
- The shaft would lead to the discovery of an ancient city, a city hidden in the dust for two thousand years.

THE LOST FOUND

- For ages everyone thought the Biblical city of Jerusalem was *inside* the walls we see today.
 - Some of it was.
- But the original city of Jerusalem, the Biblical core, was outside the gates we know today
- Warren found it.
- He literally uncovered the core and Biblical city of Jerusalem that had lain hidden for nearly two thousand years, the city of David and Solomon, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. A city that had been lost for two thousand years

THE LOST FOUND

- *“In the mystery of the Jubilee what has to take place? That which is lost, must be found, and the land must be restored to its original owner. So the Jerusalem that was lost was found again and this marked the beginning of the restoration of Jerusalem to the Jewish people. And according to the mystery of the Jubilee, the original connection between the owner and the land, Biblical Jerusalem and the Jewish people, was renewed”. JC*

THE LOST FOUND

- The shaft that Warren discovered linked up with Jerusalem's ancient water system.
- Why is that significant?
- It was through Jerusalem's ancient water system that King David's soldiers first entered Jerusalem and thus by which the nation first came into possession of the city.
- Warren's discovery thus renewed that ancient connection.
- When did all this happen? When was ancient Jerusalem discovered?"

THE LOST FOUND

1867!

The Year of Jubilee

THE LOST FOUND

- *“So Jerusalem is hidden in the earth for two thousand years, and of all the years to begin emerging . . . it happens in 1867 . . . the same year everything else happens! Remember the prophecy, The stranger comes to the land, and then what happens? The return, the regathering. The land was being readied. And the discovery was in the autumn of 1867. Why is that significant? Because it was in the autumn of 1867 that the stranger came to the land ...and to the city . . . and dwelt in the same dwelling place as Warren”. JC*

THE LOST FOUND

- *“In fact after two thousand years of lying in the dust, ancient Jerusalem was discovered less than thirty days after the coming of the stranger . . . It would ultimately be a sign . . . and a foreshadowing that Jerusalem would again be restored and become a living city filled with the children of Israel”. JC*
- But if the land was under the rule of others, how would that happen?”
- It would happen through another mystery, a mystery that would ultimately change the course of world history.

THE

JUBILEE

MYSTERY

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- In the year of Jubilee *"the field shall return..."* to him to whom the possession of the land did belong *"The land has to be returned to the one to whom it belongs"*.
- So the one who occupies it must relinquish his control so that the return can take place.
- But how does that work in world history?
- Nations don't just give up their land because of ancient ordinances... because of what the Bible says!

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- The land of Israel had been taken over by enemies of the Jewish people, one kingdom after the next, until it lay in the hands of the Ottoman Empire, an Islamic power that was not about to relinquish anything to the Jewish people....
- they certainly weren't observing the law of Jubilees!

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- But the mystery of the Jubilee applies to the entire world, to believer and unbeliever alike.
- The mystery causes all things, all events, even the rise and fall of kingdoms, to move in the course that will fulfill the appointed purposes.
- According to the ancient ordinance, the land must be released to its original owner.
- God will accomplish His purposes, so the mystery must manifest one way or another.
- “So how did it happen?”

THE

MISSING

STAR

THE MISSING STAR

- It all began in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem with a conflict between the Greek Orthodox and Latin clergies that oversaw the sanctuary.
- It involved a metal star that had mysteriously disappeared.
- The Russian government sided with the Orthodox clergy, while the Ottoman Empire along with France, Britain, and Sardinia, sided with the Latin clergy.
- The conflict would lead to the Crimean War.

THE MISSING STAR

- The war would prove a turning point for the Ottoman Empire.
- In the course of the conflict, the empire would enter into massive loans with its European creditors, the first of several that would lead to financial disaster, bankruptcy.
- Two years after the end of the Crimean War, the sultan enacted the Ottoman Land Code.
- All land now had to be registered so it could be taxed so he could raise money.

THE

OTTOMAN

LAND CODE

THE OTTOMAN LAND CODE

- It would open the door for the large-scale buying and selling of Ottoman land. . .
- ...including the Holy Land!
- But according to Ottoman law, no land could be sold to foreigners outside the empire.
 - Jews were scattered throughout the world and were considered foreigners who wouldn't be allowed to purchase land.
- But the law of the Jubilee states that the land must be transferred back to its original owner.
- So it must come about one way or another...

THE OTTOMAN LAND CODE

- Significantly, the registration of the land didn't solve the empire's financial problems.
- The situation was critical enough to cause the government to do something unprecedented...
- Nine years after the first land code, the empire enacted a new law, a new Ottoman Land Code - the land could now be purchased by foreigner - That would include the children of Israel, by the Jewish people!
- As in the Jubilee, those who occupy the land must release it. . . they must relinquish it.

THE OTTOMAN LAND CODE

- The effect of the law would be almost unnoticeable at first. But in time it would change the history of the Middle East and the modern world.
- Jewish people would begin purchasing their ancient land, at times through third parties and unknown to the Ottoman authorities.
- When the authorities realized what was happening, they tried to stop it. They placed a ban on Jews buying land in Palestine.

THE OTTOMAN LAND CODE

- The release of the land would continue nonetheless and would prepare the way for the return of the exiles!
 - And it only happened because of the Ottoman Land Code...
 - And the Ottoman Land Code only happened because of the Ottoman debt...
 - And the Ottoman debt only happened because of the European loans...
 - And the European loans only happened because of the Crimean War.
 - And the Crimean War only happened because of the missing star!”

THE OTTOMAN LAND CODE

- All events are part of the Jubilee mystery.
- The mystery doesn't *cause* the events but causes all things to work together for the appointed purposes.
- When did this release of the land begin?

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- *“What must happen after the stranger’s journey?”*
- *The Jewish people must come back from their exile to the land. So then the land must be made ready for their return. So in accordance with ancient ordinance, the Ottoman Empire begins to release the land; the one occupying the land must release it.*
- *The stranger’s journey began on June 8, 1867. Do you know when the release began? On June 10, 1867. So of all the years and days of human history, the relinquishing of the land begins two days after the stranger’s journey begins. - JC*

THE

SEVENTH

JUBILEE

THE SEVENTH JUBILEE

- The timing is determined by the mystery.
- In the Jubilee the land must be released at the set time.
- And who is it that must relinquish it?
- The one who isn't the original owner but who occupies
- But what if the land has changed hands more than once after the original owner has lost it?
- Then the one to relinquish it will be the last one who occupies it.

THE SEVENTH JUBILEE

- *“The Jubilee undoes the last transaction, but in doing so, it undoes all of them. By restoring the land to its original owner, the Jubilee undoes all the transactions of all those who have occupied it.” - JC*

Roman Empire 68 BC – 476 AD



Byzantine Empire 330 - 1453



Ottoman Empire

1517-1918



THE SEVENTH JUBILEE

- Selim I, Selim the Grim, an Ottoman prince who defeated his father and brothers to ascend the throne as sultan.
- Defeated the Mamluks at the Battle of Raydaniyah



THE SEVENTH JUBILEE

- So the Mamluks were the last occupiers before the Ottomans arrived and the Ottomans in turn came into possession of the Land not long after the days of Columbus.
- They would occupy it through the Reformation, the American Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, and into the twentieth century.

THE SEVENTH JUBILEE

- There would of course have been several Jubilees from the time of Selim I's victory at The Battle of Raydaniyah to modern times.
- Anyone know when the Battle of Reydaniyah took place?

THE BATTLE OF REYDANIYAH

1517!

The Year of Jubilee

THE SEVENTH JUBILEE

- So in 1517 we saw the last transference of the land up to 1867.
- As you know, in Scripture the number 7 signifies 'new beginnings' - so would you be surprised to learn that there are exactly 350 years between 1517 and 1867? That is 50×7 !

THE SEVENTH JUBILEE

- That's why after two thousand years everything began in that particular year.
 - That's why the stranger had to undertake his journey in that particular year.
 - That's why the land had to be measured out in that particular year.
 - That's why the ancient city lying in the dust for two thousand years had to be found in that particular year.
 - And that's why the land had to be released at that exact time.

THE SEVENTH JUBILEE

- It all had to happen in 1867 because 1867 was the year of Jubilee,
- ...the year of measuring, of transferring, of
- uncovering, and of relinquishing and release.
- It all happened in the year of the Jubilee, and in the seventh Jubilee, the 'complete Jubilee'

THE SEVENTH JUBILEE

- *“The seventh Jubilee would mark the end of one era and the beginning of another, the first Jubilee of restoration, the Jubilee of seeds, of sowing, of planting, and of the setting in motion of ancient purposes. The seeds of the seventh Jubilee would begin germinating and would come to their fruition in their appointed times. Some would be revealed sooner, and some later. But in time the entire world would see it” - JC*

THE SEVENTH JUBILEE

- *“The Jubilee represents the setting in motion of God’s purposes. It sets the stage. It inaugurates the course. It sets in motion the train of events that must take place in the coming period... The time until the next Jubilee. So then what took place in the Jubilee of 1867 would set in motion a train of events. A train of prophetic purposes that, with the passage of time, would become increasingly manifest” - JC*

THE

UNEXPECTED

PROPHECY

THE UNEXPECTED PROPHECY

- Charles Warren's life would also follow the course set forth by the ancient mystery.
- He would be called the pioneer of Jerusalem archaeology. He would lay the foundation for the uncovering of ancient Jerusalem.
- And with each uncovering, the connection between the Jewish people and the land would be revived, restored, and renewed.
- His measuring and mapping out of Jerusalem would prove so successful that it would open the door for a greater mission.

THE UNEXPECTED PROPHECY

- The next decade would thus see the mapping out of the entire land.
- The survey would cover the area from Dan to Beersheba, the same borders given in the Bible to identify the land of Israel.
- And as they measured and mapped out the land, they discovered long-lost places, sites, and cities of Bible times.
- And with every discovery the connection between the Jewish people and the land was further restored and strengthened.

THE UNEXPECTED PROPHECY

- All this would in turn be part of the building of momentum for a greater restoration that would take place in the following century...

THE UNEXPECTED PROPHECY

- The prophet Zechariah saw the same thing and that in his vision the angel wasn't there just to measure Jerusalem but to give a prophetic word.
- The word would concern the restoration of Jerusalem, a call to the exiles of Israel to return to the land and to the blessings that would await them there.
- So the man with the measuring line is the one who issues a prophetic call.

THE UNEXPECTED PROPHECY

- After measuring Jerusalem and uncovering its ancient pathways, Warren returned to England.
- He would be led to write down a vision concerning the land and its future. It was not only a vision but a specific plan on how the vision could come to fruition. It was called Land of Promise.

THE UNEXPECTED PROPHECY

- He wrote that the debt incurred by the Ottoman Empire could be used to bring about the return of the Jewish people to the land.
- He envisioned the Jewish people again learning how to farm the land.
- He believed the land could be watered and that the planting of trees would change the land's ecosystem.
- The deserts, he wrote, could be made to blossom!

THE UNEXPECTED PROPHECY

- *“Where Twain could barely see how the land could support the most meager of populations, Warren wrote of a future where the land could accommodate millions of Jewish people. And yet even with such numbers, he believed that the new Jewish nation could attain a standard of living equal to that of the most advanced nations. With the return of the Jewish people and the blessings of God, the land known to the world as Palestine could again become the ‘land flowing with milk and honey’ as in the days of the Bible. Warren’s vision was amazingly prophetic and, in the year and decades that followed, would come to pass” - JC*

THE UNEXPECTED PROPHECY

- *“The Ottoman Land Code of 1867 would set in motion a series of events that would lead to Israel’s restoration. By the early twentieth century large tracts of the land had been purchased for the return of the Jewish people,*
- *When Twain and Warren came to Jerusalem in 1867, the Jewish people constituted a minority in that city. But within just a few years they had become the majority. Then just three years after Twain’s visit and one year after the publishing of his book came the founding of Mikveh Yisrael. Mikveh Yisrael was the first school established to teach Jewish people how to farm the land. It was the first time in nearly two thousand years that Jewish people were being taught how to sow and reap the Promised Land, the first sign of a redemption that would transform the country.” - JC*

THE UNEXPECTED PROPHECY

- Nobody involved in the land's restoration could have planned for it or known that it was coming.
- The prophecies are beyond any plan or effort of man
- All history moves to bring them to fruition, every event, every life, and every path, all woven together.

THE

CHANGE

MEETING

THE CHANCE MEETING

- *“So it was for the stranger. In the latter part of his life his path would be woven together with that of a European journalist and playwright. It was unlikely that two people so diverse and from such diverse backgrounds would become friends, but they did. And as there was a mystery to Mark Twain’s life, so there was a mystery to the life of his European friend, who likewise would play a part in an ancient prophecy. He would undergo a transformation that would alter the course of his life and lead him on a mission that would alter the course of the modern world.” - JC*

THE CHANCE MEETING

- Remember what was written in the Book of Deuteronomy, the prophecy of the stranger leads into the prophecy of the nation's regathering.
- Twain would be linked to the first prophecy, and Herzl to the second. So as the two prophecies were joined together, so also were the two lives.”
- Herzl's 'transformation' took place in the city of Paris in 1894.

THE CHANCE MEETING

- It was then and there that the visionary and 'father of the Jewish state' was transformed
- The paths of Twain and Herzl converged in that same city and that same year.
- The two were brought together in the very place and at that very moment Zionism was born.

THE CHANCE MEETING

- There is a prophecy in Isaiah that foretells the restoration of Zion and says that no more will the land be called desolate.
- On the very day the stranger completed his journey in the land, the prophecy of the stranger journeying to the land was read in every Jewish Synagogue around the world,
- But there was another Scripture read that day!
It was this:

4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

Isaiah 62:4

THE CHANCE MEETING

- What we've seen thus far will now increase until it touches the entire earth.
- ...until it shakes the world!

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