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*In this series we are building the architecture by which we can classify and understand Biblical prophecy. There were three foundational points that we made as we began to construct this artifice. 1) **GOD HOLDS US RESPONSIBLE TO KNOW THE TIME OF OUR VISITATION.** That's why the prophecies are there. They are NOT to be ignored, but rather acted upon. 2) **ISRAEL IS THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL PROPHECY.** Follow events regarding Israel and Jerusalem, comparing them to the Scriptures – and you will get a good sense of where we are on God's time clock. 3) **THERE IS A PLAN TO BUILD THE KINGDOM OF ANTICHRIST.** The Powers That Be (PTB) are building a New World Order (NWO). They talked enough about it for us to know at least two things. Their plans are very real... & ...their End Game looks a whole lot like what the Bible says the Antichrist's Kingdom will look like. In this installment we'll concentrate on Foundational Point #2; The centrality of Israel & Jerusalem to God's plan.*

### IT'S ALL ABOUT ISRAEL

If you want to know just how important Israel is to God – you just need check out the words of Jesus Himself. In the Olivet Discourse recorded in both Matthew 24 & Luke 21, Jesus lays out for us what conditions will be like just before His return to earth. After talking about wars and rumors, famine and pestilence, earthquakes, and false prophets and lawlessness and how His people will be hated by the world He gives us this. **“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.”** (Matt 24:32-35)

Now in the Old Testament the fig tree was emblematic of Israel. So Jesus is giving us at least a doubly layered clue as to the timing of His return. He's saying, 'When you see these things going on – look out 'cause I'm on my way. When the leaves come – summer is next.' But He's also using the fig tree analogy for further emphasis. Israel began to sprout leaves in 1948 when it was founded. He says that the generation that sees these occurrences will see the end of them. That's His promise. Psalm 90:10 tells us the length of a generation. **“ The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years.”** Count 70 or 80 years from 1948 and you get to 2018 or 2028. Don't like that number. Well count forward the same number of years from 1967, when Israel regained control of Jerusalem and you get to 2037 or 2047 at the outside. Either way, we are living in the window of that prophetic fulfillment.

If you need more proof of the importance of Israel to God's prophetic plan just look at the prophecies that have already been fulfilled. Let's break it down.

- **The Jews Re-Gathered** – There are many prophetic passages that apply, but perhaps one of the foremost and signal prophecies given for the beginning of the End of the Age is Isaiah 11:11-12. It reads: **“In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people...he will assemble the scattered peoples of Judah from the four quarters of the earth”**. The first time God called His people back was after the Babylonian captivity, so that Israel could receive her Messiah at his first coming. This second re-gathering signals the near end of history; - so that Israel will be in the Land to receive the Messiah who is to return in Glory and power. The Jewish return began with the Zionist movement of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. It was hurried along by Hitler's

attempt to destroy the race during WWII and it continues to this day. The Jews survived as a nation for over 1,800 years without a homeland, - just as God promised. In Leviticus 26:33 God had warned Israel that He would **“scatter you among the nations”**. Through Isaiah He promised them that He would again call them to the Land. **“I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’”** (Isaiah 43:5-6) That promise is echoed over and over again by the prophets. And through Ezekiel he confirmed the permanence of the call. **“They and their children and their children's children will live there forever”** (Ezekiel 37:21, 25)

But this was not to be an easy road for God’s Chosen People. There would be a price to pay for their unbelief. Recall, in Matthew 24 that Jesus told us that the people would **“be led away captive into all nations”**. In Deuteronomy 28:64-66, Moses wrote, **“Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other... there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul. Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.”** That is exactly the sort of life the Jews lived in many if not most lands around the world after being banished by the conquering Roman armies. In the centuries that followed the Jewish nation was scattered among the nations of the world. Their separation and persecution became legendary. Denounced as Christ-killers by some Christian leaders, their economic and social interactions were severely restricted. In much of Europe they were forbidden to own land. In Muslim countries they were subject to the onerous legal restrictions of Dhimmitude: - laws and special taxes imposed on all non-Muslims. They were kicked out of England in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and Spain in 1492. To make a living they gravitated to the occupations of trade and banking; many gathering wealth in the process, thereby aggravating the ignorant prejudices of the masses. Over the course of time this inevitably led to violence such as the Russian pogroms which devastated whole villages. Anti-Semitism culminated in Hitler’s Holocaust. Millions were murdered in the Nazi camps; - Auschwitz and Dachau and Treblinka and others.

Now, Jesus had indicted them because they **“did not know the time of your visitation.”** Hosea had announced God’s judgment for the sin. **“My God will cast them away, because they did not obey Him; And they shall be wanderers among the nations.”** Deuteronomy 29:23 gave sentence upon the land. **The whole land will be a burning waste of salt and sulfur--nothing planted, nothing sprouting, no vegetation growing on it. It will be like the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the Lord overthrew in fierce anger.** And so it was!

Yet there remained always the promise of the return. Here’s Isaiah 43:7 **Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth— Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory.”** And Ezekiel 37:25 promised: **“They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever.”**

Return they did! By the late 19<sup>th</sup> century however, God had moved through history in such a way as to allow the beginnings of Zionism to take root. Beginning in the 1870’s, Jews began to form societies to purchase land in Palestine from the Arab owners. The Arabs were only too happy to get rid of unproductive land, selling it at inflated prices. Then beginning in 1881, anti-Jewish pogroms began to sweep through Russia, with its large population of Jews, contributing to the urgency of the project. Jewish bankers, like the magnificently wealthy and powerful, House of Rothschild, contributed significantly to the project. By 1897, the 1<sup>st</sup> Zionist Congress was held under the organizing genius of Theodore Herzl. The movement saw the Jewish population of Palestine go from about 25,000 in the 1880’s to around 100,000 by WWI. During the course of that war, the British government announced the Balfour Declaration, promising a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Though the British somewhat backed off their promise after the war, there was no putting the genie back in the bottle.<sup>1 2</sup> And thus after Hitler and the Holocaust came the return to the Land and the establishment of a reborn nation of Israel. After nearly 19 centuries of wandering in exile; against all human odds: God had fulfilled His promise!

- Here are some specific sub-prophecies.
  - 1) **A Language Restored** – Hebrew was a language as dead as ancient Chaldean. Yet God had promised to restore it. **“For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, That they all may call on the name of**

**the LORD**” (Zephaniah 3:9) He gave one determined scholar the vision of restoring the language for Temple worship. Today it is a vibrant spoken tongue.

- 2) **A Land Again Fertile** – For 18 centuries, - after the Romans got through with it, - Israel was a desert wasteland. In one example, Isaiah 27:6 promised “**Israel shall blossom and bud, And fill the face of the world with fruit.**” Tiny Israel now supplies Europe with 90% of its citrus fruits.
  - 3) **Increased Rainfall** – As written in Joel 2:23 God promised that when Israel returned from its exile, He would cause “**the rain to come down for you**”. And it has! Here’s how prophecy scholar Grant Jeffrey reported it in his book *The Signature of God*. “As the rainfall increased dramatically by over 10 percent every decade for the last century the returning Jewish exiles planted over two hundred million trees and transformed the complete environment of the Promised Land. “**And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes**” (Isaiah 35:7).
  - 4) **Return of the Ethiopian Jews** – Zephaniah 3:10 promised: “**From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My worshipers, The daughter of My dispersed ones, Shall bring My offering**”. Beginning in the 1980’s Israel organized airlifts to bring the Ethiopian Jews to Israel.
- **Israel Reborn In A Day** – Israel’s reestablishment as a nation on May 14, 1948 shook up the world, and reoriented much of the Church’s view of prophecy. It was literal indeed! And it was all about Israel. Isaiah 66:8 predicted that miraculous birth. “**Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?**”
  - **Israel’s First War** – Psalm 83:2-8 names both Israel’s enemies in her first war when she became a nation again in 1948 – and a future war that will set up the tumbling of domino-like end times events. It specifically names their modern enemies, - Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, etc, - using their ancient historical names.
  - **Jerusalem Is Jewish Again** – When the IDF, - The Israeli Defense Force, - took Jerusalem during the ’67 War, it was a fulfillment of Christ’s own words. In Luke 21, Christ warned of the impending destruction of Jerusalem by Roman armies which occurred in AD 70. The early Christians took His warning to heart and left the city as the Roman legions were gathering. Despite the fact that about 1.1million Jews were slaughtered during the capture of Jerusalem, - not one Christian is recorded to have lost their lives in the siege.<sup>3</sup> Jesus went on to describe the ensuing scattering of the Jews throughout the world and that Jerusalem would remain in the hands of Israel’s enemies “**trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled**”. (Luke 21:24) Then Jesus goes on to tie that end of the Gentile Era to accelerating birth pangs that will signal the End of the Age.<sup>4</sup>

The rebirth of the Jewish State is often referred to by prophecy scholars as the ‘Super Sign’ that signals that Christ’s return is near at hand. God has called His people back into the Land, - just as He said, - and established them there as a nation, - just as He said. Further He promised in Amos 9:15: “**I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,**” says the LORD your God”. As God has fulfilled His promises to restore Israel, so the Enemy is preparing the world for his ultimate rebellion. It will all be played out in God’s timing.

Then there is Jerusalem. It is at the very center of God’s plan for the return of His Son, Jesus. Scripture tells us that there is coming a day when the entire world will come against God’s beloved city. “**On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.**” (Zechariah 12:3) (NIV) We are seeing the forward cast shadows of that day – today – as the UN and the European Union and Russia and even the US under President Barack Obama pressure Israel to retreat to the pre-1967 borders and agree to the establishment of a Palestinian terror state. That crisis is brewing as we speak. The UN is set to take up the issue of Palestinian statehood starting in late September. It will be the General Assembly that will be voting on the item – and so in some sense it will be largely symbolic in nature. Still, a vote approving statehood would put lots of pressure on the Israelis to make some sort of deal. The Palestinians are planning massive protests to precede the UN vote. And now, Israeli PM Netanyahu’ government has signaled that it has bowed to American pressure and is willing to negotiate a deal along the ’67 lines.<sup>5 6</sup> Prophetic fulfillment is moving quickly. That brings us to the next stage of this series: The major crisis that looms on the horizon due to recent developments. And that’s what we’ll be tackling next time.

## A BIT OF OUR BRAVE NEW WORLD

Here's a headline from the UK's Daily Mail: "150 human animal hybrids grown in UK labs: Embryos have been produced secretly for the past three years."<sup>7</sup> It's not just sensationalism either. This is the real deal. 'Science' is attempting to remake or re-order God's creation. Revelations like this now hardly cause a stir. These combinations of human and animal genetic material have resulted in over 150 "*admixed embryos*". MSNBC has reported on the same phenomenon taking place in the United States. "*In the past two years, scientists have created pigs with human blood, fused rabbit eggs with human DNA and injected human stem cells to make paralyzed mice walk.*" The article also referenced sheep "*possessing partially human livers, hearts, brains and other organs.*"<sup>8</sup> The technology is nonetheless growing by leaps and bounds.

But while much of the current public research is done in the name of medical science, - and therefore relatively benign - there are other advocates that would have it produce a race of the super-intelligent or super capable. The author of The End of the American Dream website puts it thus. "*The temptation to insert the genes of animals or plants into people in order to create "super soldiers" or a "superior race" will certainly prove to be much too tempting. Unless something is done to hold all of this back, it seems almost certain that genetic hell will be unleashed on the human race. Once genetically-modified humans start breeding with normal humans there will be no putting the genie back into the bottle. Eventually, we could get to the point where there are very few "100% humans" left.*"<sup>9</sup> He goes on to reference "*humanized mice*" and "*entities that are part pig and part human.*" [Kind of like Kramer's 'Pig Man' on the Seinfeld Show a few years back.] In possibly the most bizarre story of all, Science Daily revealed that scientists are working on the "*development of a new approach for producing large quantities of human-derived gelatin that could become a substitute for some of the 300,000 tons of animal-based gelatin produced annually for gelatin-type desserts, marshmallows, candy*" etc.<sup>10</sup> [I can picture the scene: 'Mmmm, yummy kids! C'mon down! We're eating grandpa for desert tonight!']

Here are some other developments on the technological front. A study has found that by combining newly developed facial recognition software, cloud computing and your personal profile on sites like Facebook, it is now possible to "steal Social Security Numbers." Research found that it was possible to identify about 1/3 of subjects just by having them walk-by a webcam.<sup>11</sup> Elsewhere it was revealed that for the last five years, China has engaged in a "Cyber-Hacking Scheme" that has infiltrated governments and businesses alike. Victims included the United States, Taiwan, India, South Korea, Vietnam, the United Nations and numerous business organizations. Intellectual property and trade secrets were stolen resulting in a "*historically unprecedented transfer of wealth.*"<sup>12 13 14</sup>

## YADAS

**CHINA** – Taiwan's military has determined that the US can no longer protect that island nation. A report "*concludes that China already can defeat both Taiwan and the US in a war*" over Taiwan; a country which the US is pledged to support. In addition the Chinese have recently deployed a new generation of "*carrier killer*" ballistic missiles.<sup>15</sup>

**ISRAEL** – Three developments with big significance! First: Polls indicate that the radical Muslim Brotherhood – the group which sided with Hitler in WWII and spawned both al-Qaeda and Hamas – is in good position to take over the government of Egypt in the Fall elections. Psalm 83 indicates that Egypt is to be a major player in what looks like a soon-coming war against Israel. The day after the poll came out, up to 100,000 Egyptians hit the streets of Cairo to demand Sharia Law and an Islamic Caliphate. In effect they want a religiously based Islamic dictatorship to rule throughout the Middle East. And then there's the switch in position by the Israeli Prime Minister reported above. He now seems willing to negotiate peace based on the indefensible borders that existed before the Six Day War.<sup>16 17</sup> Isaiah 34 does seem to prophecy a 'sham' Palestinian state that will be declared in a time when "**the indignation of the LORD is against all nations.**" (Isaiah 34:2) And though they call that "**kingdom**" into being – "**none shall be there**". (Isaiah 34:12) That would be the exact situation should the UN's General Assembly approve a toothless resolution declaring Palestine a state.

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- <sup>2</sup> Israel and Palestine: A Brief History, <http://www.mideastweb.org/briefhistory.htm>, June 10, 2009
- <sup>3</sup> Chuck Missler, International Prophecy Conference 2006, Q&A Session
- <sup>4</sup> For the material on this subject, I consulted Jack Kelly's Seven Major Signs of the Second Coming, December 30. Mr Kelly argues that the window for prophetic fulfillment is obtained by adding 70 years to either the 1948 or 1967 dates. He therefore sees the earliest possible fulfillment of all End Times prophecies as 2018. That would mean the Rapture could come no earlier than 2011. In my humble reasoning, - fulfillment could occur any time during the life span of that generation. That would preserve the doctrine of imminence as applied to the Rapture of the Church.
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