

Jubilee and Prophecy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now 50 years, one Jubilee after 1967, brings us to 2017, and the next step towards the restoration of Israel occurred; the giving of the legal right and recognition of Jerusalem to Israel. On June 5th of that year The United States Senate passed resolution 167 declaring that "there has been a continuous Jewish presence in Jerusalem for 3 millennia" and that "for 3,000 years, Jerusalem has been

Judaism's holiest city and the focal point of Jewish religious devotion", and officially acknowledged that "Jerusalem was reunited by Israel during the conflict known as the Six Day War." Then later that same year the American president, Donald Trump, issued the Jerusalem Declaration. That marked the first time in the modern world, the first time since ancient times, that a world leader gave legal recognition to Jerusalem as their ancestral possession, the eternal capital of the nation of Israel.

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

Now let's consider another 50 year set, but one that doesn't fall on the 17 / 67 dates.

The only other time that neighboring Arab countries invaded Israel since it became a state was the Yom Kippur War (called the Ramadan War in the Arab world) on October 6th 1973. That massive ground invasion took Israel off guard, by surprise. The Israeli military detected Egyptian and Syrian troop movements but dismissed them as exercises. The attack took place on a Saturday, the first Sabbath day of October, when Israel was resting on the Hebrew holy day of Yom Kippur.

Now, counting 50 years later brings us to 2023, and on October 7th of that year the invasion by Hamas took place. That attack also took Israel off guard and by surprise. The Israeli military also detected troop movements in Gaza and again dismissed them as exercises. The attack also took place on a Saturday, the first Sabbath day of October, when Israel was resting, on the Hebrew holy day of Simchat Torah.

So the same circumstance that occurred in 1973 happened again exactly 50 years later. A massive land invasion of Israel caught the nation off guard, in the month of October, on a Saturday, on the first Sabbath of October, and on a Hebrew holy day. The first Invasion led to war. The second invasion 50 years later also led to war. Was this just a big coincidence? Perhaps. But there are other coincidences i haven't mentioned yet.

On June 5th 1967 the Six Day War began. The Yom Kippur war began on October 6th 1973. There are **2,315** days between those two events, including 2 leap-year days.

On June 5th 2017 the United States Senate passed resolution 167. The day that Hamas attacked was October 7th, 2023. There are **2,315** days between those two events, including 1 leap-year day.

But there's more: If you count the number of days between the start of the Six Day War on June 5th 1967 until June 5th 2017 (the day of the Jerusalem resolution in the US Senate) you get **18,263** days. (includes 13 leap year days.)

And if you count the number of days between October 6th 1973 (the start of the Yom Kippur War) until October 7th 2023 (the day Hamas attacked Israel), you get **18,263** days. (includes 12 leap year days.)

If those are just coincidences they seem to me to be highly improbable ones, especially when you consider that they are still accurate even after you include the varying number of leap year days.

Not even close to being a transcript, but sourced from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8wu85uA9bY>

Summary:

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

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

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

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

1867 = seventh Jubilee since 1517

1917 = eighth Jubilee since 1517

1967 = ninth Jubilee since 1517

2017 = tenth Jubilee since 1517

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

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

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

God's name in Hebrew, YHWH, means "He causes to become". Jehovah truly does 'cause to become'.

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

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

Look at the world today. As they say: Things are not falling apart. Things are falling into place.

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I was wondering why the string of Jubilees began in 1517. Was it pure happenstance, or were 17 and 67 chosen for a reason? Although the Ottoman Turks were the last and longest lasting foreign nation to "trample" Israel (Lu 21:24), they did not take Israel from the Jews. So the start of their reign did not mark the last time that the Jews had possession of Israel. So when was the last time they had custody? I looked further back in history to find that answer.

In the time of Jesus, during the Roman occupation, Israel was allowed to keep its king and had full religious freedom. But the relationship between the Jews and the Romans began to sour and in 66 A.D. things came to a head. There was a Jewish revolt in that year and they expelled the Romans and reclaimed their land. Judea and its capital Jerusalem belonged to the Jews once more.

The next year, 67 A.D., the Roman general Vespasian came with 3 legions of soldiers and began his campaign to take Israel back, starting with the outer cities of Judea and working his way inward towards its capital city, Jerusalem, which the Romans retook and then destroyed in the third year of the war. That would be the last time that Jerusalem would be under Jewish control for 1,900 years.

So it seems that the war by the Romans to retake Judea and Jerusalem back from the Jews, which began in 67 A.D., is what designated that year as the Jubilee year for the string of corresponding Jubilees that would lead to the Jews once again retaking Jerusalem in 1967.

What do you think?

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