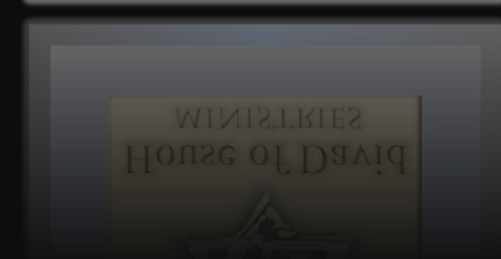
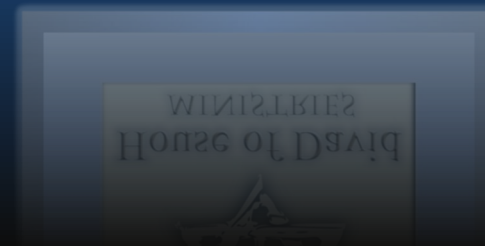


# The Importance of Israel in Prophecy

*July 18, 2020*



*Part 1*  
*About Eric Michael*



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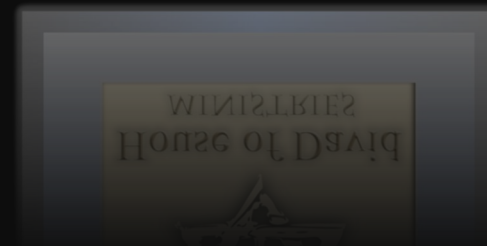


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# The First Mentioned Prophet



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✠ Gen 20:7 “Now therefore, restore the man's [Abraham's] wife; for he is a *prophet*, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.”



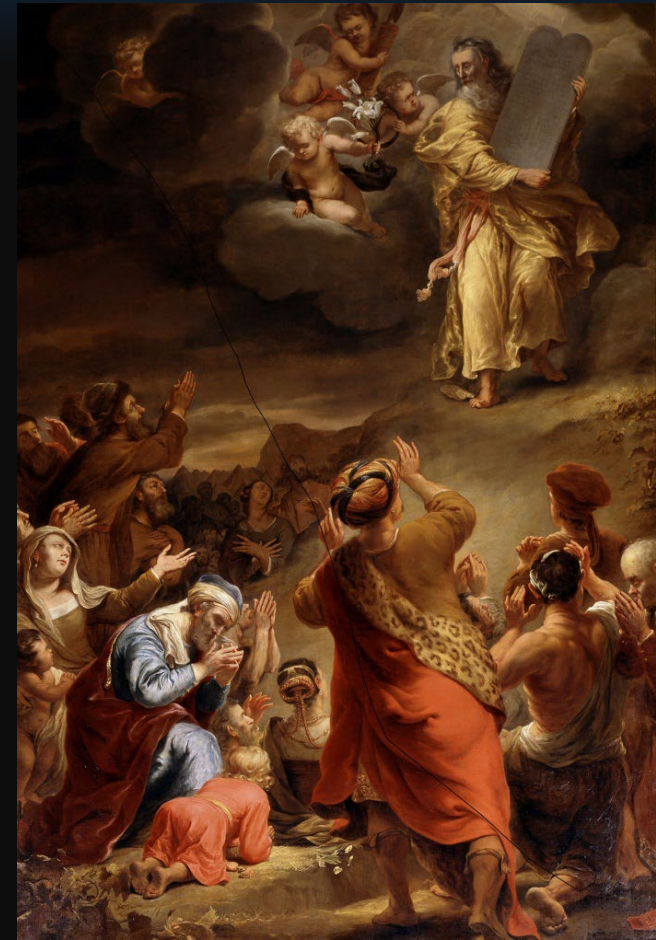


# The Lord Revealed to Israel



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✠ Amos 3:1-2 “Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying: You *only* have I known of all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”

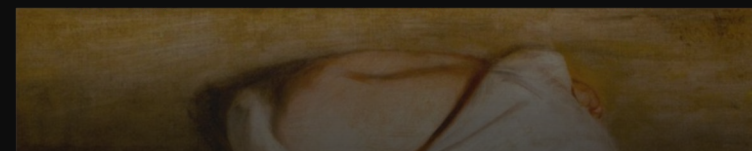


# A Prophet Among You

✠ Num 12:6 “Then He said, Hear now My words: If there is a *prophet* among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream.”



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# The Gift of Prophecy



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- α 1Co 14:1 “Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may *prophecy*.”
- α Rom 11:29 “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”



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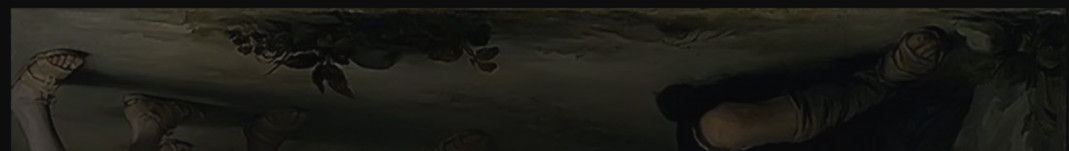


# Groups of Prophets

✚ 1Sa 19:20 “Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.”



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# The Span of Time



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- ⌘ Exo 7:1 “So the LORD said to Moses: See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your *prophet*.”
- α Act 13:20 “After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.”
  - The age of the prophets ended with the destruction of the first Temple, Solomon’s temple, in 586 B.C.





# Age of The Prophets



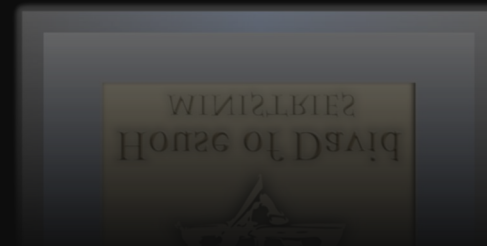
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The United Monarchy				
Dates (BC)	Prophets of United Israel			
1020-1000	Samuel			
975-960	Nathan			
The Divided Kingdoms				
Dates (BC)	Israel (Northern)		Judah (Southern)	Dates (BC)
870-850	Elijah			
850-800	Elisha			
750-745	Amos		[Jonah]	[740-730]
750-745	Hosea			
			Isaiah of Jerusalem	742-700
			Micah	722-701
			Zephaniah	628-622
			Jeremiah	626-586
			Nahum	612
			Habakkuk	605
			Ezekiel	593-573
			Obadiah	c. 586/5
			Isaiah 40-55	540
			Haggai	520-515
			Zechariah	520-515
			Isaiah 56-66	515-500
			Joel	500-350?
			Malachi	500-450
			Jonah	450-400

Notes:

1. Daniel is not included because the book is not traditionally considered a prophetic book, but rather part of The Writings, the reflective and devotional literature of Israel.
2. There is little historical evidence to date the book of Joel, and it could fall anywhere between 500 B.C. to as late as 300 B.C.
3. The historical setting of Jonah is the Assyrian era of the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C., but many scholars place the actual writing of the book in the middle 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C., shortly after Nehemiah's reforms. This suggests that the book uses much older traditions from the Assyrian era as a means to address a different set of problems in the post-exilic community.

*Part 3*  
*Grafted into Israel*



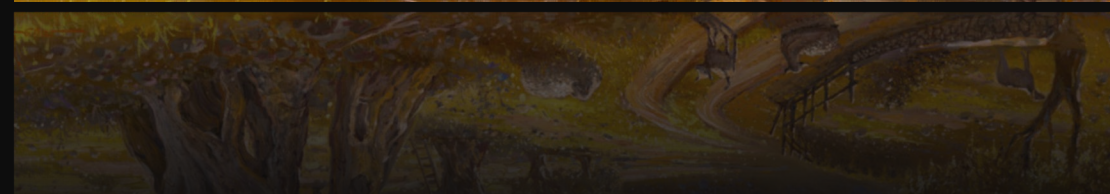


# A Cultivated Olive Tree



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- ❖ Paul used the analogy of a cultivate Olive tree to illustrate a great mystery—Israel and the Gentiles.
- ❖ The tree is comprised of natural branches (Israelites), and wild ones (the Gentiles), who have been grafted in *contrary* to nature.



# Grafted into Israel

α Rom 11:17 “You [gentiles], being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them [Israel], and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness [spiritual blessings] of the olive tree.”



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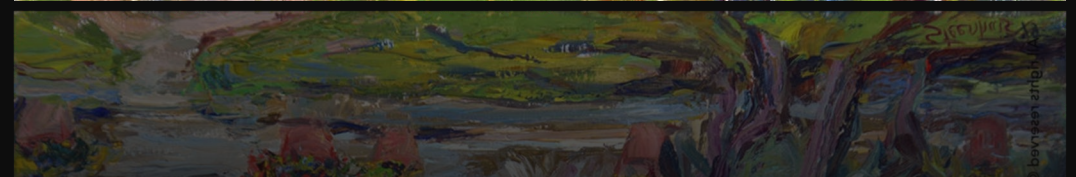
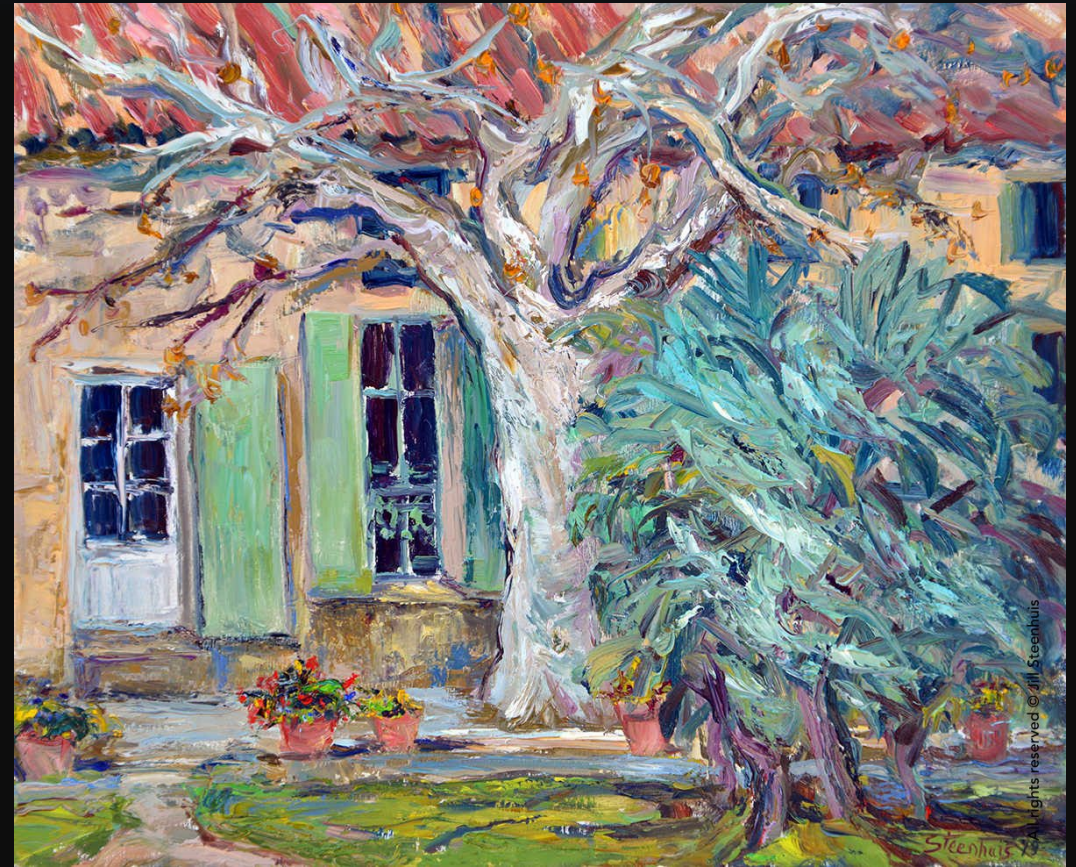


# Christ—The Branch



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- ❖ The tree is Christ, and the root is the fathers, the foundation of the church, connecting both the Jew and Gentile to Abraham—the father of many nations.
  - Rom 4:6 “Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.”
  - Gal 3:29 “And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”





# Fellow Heirs

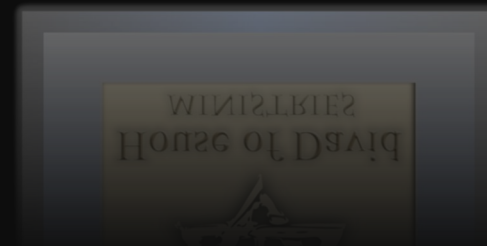
- α Rom 5:8 “Even so through one Man’s [Christ] righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.”
- α Col 1:12 “Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers [sharers] of the inheritance of the saints [Israel] in the light.”
- α Eph 3:6 “That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel.”



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*Part 4*  
*Old and New Prophets*



# Prophecy is for Believers



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α 1Co 14:22 “Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.”

α Rev 19:10 “Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

- The rabbis teach that prophets would keep harps, drums, flutes, and lyres with them when seeking prophecy to create the requisite emotional joy.



# New Testament Prophets



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- ❖ Old Testament and New Testament prophets fill the same office and operate in the same spirit. Why? Because Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy and He does not change.
- ❖ OT prophets spoke edification to God's people—Israel, while NT prophets speak edification to God's people—the church (which is Israel plus the nations).
- ❖ The only change that took place from the OT to the NT is that the terms of the covenant have changed—we are now in God's dispensation of complete and permanent atonement through the blood of Christ.
- ❖ The early church often referred to Apostles and Prophets in the same vein, calling them Apostle–Prophets. For example, Paul was called both an Apostle and a Prophet.

# New Testament Prophets – Continued



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- ❖ Prophets continued to serve the New Testament church in accordance with instructions given by the twelve Apostles of Christ through what is called the *Didache*, translated as “The Way.”





# New Testament Prophets – Continued



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- “And concerning the Apostles and Prophets, act thus according to the ordinance of the Gospel. Let every Apostle who comes to you be received as the Lord, but let him not stay more than one day, or if need be a second as well; but if he stay three days, he is a false prophet. And when an Apostle goes forth let him accept nothing but bread till he reach his night's lodging; but if he ask for money, he is a false prophet. Do not test or examine any prophet who is speaking in a spirit, ‘for every sin shall be forgiven, but this sin shall not be forgiven.’ But not everyone who speaks in a spirit is a prophet, except he have the behavior of the Lord. From his behavior, then, the false prophet and the true prophet shall be known. And no prophet who orders a meal in a spirit shall eat of it: otherwise he is a false prophet. And every prophet who teaches the truth, if he do not what he teaches, is a false prophet. But no prophet who has been tried and is genuine, though he enact a worldly mystery of the Church, if he teach not others to do what he does himself, shall be judged by you: for he has his judgment with God, for so also did the prophets of old. But whosoever shall say in a spirit ‘Give me money, or something else,’ you shall not listen to him; but if he tell you to give on behalf of others in want, let none judge him.” *(Didache 11:3-12)*

# Hallmarks of The Prophet - 1 of 4



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MINISTRIES

- ❖ Humility is the keynote of prophesy.
- ❖ Prophets are found to be of good character, wise judgement, and merciful hearts.
- ❖ Prophets are diligent in study, teaching, and practice of their faith. Those gifted with prophetic talent are by their very presence performing the role of teacher and guide.
- ❖ Prophecy distinguishes itself from all other arts and intuitive talents.
- ❖ Prophecy occurs in different forms and in different intensities.

# Hallmarks of The Prophet - 2 of 4



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MINISTRIES

- ❖ Prayer and song are both conductors of prophesy and play an equal role in the spiritual life of the prophet.
- ❖ The Rambam (Maimonides) taught that all the miracles wrought by the prophets are the result of their prayers. Even the greatest prophets were not endowed with mysterious supernatural powers; rather their prophetic spirit brought them closer to God so that they could pray with great intimacy and trust in the almighty.
- ❖ This shows us that we may not rely on miracle.
- ❖ Instead we are to rely on prayer, for “prayer is not a miracle.”

# Hallmarks of The Prophet – 3 of 4



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- ❖ Prophecy is the overflow of the presence of the Holy One.
- ❖ Prophecy delegates to prophets an unequaled status among their peers as the Creator's representative.
- ❖ Prophecy is how the divine will and presence are made known.
- ❖ Prophetic vision transforms the wilderness into ranks of order and fruitfulness.
- ❖ Prophecy—as the supreme language of the soul—is the vehicle by which the creator instructs and guides His people to come closer to Him.

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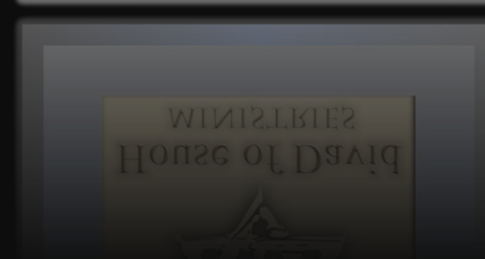
# Hallmarks of The Prophet - 4 of 4



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- ❖ Prophecy helps the created discern the relationships between the seen and unseen, the physical and the immaterial.
- ❖ The prophets told the future, pointed to the dangers of the past and present (watchmen), and gave others hope and faith in the meaning of life.
- ❖ Prophets helped interpret both world affairs and personal predicaments.
- ❖ The souls of the prophets propel the community into a state of awareness that is above the ordinary daily focus or insight.
- ❖ Prophets do not simply tell others what God has said. Their very presence in the community changes it and contributes to its refinement.

*Part 5*  
*The Restoration of Israel*



# Israel the Land of Prophecy



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- ❖ Israel is known as the primary place for receiving prophecy.
- ❖ Of all the Jewish prophets since the generation of the Exodus, almost all obtained prophecy only while in the Holy Land.





# Israel the Land of Prophecy – Continued



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- ❖ Many advanced Jewish mystics had their entire perspective in the *Torah* greatly altered after arriving in Israel.
- ❖ Many people today, even on a temporary visit to Israel experience a heightened sense of inspiration and insights into life and its meaning.
- ❖ This can be attributed to Israel's inimitable place in the fabric of creation.



# Prophets in Israel



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- ❖ Most of the prophets in Israel came from the Aaronic priesthood.
- ❖ Except for Isaiah, every Jewish prophet in the bible received his gift through his predecessors, and is part of a long, unbroken chain of prophecy.
- ❖ Practices leading to prophetic awareness were closely held and discussed in small, secret groups, then passed orally from a teacher to a student who had been deemed morally and spiritually worthy of receiving the teachings.



# Israel at the Center of Prophecy



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- α [Mat 24:32-33](#) “Now learn this parable from the fig tree [Israel]: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!”
- α [Rom 11:28-29](#) “Concerning the gospel they [Israel] are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”
- α [Luk 13:35](#) “See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you [Israel] shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!”

# Israel and the Tribulation



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⌘ Dan 9:24 “Seventy weeks are determined For your people [Israel] and for your holy city [Jerusalem], To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.”

- The seventieth of Daniel refers to the last seven years at the end of the age and is called “the tribulation.”



# God's Plan of Perfection



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- ❖ We can see creation and prophecy (the spoken word) are bound up in each other, one being the beginning of the *Torah* (the written word) and the other its end (the written word made flesh). Thus, the ends are concealed in the beginnings.
- ❖ *Echad*, the Hebrew word for “oneness,” is the process and outcome of prophecy.
- ❖ Creation therefore seems to be for the ultimate purpose of producing a humanity composed of holy prophets.
- ❖ This holy speaking will unite the church and Israel, and ultimately all humanity and God as one, *Echad*.
- ❖ God's prophets will therefore bring about His plan of perfection.

# Israel and the Kingdom of God



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α Act 1:6 “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

- The fact that Jesus’ disciples asked this question reveals they understood that the Kingdom of God belonged to Israel.
- We the church should understand the same—that God is restoring His Kingdom to the Jewish people, and we are part of His plan of restoration.
- Jesus will establish His earthly Kingdom in Israel from Jerusalem for all eternity just as the Lord promised to David.





# Many Kings and Many Kingdoms



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- ✂ Gen 17:6 “I will make you [Abraham] exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.”
- ✂ Gen 35:11 “I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall proceed from you [Abraham], and kings shall come from your body.”
  - The kingdom belongs to the King, and its people are His domain.
  - Therefore, the Kingdom is as much about the people of God as it is about God Himself.
  - But this is no ordinary Kingdom. It is a Kingdom of kingdoms as it says:
    - Rev 17:14 “He is Lord of lords and King of kings.”



# Restoration of The Kingdom



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✠ Isa 2:2-3 “Now it shall come to pass in the *latter days* That the mountain [kingdom] of the Lord’s house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills [nations]; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain [kingdom] of the Lord, To the house [kingdom] of the God of Jacob [Israel]; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”



# Restoration of The Kingdom – Continued



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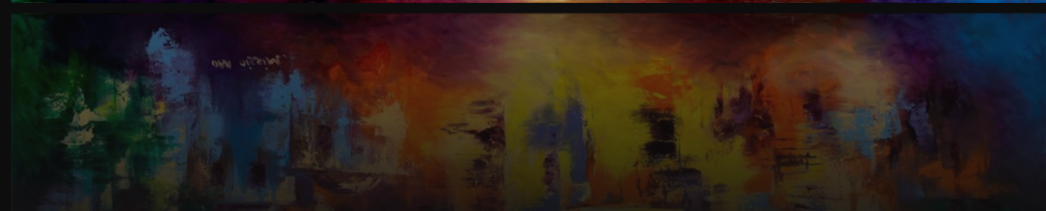
- It says these things shall come to pass in the *latter days*, meaning the days leading up to the return of the Lord. What things?
- As the earth falls into greater darkness, Israel will begin to rise and shine as a beacon of light in the earth.
- The Kingdom of the Lord's house, which is His holy temple, shall be established over all the kingdoms of the earth, and shall be exalted over all the nations.
- And all the nations shall flow up to Jerusalem to the Kingdom of God, and Israel will teach the nations to walk in God's paths according to His laws.

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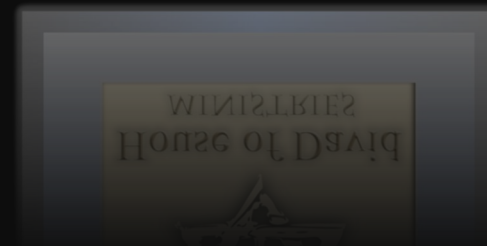


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- ✎ Israel is at the very center of all biblical prophesy, and for that part, all prophesy.
- ✎ I pray that our will words will teach, correct, edify, and encourage the believer to understand God's kingdom purpose for their lives (which is intricately tied to Israel), and that we have God's heart of prophesy for His people.



*Part 6*  
*The Fullness of Time*





# A Unique Prophetic Number



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- ❖ Seventy is a unique prophetic number:
  - Seventy descendants of Noah.
  - Humanity comprises seventy nations, each with its own language.
  - Seventy members of Jacob's family came down to Egypt.
  - Israel spent seventy years in Babylon for breaking God's commandments regarding the Sabbath, the seventh day and seventh year.

# The Natural Order



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- ❖ The natural order of creation is represented by the number seven:
  - God created the world in seven days.
- ❖ Ten is associated with the Torah (God's calendar and Law),
- ❖ Also with the creation of the world.
- ❖ Through the fulfillment of the Law, which Christ has done, we reach the completed purpose for creation.

# Completeness of That Number



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- ❖ Any number multiplied by ten represents the completeness of that number.
  - Ten is a full number.
  - After ten, we start counting again with one.
  - For example, ten plus one is eleven.
  
- ❖ Seven times ten represents the completion of the natural order.



# Spiritual Significance



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## ❖ Seventy has also has spiritual significance:

- Seventy Divine names in scripture.
- Seventy faces of the Torah.
- Seventy Biblical holy days in a solar calendar year.
- Seventy names of the Jewish nation.
- Seventy names for Jerusalem

# Israel Rebirthed



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- ❖ The full years of a person's life are seventy.
- ❖ Israel was rebirthed as a nation just over seventy years ago, and she is God's time clock.
- ❖ Yeshua spoke of a generation of Jewish people that would see the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy in the *fullness* of time.
- ❖ Is it possible that Yeshua was talking to this current generation?

# The Last Trumpet



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- ❖ Paul spoke about the return of the Lord at the last trumpet.
- ❖ The last trumpet commanded in the Torah was blown on the Day of Atonement.
- ❖ But only in a Jubilee year:
  - ⌘ [Lev 25:9](#) "Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land."

# The Day of Atonement



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- ❖ The Day of Atonement correlates with Christ's second Advent.
- ❖ It points to His final atonement for the nation of Israel and their land.
- ❖ The year of the Jubilee points to Israel's final redemption when the Lord brings them back to the land He promised to Abraham.
- ❖ That land now includes the Gentiles, who are called the seed of Abraham.



# The Last Jubilee



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- ❖ How are we to know the season of this last Jubilee?
- ❖ Could it be that God's pattern will align with His number—*seventy*—the completion of the natural order and the *fullness* of time?

# Counting Sabbaticals and Jubilees



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- ❖ The nation of Israel was instructed to begin counting their Sabbatical and Jubilee years from the time they entered the land of Canaan.
- ❖ The counting was delayed by fourteen years due to the dividing of the land and the conquests of Caleb.

# Destruction of The Temple



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- ❖ The people of Israel counted seventeen Jubilees from this time until their exile at the destruction of the First Temple.
- ❖ How many Jubilees have not been counted since the destruction of the First Temple?

# Date of The Exodus



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- ❖ We need to know the date of the Exodus.
- ❖ This date is highly controversial.
- ❖ Most Egyptologists believe the Israelites were enslaved during the time of Rameses, the third and last kingdom of Egypt.
- ❖ Many of these scholars argue against the Bible due to a lack of physical evidence proving the Exodus.



# Egypt's Middle Kingdom



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- ❖ There are some discoveries now pointing to the Middle Kingdom, about two-hundred years earlier than the time of Rameses.
  - Archaeological digs have discovered what appears to be the tomb of Joseph and the Hebrew city of Goshen.
  - There is even a manuscript of Hebrew slave names that were found.
- ❖ The most significant personal discovery was the date of the Middle Kingdom correlating with the number seventy.

# Correlating with The Exodus



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- ❖ The time of Egypt's Middle Kingdom is dated to around 1,450 BC.
- ❖ Correlating the Exodus to that same period and subtracting forty years to Israel's entering the land of Canaan, we arrive at about 1,410 BC.
- ❖ Adding this number to our current year, 2020, gives us 3,430 years from the time of the Exodus.

# Precisely Seventy Jubilees



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- ❖ Dividing this number by 49 years, the time allotted for each Jubilee cycle, we have precisely *seventy* Jubilees.
- ❖ Now that is a fascinating coincidence.

# The Pattern of Seventy



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- ❖ We cannot know the exact day or hour of the Lord's return.
- ❖ Given the pattern of *seventy* that God has established in His Hebrew calendar, we conclude that we are in the season near the end of the age.
- ❖ God is completing His natural order of creation and we are reaching the fullness of time regarding Israel's final redemption.
- ❖ Amen!



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