

THE


GREATEST

MYSTERY



THE Greatest MYSTERY

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THE
JUBILEE
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THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- Leviticus 25 – The Law of Jubilee
 - The law of the Jubilee states that the land must be transferred back to its original owner.
 - Every one must return to their possession
 - Those inhabiting the Land must relinquish it
 - That which is lost, must be found, and the land must be restored to its original owner
 - The original connection between the owner and the land must be renewed

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

The Land shall not be sold forever; for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me

Leviticus 25:23

THE

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PROPHECY

THE FULFILLED PROPHECY

- When Theodor Herzl was 12 he had a dream
- In it he was lifted to heaven and heard the Messiah say:

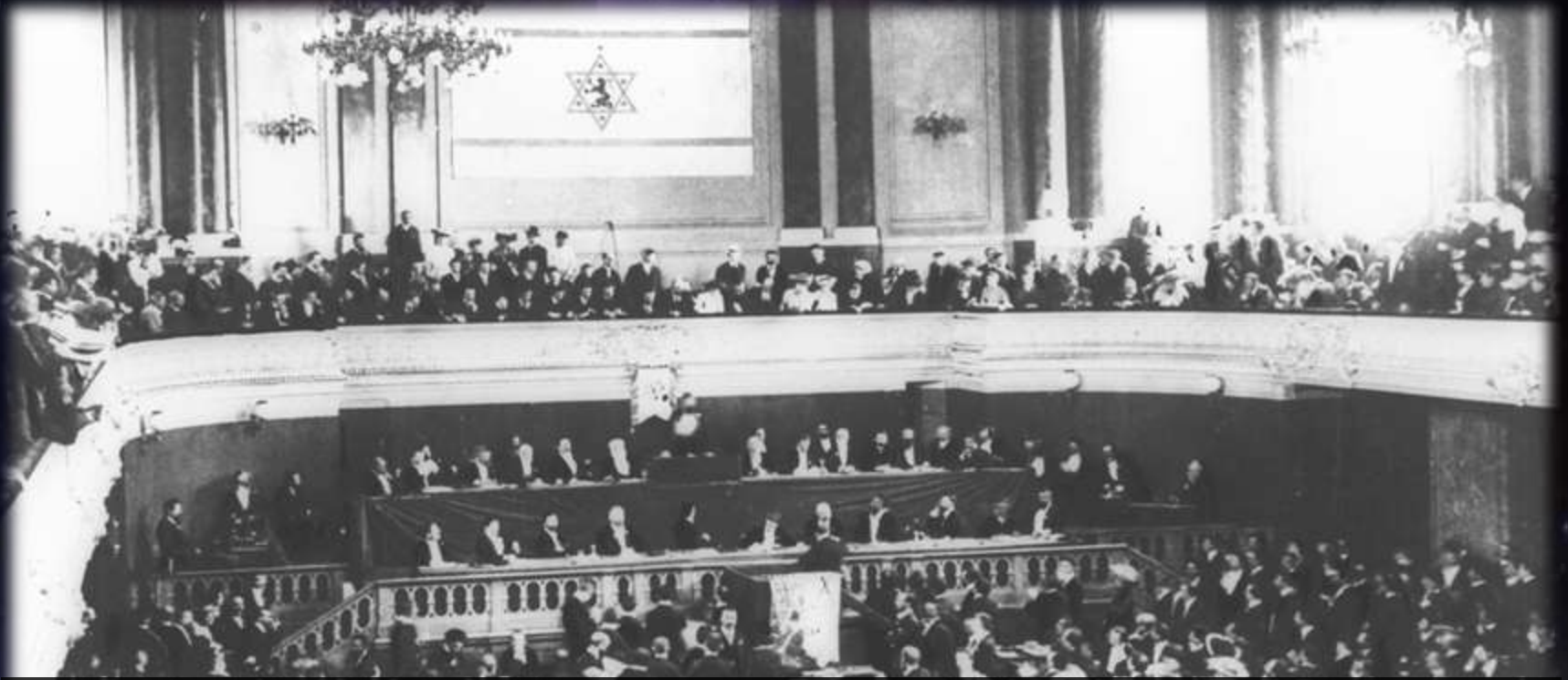
“Go and declare to the Jews that I shall come soon and perform great wonders and great deeds for my people and for the whole world!”
- This was long before the idea of Zionism had entered his mind!



THE FULFILLED PROPHECY

- In 1897 Herzl convened the first Zionist congress in Basle Switzerland, he wrote:

THE FULFILLED PROPHECY



– *“At Basel, I founded the Jewish State. If I said this out loud today, I would be answered by universal laughter. Perhaps in five years, certainly in fifty, everyone will know it”.*

THE FULFILLED PROPHECY

- Exactly fifty years later the newly formed United Nations set up the UN Special Committee on Palestine.



THE FULFILLED PROPHECY

- After several months of deliberating they came up with the 'Partition Plan'.
- It would alter the course of modern history.
 - According to the plan, the British would relinquish the land in favour of a divided Jewish and Arab state.
- If approved, it would mean that there would be a Jewish nation in the land of Israel for the first time in two thousand years!
- In between off of this, 'Kristallnacht' had occurred in the 1930's

THE FULFILLED PROPHECY

- Remember the prophecy from Jeremiah:

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.

Jeremiah 16:16

THE FULFILLED PROPHECY

- Then, on 31st August 1947 the 'Partition Plan' was completed
- 50 years to the day of the First Zionist Congress on 31st August 1897
- After its completion, the plan was officially received and recorded by the UN General Assembly on 3rd September 1947
- This was exactly 50 years – to the day! – of when Herzl penned his 'prophecy'!

THE FULFILLED PROPHECY

- The actual vote on the Plan wouldn't take place for another couple of months...
- ...but on 29th November 1947, at Lake Success, New York in America, the UN General Assembly took up to the vote.
- What a few month before had seemed impossible became a reality!
- The vote was 33 in favour vs. 13 against
 - With 10 Abstentions
- Israel would again become a Nation!

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THE
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THE FORGOTTEN LAND

- Incredibly, just as we saw in Britain in 1917
 - A sudden change of government, in favour of Israel
- So this also occurred in America.
- The American State Department had positioned itself against the idea of the Jews being granted a homeland in 'Palestine'
- However, for his last campaign for the presidency Franklin D. Roosevelt chose Harry Truman as his vice president.
- Three months later, Roosevelt died.

THE FORGOTTEN LAND

- Truman had a deep sympathy with the Jewish people and supported the resolution that would be about Israel's rebirth!
- The 29th November was a Saturday...
- The appointed Parasha?

THE FORGOTTEN LAND

9 And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, **Return unto thy country,** and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

Genesis 32:9

THE FORGOTTEN LAND

- The words were uttered by Jacob just as he was about to cross back over into the Land of Israel after his time of persecution at the hand of Laban!
- The Hebrew words are actually 'Eretz' and 'Moledet'
- Literally, return to your Homeland... the place of your birth!

THE FORGOTTEN LAND

- The Partition Plan had not given a name to the future Jewish state
 - Judah and Zion had been proposed
- But 5 months later, on the eve of the nation's rebirth, the name was chosen and the following day, on 14th May 1948, it was announced to the world.
- But back when the vote had taken place, the appointed scripture for that day included "You shall be called Israel!"

THE FORGOTTEN LAND

- Incredibly, Jacob was only given the name Israel as he was about to enter the Land!
- Now, after almost two thousand years.. So it was for the Nation!



THE
DAY OF THE
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- Before God created, what was there?
- “In the beginning was the...
- **WORD!**
- Before the Nation of Israel could be established in the Promised Land they were given the Word at Mt Sinai
- Prophetically, God’s Word goes forth before He brings it to pass
- And just so here also!

THE DAY OF THE SCROLLS

- In 1947 a Bedouin shepherd boy made one of the greatest and most significant archeological finds...
- The Dead Sea Scrolls!
- Thus, just before God's work of Creation comes His Word!
- The Scrolls were first taken to Bethlehem
- The head of archeology for the Hebrew University went to visit them and was granted access - Eliezer Sukenik

THE DAY OF THE SCROLLS

- That evening Sukenik was in his study deciphering the scrolls
- His youngest son was in the next room listening to the radio & running between the room and study to tell his dad what he was hearing...
- Why?

THE DAY OF THE SCROLLS

- The day Sukenik brought the Dead Sea Scrolls to his home...
- the day he unrolled them...
- and the day their words first came to light...
- was the 29th November 1947!
- The Day the UN voted that Israel should once again become a nation!

- First the Word, then the creation!

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THE LAND OF RESURRECTION

- Israel had been brought back from the dead!
- Just as Ezekiel had prophesied!
- On the document published by Israel's Provincial Government at the moment of their return were the words: "Prophecy over these bones"

THE LAND OF RESURRECTION

- *What is resurrection but the ultimate restoration and the ultimate return, the return to what once was...but was lost.*
- *Nations follow the course of nature. They're born. They grow; they become larger, stronger, and more complex. But a resurrection is the reversal of nature, the reversal of death, just as the Jubilee is the reversal of loss.*
- *The birth of nations is a natural phenomenon. But what happened to Israel was not natural. It appeared to be a birth. But it was ultimately a resurrection.*
- *A resurrection brings back, restores, and raises up what was dead.*

THE LAND OF RESURRECTION

- *In AD 70 the nation or kingdom of Israel died. Death brings disintegration, the scattering of elements. So ancient Israel disintegrated, so much so that its remnants, its culture, its citizens, and its people were scattered in pieces throughout the earth. To disintegrate is natural. But to come back together is not.*
- *But against the laws of nature and history, the scattered pieces of ancient Israel began gathering back together again assembling piece by piece. So from the ends of the earth, the remnants of the ancient nation, the scattered people of Israel, began coming together*

THE LAND OF RESURRECTION

- *In Ezekiel's vision "the bones began to form skeletons." So too in the resurrection of Israel, the bones began to form a skeleton. The nation was first manifested in skeletal form, a skeletal culture, a skeletal government, a skeletal army, the framework of what was yet to come.*
- *With birth one grows into what one has not yet been. One develops from childhood into maturity. But a resurrection is different .*
- *One doesn't begin from one's beginning; one begins from one's end, from the fully formed state of that which had once been. One becomes what one once was.*

THE LAND OF RESURRECTION

- *So Israel wasn't born as other nations but resurrected into the fully formed pattern of what it had once been in ancient times, an ancient nation coming back into the modern world.*
- *The skeletal nation began taking on flesh and blood. The pattern and framework took on a flesh-and-blood reality. Israel was becoming a fully formed nation. So it all happened in reverse, as in a resurrection, as in a Jubilee.*
- *In the world nations give birth to national anthems. But in Israel the anthem appeared when the nation was nothing more than a dream. The nation didn't give birth to the anthem the anthem gave birth to the nation.*

THE LAND OF RESURRECTION

- *In the world a settlement becomes a town and then a city and is given a name. But in Israel the names of the cities came first, before the city existed.*
- *In the world languages develop over time. But with Israel its native language, Hebrew, had been dead for ages. Then a young Jewish man from eastern Europe heard a voice saying, "the resurrection of Israel on its ancestral soil". A resurrected nation would need a resurrected language.*
- *So he made his life's mission the resurrection of the Hebrew language. The rest of his years would be spent creating a massive dictionary of a language that had been dead since ancient times.*

THE LAND OF RESURRECTION

- *In the world languages give birth to dictionaries. But with Israel and with Hebrew it was the dictionary that gave birth to the language.*
- *And in the world it is the parents who teach the children the native language. But in Israel it was the children who taught the native language to the parents ... everything in reverse ... resurrection.*
- *Even the land itself was resurrected. Forests were planted and sprung up where ancient forests had once stood. Vineyards, olive groves, and fields of grain rose up where vineyards, olive groves, and fields of grain had once flourished but died. It had been ages since the land had seen Israeli farmers, sowers, and reapers.*

THE LAND OF RESURRECTION

- *But a resurrected land needed to be tended. So there came another resurrection. After two thousand years resurrected Israeli farmers and vineyard keepers appeared in the land to farm and tend its resurrected fruits.*
- *The last Israeli soldiers died in battle against the Roman Empire, then vanished from the earth. So another resurrection began. After two thousand years the Israeli soldiers reappeared on the earth to protect the nation that had likewise died and reappeared on the earth.*
- *Has anything like this ever happened before? The total resurrection of a nation?*

THE LAND OF RESURRECTION

- *Never has a nation been so completely destroyed and so come back to life, or vanished from world history for thousands of years, only to reappear in modern times. And never have any people been so driven from their homeland, then gathered back together from every corner of the earth.*
- *Israel that was to rise from death was spoken of, prophesied of, and dreamed about for thousands of years before it existed. Such things have no precedent. Nor has any such thing ever been foretold thousands of years before it happened. But from ancient times it was prophesied, 'I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.'*

THE

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THE CYRUS MYSTERY

- There have only been two exiles in Jewish history
- The first in 606 B.C. - to Babylon
- The second in 70 A.D. – around the world
- The first required a world leader to sanction and support the return from exile
- So did the second!
- The first was by king Cyrus of Persia
- The Second by President Truman

THE CYRUS MYSTERY

- At the age of 60 Cyrus found himself in charge of the most powerful Empire the world had known up to that time
- At the age of 60 Truman found himself in charge of the most powerful 'Empire' the world had known up to that time
- Cyrus' time in office spanned 30 years
- Truman's time in office spanned 30 years

THE CYRUS MYSTERY

- The Cyrus cylinder (now in the British Museum) is considered the world's first charter of human rights
- Truman was the champion of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Both Cyrus & Truman championed the right of Jewish exiles to return to their homeland
- Cyrus' decree came at the end of a crucial period of 70 years for Israel
 - It was associated with rebuilding Israel

THE CYRUS MYSTERY

- In 1878 the first Jewish settlements were established in the Land of Israel
- 70 years later the UN decree was given
- Thus the 'decree' that Truman championed also came at the end of a crucial 70 year period for Israel!
- Cyrus' decree was given after he had been in power for 2 years
- Truman's 'decree' was given after he had been in power for two years!

THE CYRUS MYSTERY

- In 1945 Truman had issued a letter putting pressure on the British Government to release thousands Jews held in camps following WWII
- The letter was sent on 31st August 1945 (Fri)
- The Sabbath that began that evening had an appointed Parasha:

THE CYRUS MYSTERY

- *“The LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it”. (Deut 30:3-5)*

THE CYRUS MYSTERY

- According to Deuteronomy, before the regathering there must be the words of the Stranger
- There was a quote on the wall in the White House that Truman later said was pivotal in his decision to send the letter to the British Government. It was this...
- *“Always do right, This will gratify some of the people and astonish the rest!”*
- It was spoken by Mark Twain! – The Stranger

THE CYRUS MYSTERY

- Without a doubt the LORD engineered that Truman would play the role of a 2nd Cyrus
- In the spring of 1949 Rabbi Isaac Herzog came to America to visit Truman...
- Rabbi Herzog told Truman that while he was still in his mothers womb the LORD had called him to be an instrument to bring about the rebirth of the Nation of Israel!
- He specifically likened Truman to Cyrus!

THE

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- Ezekiel 34 speaks of a time when Israel will be restored to the Land and the Land begins to flourish again...
- Is it just a coincidence that God says that the man to rule over them will be called David?
 - Ultimately this is a prophecy of the Messiah
- In 1948 the man to proclaim Israel's resurrection to the world was called David!
- He was appointed by the council that at the time constituted Israel's provincial government

THE MAN WHO ONCE WAS

- We've already noted that the what took place in the land was a resurrection – not merely a re-birth
- So if the land is resurrected, it's cities, it's language, it's soldiers and it's farmers...
- Shouldn't we also to expect to see it's leaders resurrected – in type at least?

THE MAN WHO ONCE WAS

- Before the Jewish Nation was destroyed in AD70 a provincial government was formed to guide the nation in the war against Rome
- One of the most prominent men, who would later be hailed as a hero and martyr was...
- Ben-Gurion!
- Again we see the Jubilean principle of reversal and return!
 - In the last days before its destruction the Jewish Nation was led by a man named Ben-Gurion, and so in the days after its resurrection we see the same

THE MAN WHO ONCE WAS

- David Ben-Gurion was actually called David Grun
- As a young man he was visited by Theodore Herzl, following which his goal was to one day return to his homeland
- As a journalist he decided upon the pen-name of Ben-Gurion - after the hero who had once led the nation against Rome!

THE MAN WHO ONCE WAS

- The ancient Ben-Gurion was in charge of his people's military defense.
- The modern Ben-Gurion was not only Israel's first prime minister but minister of defense.
- The ancient Ben-Gurion helped lead his people in a war that would result in his nation's destruction.
- The modern Ben-Gurion helped lead his people in a war that would result in His nation's resurrection.

THE MAN WHO ONCE WAS

- *“As for ancient Israel, the rise of the extremist factions would lead to chaos, the destruction of Jerusalem, and the nation’s end. But the rise of the modern Ben-Gurion would lead to the reverse, unity, national rebirth, and ultimately the restoration of the nation’s government in Jerusalem. That which disappeared with the ancient Ben-Gurion the Israeli soldier, the Israeli government, the Jewish nation would all reappear with the reappearance of Ben-Gurion in the modern world” - JC*

THE

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THE JUBILEE CODE

11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

Amos 9:11-15

THE JUBILEE CODE

13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

THE JUBILEE CODE

- May 14th 1948 was a Friday
- As the evening arrived it became the Sabbath
- As always there was an appointed Parasha:
- Amos 9:11-15!
- The very scripture that spoke of the events that took place on that day!

THE JUBILEE CODE

- The Prophecy of the return to the Land is first given in Deuteronomy...
 - But the first Command to return is contained in the Law of Jubilee
 - *“You shall return each one to his inheritance...”*
 - The Hebrew word translated ‘You shall return’ is “Tashuvu” ... it has a numerical value
 - *Tav* = 400
 - *Shin* = 300
 - *Beit* = 2
 - *Vav* = 6
- = 708

THE JUBILEE CODE

- Israel's calendar is different from our Gregorian one.
- E.g., the year 1900 A.D. was the year 5660
- In Hebrew dating the year indicating the millennium is taken for granted
 - So is either missing or written separately
- So 1900 A.D. would simply be 660
- That would make 1948...
- 708! The exact numeric value for 'Tashuvu'
 - "You shall return!"

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- 1917 – The Battle of Beersheba / The Relinquishing of the Land / The Balfour Declaration /
- 1967 – The Return of Jerusalem!
 - With the principle of the Jubilee we see a reversal, that which was lost, found. That which was taken away, restored!

THE OPENED GRAVES

- In the year AD 70 the armies of Rome destroyed the Temple of Jerusalem, the city, and the nation.
- But there was one last stronghold - Masada.
 - The word means fortress.
- Masada was a mountain fortress built by King Herod the Great and then taken over by Zealots,
 - Jewish revolutionaries central in Israel's war against Rome

THE OPENED GRAVES

- When Jerusalem fell, Zealots, soldiers, and refugees fled the city and joined the resistance in Masada.
- So the center of the Jewish struggle moved from Jerusalem, now in ruins, to the desert mountain fortress.
- Eventually the Roman army, under the command of Flavius Silva, laid siege to Masada.

THE OPENED GRAVES

- When the Roman soldiers reached the top, they found that those inside had decided to take their own lives and die free, rather than be taken captive by Rome.
- So Masada was the place of Israel's last stand and is the resting place - the tomb - of the last soldiers of that war.
- The nation's ancient grave stood abandoned for ages in the desert wilderness as the Jewish people wandered the earth.

THE OPENED GRAVES

- But after two thousand years the nation that vanished with Masada was resurrected.
- The last of the ancient Israelis to stand on the mountaintop were the soldiers that had perished in Masada's fall.
- So according to the Jubilean principle of reversal, the first Israelis to return would be to Masada would be soldiers

THE OPENED GRAVES

- In the first years of the nation's rebirth, Israeli soldiers were drawn to the ancient fortress.
- They began making pilgrimages to the desert mountain.
- Then eventually, the army, having completed their basic training, would be taken to the top of the mountain to be sworn in as they vowed,
– 'Masada shall not fall again.'

Masada



THE OPENED GRAVES

- But Masada wasn't the possession of the Israeli soldiers alone...
- It belonged to the nation...
- In the early 1960's the resurrected nation would return to its ancient grave to excavate it
- ...and after two thousand years it would finally be uncovered

THE OPENED GRAVES

- The leader of the ancient Israelis on Masada was a military commander.
- The man who led Israel's return to Masada was also a military commander.
- His name was Yigael Yadin. He had been a general in the newborn Israeli army, its head of operations in 1948
 - and after that its chief of staff.
 - His father was Eliezer Sukenik...
 - The man who uncovered the Dead Sea Scrolls!

THE OPENED GRAVES

- So the one who was central in the nations resurrection would be the one to uncover its grave.
 - As Masada's last leader was central in the end of Israel's army...
 - Yadin would be instrumental in the resurrection of that army.
 - He would be credited as the creator of Israel's standing and reserve military forces,
 - its resurrected army.

THE OPENED GRAVES

- So in the mid-1960s Yadin led thousands of volunteers from Israel and around the world back to the desert fortress.
 - Central in that expedition was the Israeli army.
- The military provided Yadin with equipment, support, and men to help with the excavation.
- They had no idea that hidden in the sands of Masada was a mystery that had been waiting for two thousand years to be uncovered.

THE OPENED GRAVES

- It was buried in the mountain's ancient synagogue. And the one who uncovered it was also an Israeli soldier
- He found parchments of Scripture, the most prominent of these being a prophecy . . .
- from the Book of Ezekiel!

THE OPENED GRAVES

1 ...*the* LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. LORD.

THE OPENED GRAVES

12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

THE OPENED GRAVES

- So hidden in the nation's grave was the prophecy of its resurrection!
- And that's exactly what they were doing, they were opening up their own graves.
- And as they did, they uncovered the prophecy hidden in their graves prophesying that God would cause their graves to be opened!

THE OPENED GRAVES

- The prophecy had been waiting there for ages just for that moment. From ancient times through the fall of Rome, the Crusades, the Inquisition, the voyages of Columbus, the rise and fall of empires, the persecutions, the Holocaust, two world wars, the modern age . . . it had been there all the time . . . waiting.
- His promise had been there the whole time!

THE OPENED GRAVES

- *“The Jubilee brings the reversal of the loss. So if the loss of Jerusalem led to the loss of Masada, then the return to Masada would lead to the return to Jerusalem. And if the Jewish soldiers of ancient times left the gates of Jerusalem to come Masada, then if the Jewish soldiers of modern times return to Masada... Then Jewish soldiers will also enter the gates of Jerusalem. And the Jewish people would return to Jerusalem. So as the loss of Jerusalem was followed by the loss of Masada, the return to Masada would be followed by the return to Jerusalem. And it would have to happen in the year appointed by the mystery. It would have to take place in the year 1967”. - JC*

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SUMMARY

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THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- An ancient mystery that determines the course of world history, it touches everything from kings, to presidents, empires, superpowers, down to the most minute details
- ... And everything happens to happen in the exact way, at the exact place, and at the exact time.
- And no one's orchestrating it, no one on earth.

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- And those who play a part in one Jubilee are gone in the next ... but the mystery keeps moving forward...
- One Jubilee prepares the way, sets the stage, and leads to the next.

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- In the Jubilee of 1867 Charles Warren begins the mapping out of the parameters of biblical Jerusalem and in the process accidentally uncovers the ancient city.
- In the next Jubilee Allenby liberates Jerusalem.
- To wage his campaign, he uses the maps of the land that were drawn up as the result of Warren's mission in the previous Jubilee.

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- Fifty years later Israeli soldiers enter through the gates of the Old City and Jerusalem is restored to the Jewish people.
- And another fifty years later that return is given legal sanction and Jerusalem is recognised as Israel's capital for the first time since ancient times.

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- In the Jubilee of 1867 the Ottoman Empire enacts the law that begins the release of the land.
- In the next Jubilee the Ottomans themselves are released from the land and the land is released to the Jewish people.
- Fifty years later, in the Six-Day War, comes the most dramatic release of the land in Jewish history.
- When that release was completed?"

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- The day the Six-Day War came to an end on June 10, 1967.
- Do you know when the release of the land began, when the Ottoman Land Code was enacted?
- On June 10, 1867!
- ...two Jubilees, exactly one hundred years, earlier - on the same exact day!

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- Or take another stream, that of the political realm.
- At the end of the First Zionist Congress, Theodor Herzl writes that he founded the Jewish state and everyone would know it in fifty years.
- The United Nations finishes the plan that will bring Israel into existence fifty years later to the exact day.

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- And on that exact day, the Jubilee of Zionism is being celebrated across the world in Basel, Switzerland.
- So as one Jubilean event is commemorated, the next is set in motion.

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- In 1967 Israel planned to celebrate the Jubilee of the Balfour Declaration in 1917.
- But before the celebration could begin, the next Jubilean event, the Six-Day War, had begun.
- And in 2017 celebrations were planned to commemorate the Jubilee of Jerusalem's return in 1967.

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- But again, as the one Jubilean event was being celebrated, the next was being set in motion, in this case by the resolution of the United States Senate.
- And in that same year another Jubilee was being celebrated...
- Allenby; s liberation of Jerusalem from the Ottoman Empire.

THE JUBILEE MYSTERY

- And on the very week of its commemoration, Jerusalem's one-hundred-year double Jubilee, the next Jubilean event was breaking forth from the White House with the issuing of the Jerusalem Declaration.

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RETURNS

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- The Jubilean ordinance in Leviticus 25 there is a specific Hebrew word that in itself sums up the Jubilee Mystery..
- It is the command “tashuvu” ‘you shall return’
- It comes from the Hebrew root word “shuv”
 - ‘Shuv’ is filled with meaning.
 - It can be translated as 'to return, to turn back, to recover, to reverse, to recur, to relinquish, to receive back, to restore, and to come home.'
- All those things describe what happened in the Jubilean years.

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- Yet there's a deeper dimension to the word and to the mystery.
- According to the ancient covenant, if the people of Israel remained joined to God, they would remain joined to the land.
- But if they departed from God, they would depart from the land.
- The physical realm was bound to the spiritual.
- Physical separation from the land would be a manifestation of a spiritual separation from God.

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- Shuv also means "To repent."
- To repent is to return and to come home and to be restored.
- According to the Law and the Prophets, if the nation turned away from God, the people would be taken into exile and scattered to the ends of the earth.
- And it happened exactly as it was prophesied.

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- Before a physical departure of such magnitude could have taken place, there had to have been a spiritual departure.
- But the Scriptures also prophesy that at the end of the age, the Jewish people will return not only physically to the land...
- ...but spiritually to God
- From the beginning Israel was called to be a light to the nations, to give the world the word of God, to teach the world the ways of God, to bring forth the Messiah

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- Yet Israel rejected their Messiah and national blindness was pronounced upon them...
- .. Which has lasted almost 2000 years.
- Before Israel could return to the land, before that could begin, there had to be a Spiritual return – its the Jubilee principle
- In the nineteenth century a spiritual revival took place among the Jewish people.
- And it was a return to that from which they had departed two thousand years earlier

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- A return to their Messiah, Yeshua.
- It was only after the spiritual return began that the physical return to the land was set in motion.
- The two returns were joined together, just as had been the two departures.
- Each return represented the reclaiming of a lost possession, the physical return to Israel's physical possession, and the spiritual return to the nation's spiritual possession

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- Where did the spiritual return take place?
- According to the prophecy, it would take place among the nations where the Lord had driven them.
- It would begin in Europe, in the British Empire.
- The same empire that would later play a central role in the Jewish people's physical return would first play a central role in their spiritual return.
- And both returns would center on the same city. - London

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- 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.

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- 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 the days of return that which disappeared must reappear!

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- 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 MYSTERY OF RETURN

- 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 MYSTERY OF RETURN

- 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.

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- 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!
- Two days later, after two thousand years, the release of the Promised Land began as the Ottoman Land Code became law.
- Less than five months later, after being hidden for fifteen hundred years, the ancient city of Jerusalem was uncovered!

THE MYSTERY OF RETURN

- 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.
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- The month of the gathering in London was May
 - The date?
 - The 14th May - the same date Israel would be reborn!

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THE DARK JUBILEE

- Two thousand years ago the center of Western civilization and world history was the Roman Empire.
- Into that empire came the word of God, the message of Messiah, the gospel.
- The empire was transformed, its faith, its culture, its institutions, its ethics and values, its worldview.
- The Word that went forth from Jerusalem altered the course of Roman history, Western history, and world history.

THE DARK JUBILEE

- Western civilization would rest on a biblical foundation.
- It would become a civilization that aspired to biblical values, embraced biblical faith, and held to a biblical worldview.
- And as Western civilization expanded to become more and more synonymous with world civilization, its biblical underpinnings became part of world culture.

THE DARK JUBILEE

- In the Jubilee you return to the place from which you left - to your original state.
- So the Jewish people returned to their original state, to where they were at the beginning of the age, to a Jewish polity, as in the first century.
- Now, if the world's future is also determined by the Jubilean mysteries, what would that mean?
- That the World must also be a return to the state in which it existed at the beginning of the age.

THE DARK JUBILEE

- The state of Rome was a state devoid of Biblical foundations and alien to Judeo-Christian values and faith.
- We should expect to see Western culture become increasingly non-Christian
- It means we will witness the departure of Western civilization from its biblical foundation, a departure from the faith that defined it,
- ...a departure in spirituality, in morality and ethics, in culture, and worldview.

THE DARK JUBILEE

- In returning to its original state, it was not only non-Christian but pagan!
- When a civilization departs from biblical values, it will return to pagan ones.
- It will celebrate its new values as enlightened, secular, progressive, revolutionary, or just new, but they remain what they are.
- In the pagan world of the first century, children were killed in their mothers' wombs.

THE DARK JUBILEE

- As modern culture departs from its biblical foundations, it returns to the same pagan act.
- And as modern culture departs from its Biblical foundations, it returns to pagan views and practices concerning sexuality, gender, and
The first-century civilization that surrounded Israel was not only non-Christian but anti-Christian.
- It warred against the faith and persecuted those who upheld it.

THE DARK JUBILEE

- Expect the world to become increasingly anti-Christian
- Those who hold true to that which is biblical will be increasingly marginalised, delegitimised, ridiculed, vilified, and finally persecuted.
- Rome was not only an anti-Christian civilization but an anti-Israel civilization

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MYSTERY



THE Greatest MYSTERY

- Why does everything seem to revolve around this Jubilean mystery?
 - Prophecy, revelation, World History
- It is because the principle of the Jubilee is about return & restoration
- The Jewish people stand for all people – what happens to them has to do with us all
- In the natural we have not all left our ancestral possession...
- But in the spiritual all have lost what belonged to us, given up title of what was once ours

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- We have all been an exile from the life we were created to know
- The life we long to live, a life of fullness and purpose, of blessings, of joy. That is our inheritance and the inheritance of all those created in His image.
- ...the life we were born to know and live ... our ancestral possession.

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- Some might ask *'But how can something be your ancestral possession or your homeland if you've never been there?'*
 - How does this apply if you are not a Christian?
- The same way the Promised Land was the homeland for generations of Jewish people who had never been there.
- But they knew that they could never truly be at home apart from it.

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- Don't you ever think it strange to spend your entire life in this world, to know nothing else but this world ... and yet to never feel at home within it?
- Why is that?
- Because it isn't home. So no matter how long you live in it, and no matter how familiar it becomes, your heart can never be fully at peace within it.

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- How could you feel at home in a world of sorrows and pains and fears and rejections and broken dreams and tears and heartbreaks and losses and failures and sins and shame and evil and emptiness?
- You can never feel at home in this world because it's not your inheritance. It's not your land.
- It's not what you were created for!

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- That's why you feel what you feel.
- That's why you always sense something missing ..
 - ... you and everyone else in this world!
- Everyone senses it... because something is missing.
- That's why you're always longing for something more and searching for something better, for the good, the perfect, the pure, the right, the true, and the beautiful!

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- We search for it because it's what we were created to find!
- And we can find it!
- Redemption is at the center of the mystery
- *Who is it that the Jubilee is for?*
- For the exiled, the separated, the broken, the fallen, the one who has lost.
- So to a world separated from God, a world of fallen lives and broken people, what is the Jubilee?

THE Greatest MYSTERY

- It's the ending of the separation. It's the love of God reaching out to those in exile ... to restore the broken, to raise up the fallen, to bring back the lost.
- That's what redemption is: to be restored, brought back, healed, and saved...

THE **Greatest** MYSTERY

- In Hebrew the word for salvation is Yeshua.
- From that same word comes the Hebrew name Jesus
- If all loss begins in separation from God, then all redemption begins with the ending of that separation.
- That's the meaning of Yeshua. It's through him that salvation comes.

THE **Greatest** MYSTERY

- It was foretold in the Hebrew prophecies that Messiah, through his death, would make atonement for our sins and cleanse us from iniquity.
- If you make an end of sin, then you end the separation ...
- then the exile is over
- ... then our exile is over.
- **This is the greatest mystery!**

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