

God's Timeline – Part 5

Interpreting Bible Prophecy

Scripture was not created by man but by God. The Bible was written to be understood by everyone who reads it. "For no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." **II Peter 1.21**

Matthew Henry, the 17th century minister and famous Bible commentator says, "The gospel message was also foretold by the prophets and penmen of the Old Testament, who spoke and wrote under influence, and according to the direction, of the Spirit of God."

Israel—by Divine Right

Zionism is simply the return of the Jewish people to Zion, to the land of Israel, to the land promised by God to Abraham and his descendants forever. These promises are found throughout all of scripture. **Gen. 12:1-2 and 15:7** for starters.

Then God made a covenant with Abraham through the sacrificial system. In Vs. 13 he says, "Know of a surity that thy seed shall be strangers in a land that is not theirs [Egypt] and shall serve them and they shall afflict you there four hundred years. But in the fourth generation you shall come out for the iniquity of he Amorites is not yet full."

The Amorites were then residents of the land that was to become the Promised Land. **Genesis 15:18-21** "In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abraham saying, unto thy seed have I given you this land from the River of Egypt unto the great river, the River Euphrates."

Then he tells us who will be moving out: the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

This is of particular interest, because the Jebusites occujpiied the city of Jebus, which later became Jerusalem. Zionism is the fulfilment, in flesh and blood, of God's promise to Abraham, and the promise depends completely on the faithfulness of Abraham and his descendants.

JEWISH CAPTIVITY IN BABYLON- About 600 BC

The Persian leader, Cyrus, allowed the Jewish people to return to rebuild Jerusalem—the first return of the Jewish people to the Promised Land some 530 years before the time of Christ.

WORLD WAR II AND THE HOLOCAUST - 2500 years later.

From the depths of despair to the height of triumph in 1948: the return of the Jews from all the nations of the world to the modern State of Israel. [Ez.11:17; Jer 16:14-15; Jer. 31:8-10] partial fulfilment of the previous prophecies up to the current time, 1948.

It is simply arrogant for man to dictate how God should operate the world or write His Bible; He chooses the way He wants to be honored.

The following prophecies should ring true to anyone who witnessed the recent historical events in Israel:

1) **Is. 35:10** This prophecy has not been completely fulfilled yet because many Jews are already driven out so far, but it will not be so in the future. More Jews are still returning to Israel.

2) **Amos 9:14-15; Acts 10; Ez 26:3-14** All partially fulfilled as of today but not yet completed; that is still in the future.

Many more historical conflicts have taken place but Israel always comes through each challenge. God is not through with the Jews! Until the final end times events are completed, the Jews will continue to fight for the rights to Jerusalem and Israel. There will be more skirmishes and wars before the final victory that finally takes place. The current generation is going to witness all of that. The end times are very near and so is the coming of Jesus for the Bride!

The six thousand years mentioned by Daniel will end next October – 2024. The seven years of the Great Tribulation will begin at that point. Many things are happening today that show all the signs of His coming is very soon, especially the rapture. It can be any time now. Make sure your hearts are right with God and warn and teach about the soon coming of Jesus Christ to get us.

Part 5 coming...First God and Magog War!