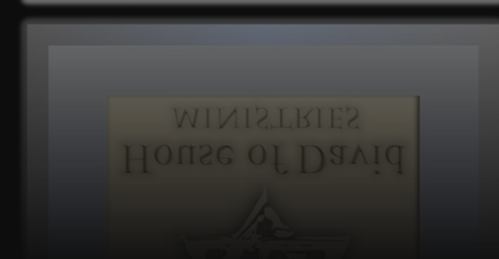


The Fullness of Time

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α Gal 4:4-5 “When the **fullness** of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

- This verse speaks of the First Advent of Christ.
- What about Christ’s Second Advent?
- And the time of Israel’s final redemption?

The Latter Time



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✠ Dan 8:23-26 “And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their **fullness**, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people. Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without human means. And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which was told is true; Therefore seal up the vision, For it refers to many days in the future.”

Put Into Their Hearts



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α *Rev 17:17* “For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.”

- Notice the word **fullness**.
- Future tribulation of Israel and the nations.
- False king and savior—Anti-Christ.
- Return—Second Advent—of Christ.
- Final redemption of Israel.

Ignorant of This Mystery



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α **Rom 11:25** “For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.”

- Partial blindness of Israel—temporary rejection of Christ.
- The gospel preached to all nations—full number of nations.
- Then all Israel shall be saved.

The Second Advent



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- ❖ The “fullness of time” correlates with the second Advent of Christ.
- ❖ How are we to recognize when this will happen?

Seventy Weeks



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⌘ **Dan 9:24** “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, 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.”

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.

Leadership



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- ❖ The number seventy correlates with leadership:
 - Moses selected seventy elders.
 - The Sanhedrin (the rabbinical high court) had seventy judges.
 - Yeshua appointed seventy leaders to go out and share the message of the Kingdom.
- ❖ Seventy reflects the church, who will rule and reign with Christ in His Kingdom.

The Church and Israel



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❖ There is a special relationship between the church and the twelve tribes of Israel.

⌘ *Exo 15:27* "Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters."

- The twelve springs represent the twelve tribes of Israel.
- The seventy palm trees represent the elders of Israel who are in Christ.

In The Regeneration



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α *Mat 19:28* "In the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

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

Eighty is Transcendent



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- ❖ While the number seventy represents the completion of the natural order.
- ❖ Eighty is transcendent.
- ❖ It reaches beyond the natural world, taking us deep into the spiritual realm and the Kingdom of God.

The Fig Tree



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⌘ **Dan 24:32-35** "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: 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! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

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.

Signs in The Heavens



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α Luk 21:25-28 “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

We Rejoice



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- ❖ We are not afraid of what is coming.
- ❖ We rejoice in knowing that the return of Christ is near.
- ❖ Until He returns, we are to continue sharing the good news of the Kingdom, making disciples of all nations.

Make Disciples of All Nations



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α ^{Mat 28:18-20} “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen!”

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