

# *Significant Lessons From The Seemingly Insignificant*

## #19 Significant Events On Nisan 1 & Nisan 10

Heb. 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever.

In the past, God caused many historic events to occur on or during High Holy Days.

"More than forty of the most significant events in Israel's history have occurred on precise anniversaries of the feast days of the Biblical calendar. God's sovereignty over history and His foreknowledge are manifested clearly as He sets these prophetic appointments for Israel. Then, as each cycle concludes, He keeps the appointment by bringing the prophesied event to pass at the appointed time."

Nisan: The First Month Of The Jewish Religious Calendar

The First Day of Nisan -- March-April -- March 17, 2018

The theme of Nisan 1 is Ritual Cleansing and a New Beginning.

Six events transpired in Israel's history on this date, all of which carry this same theme.

### 1. Marks The Beginning Of The Month Of The Exodus & Redemption From Slavery

Ex. 12:2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

Note: On this day, God gave Moses instructions about Passover, promising him that salvation is coming. It is a new beginning for man.

### 2. Dedication of the Tabernacle In The Wilderness

Exodus 40:2 On the first day of the first month [Nisan 1] shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation.

Ex. 40:17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, [Nisan 1; Year 2] that the tabernacle was reared up.

Ex. 40:33-34 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.<sup>34</sup> Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

God's presence: His "Shekinah" glory to guide Israel and dwell with His people. New Beginning

### 3. The Cleansing of the Temple by King Hezekiah

God raised up righteous King Hezekiah to bring Israel back to her fundamental Jewish roots, following a number of kings after Solomon who practiced all manner of evil, starting with idol worshipping.

II Chron. 29:2-5; 16-18a And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.<sup>3</sup> He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.<sup>4</sup> And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

<sup>5</sup> And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

<sup>16</sup> And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.

<sup>17</sup> Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD,

#### *4. Ezra Began His Journey To Jerusalem To Restore True Worship Of The God Of Israel*

On the first day of Nisan, 457 B.C., Ezra began his trip from Babylon to Jerusalem to bring in additional groups of returning captives to help lead the restoration of worship in Jerusalem.

Ezra 7:9-10 For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Ezra 10: 1-3 Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore.

<sup>2</sup> And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. <sup>3</sup> Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

Ezra 10:10-12 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. <sup>11</sup> Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers and do His pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. <sup>12</sup> Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. <sup>17</sup> And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

#### *5. The Decree To Rebuild The Walls Of Jerusalem*

Can we confirm the start date for the prophecy which calculates the date on which Jesus presented himself as Messiah?

Dan. 9:24-26b Seventy weeks [490 Years] are determined upon Thy People and upon Thy Holy City, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

<sup>25</sup> Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the Commandment To Restore And To Build Jerusalem UNTO THE MESSIAH THE PRINCE shall be seven weeks [49 Years] and threescore and two weeks [434 Years] [434 + 7 = 483]: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

<sup>26</sup> And after threescore and two weeks [434 Years] shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; [People = Romans; Prince = Titus, son of Vespasian]

4 Decrees Given: Which one is the key to the prophecy that reveals the EXACT day Jesus will come to Jerusalem riding on the donkey?

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| 1. 539 BC - Cyrus the Great to Zerubbabel | Build The Temple    | Ezra 1:1-4    |
| 2. 520 BC - Darius                        | Complete The Temple | Ezra 6:7-8    |
| 3. 457 BC - Artaxerxes To Ezra            | Gov't. & Worship    | Ezra 7: 12-26 |
| 4. 445 BC - Artaxerxes To Nehemiah        | Build Walls/Gates   | Neh. 1        |

Neh. 2:1a And it came to pass in the month Nisan, ...Nehemiah told Artaxerxes of his sadness due to the condition of the city of Jerusalem.

- The Persian King, Artaxerxes, issued a decree which authorized Nehemiah to travel to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls and gates of Jerusalem.
- This event began the incredible 70 Weeks of Prophecy found in Daniel 9:24-27 - the most remarkable prophecy fulfillment in the entire Bible. Note: 1 Week = 7 Years

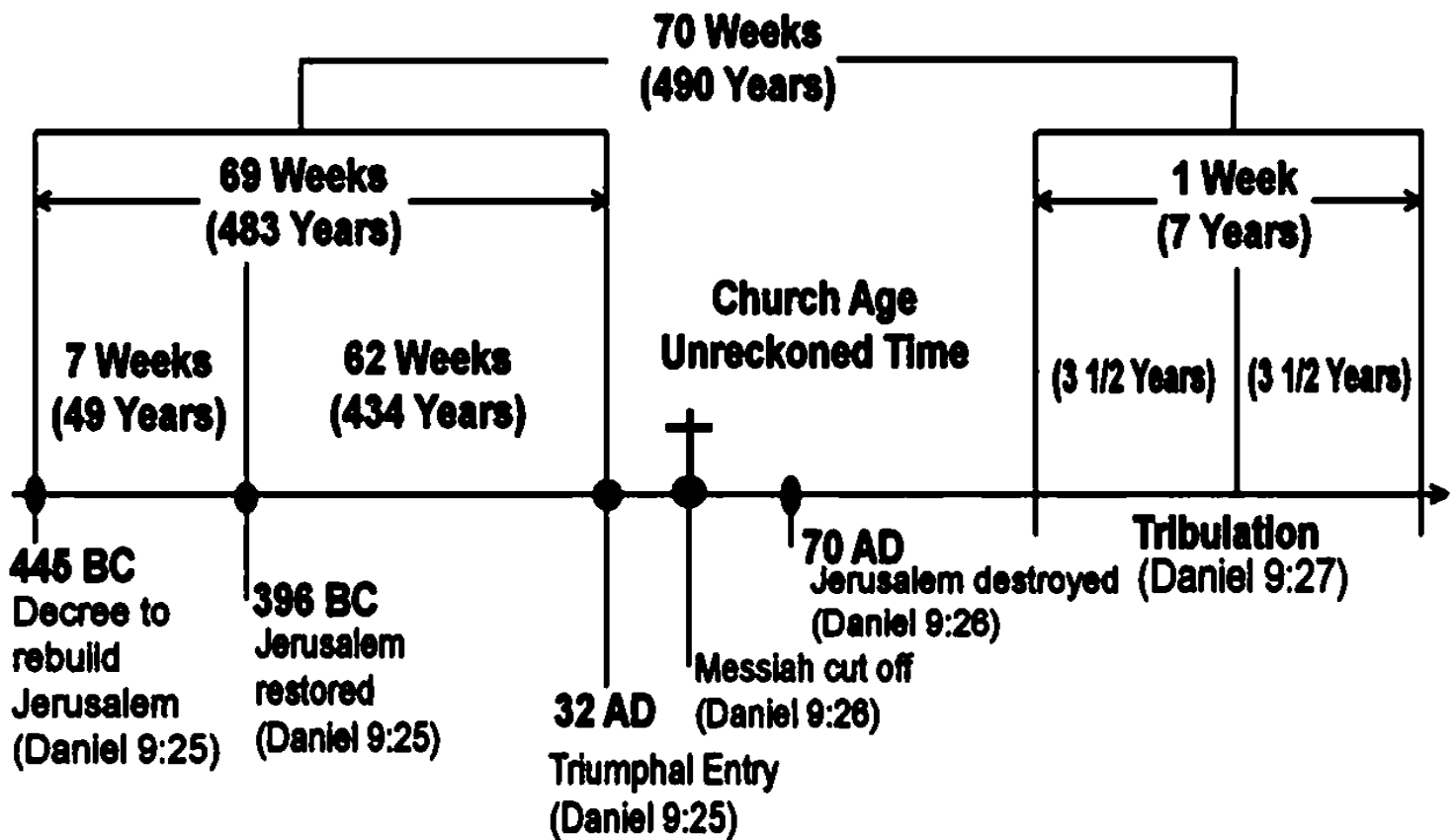
This prophecy began to mathematically unfold on the First Day of Nisan, (March 14) 445 B.C. [Cleansing; New Beginning]

- According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, Artaxerxes became king in July of 465 BC., and by Hebrew tradition when the day of the month is not specifically stated, it is given to be the first day of the month.
- So, the day of the decree by Artaxerxes was the first day of the Hebrew month, Nisan 445 BC.
- The first day of Nisan in 445 BC corresponds to the 14th day of March in 445 BC.
- Sir Robert Anderson of the British Royal Observatory confirmed these astronomical calculations. So, if the Messiah was predicted to come 69 weeks after the command to rebuild Jerusalem, that would mean we could count 173,880 days forward from the 14th day of March, 445 BC.
- This would bring us to April 6th, 32 AD. Verified by the British Royal Observatory
- How could Daniel, writing in 537 B.C., have known this in advance? How could anyone have contrived to have this prediction documented over five centuries in advance?
- There is another way to check the accuracy of this date. In Luke 3, it states that in the 15th year of the reign of Caesar Tiberius, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and began his ministry. It is well established that the reign of Caesar Tiberius

(The Encyclopedia Britannica, 1990. Micropedia) began with his coronation on August 19th in the year A.D. 14.

- Virtually all scholars believe Jesus was baptized in the fall. It therefore follows that the ministry of Jesus started with his baptism in the Fall of A.D. 28, the 15th year of reign of Caesar Tiberius [The day a Roman ruler ascends the throne begins his first year]. [Some scholars disagree with this date: Caesar Tiberius was also a co-regent 2 years earlier. SO if you count those 2 years, it changes the date!]
- The ministry of Jesus spanned four Passovers or about three and one half years.
- The first Passover of Jesus' ministry would have been in the Spring of A.D. 29.
- The fourth Passover of His ministry was the day of His crucifixion and would have fallen in the year A.D. 32. The Passover in that year fell on April 10th (The Passover holiday always occurs on the 14th day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar. This corresponds to the first full moon after the Spring equinox.).
- Remarkably, according to Robert Anderson and the British Royal Observatory, the Sunday before that Passover was April 6th-The very day that Jesus presents himself as King and exactly 173,880 days after the decree of Artaxerxes!!

# THE OLD TESTAMENT'S MOST AMAZING PROPHECY



## 6. Cleansing of The Millennial Temple

Ezek. 45:18 Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary:

### The 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Nisan - March 26, 2018

Sanctification, setting apart, is the theme associated with the tenth day of Nisan.

This was the day heralding the setting-apart of the Passover Lamb for a holy purpose.

#### 1. *The Sanctification, Setting Apart, of the Passover Lamb During the Exodus From Egypt*

The 1<sup>st</sup> act of rebellion against the bondage of Egypt: The Israelites followed God's command to choose and set aside their unblemished lamb. Four days before the great night in which Israel's Passover occurred, Moses instructed the people: Ex. 12:3-6 "In the tenth day of this month, they shall take to them every man a lamb ...a lamb for an house ... your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year ... And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening."

#### 2. *Israel Crossed Over The Jordan River To Enter The Promised Land*

[Agreed to set themselves apart for God's use; obedience]

40 years after God parted the Red Sea, God parted the Jordan River waters to allow the people to cross over to begin claiming their Promised Land.

Joshua 4:19 And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month.

[Crossing the Jordan is a picture of dying to self; death to our flesh]

After crossing the Jordan River, they set up the memorial stones and circumcised the men.

Preparation for Battle [Alan Redpath, Victorious Christian Living] "The rite of circumcision was an outward testimony to the fact that the land was to be possessed in the weakness of the flesh, through suffering, very often, of the body. It symbolized the weakness and almost death, as it were, of everything that man can be, in order that the possession of the land should be given to them unmistakably in the sovereign grace of God."

When God gave Moses regulations for celebrating the Passover, He reconfirmed that no uncircumcised male could participate.

Joshua 5:4-5 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised.

Note: Physical Circumcision was REQUIRED to partake of Passover.

- Circumcision FOLLOWED crossing the Jordan = death to the flesh

Note: Spiritual Circumcision is necessary to partake of the Lord's Supper.

- Spiritual Circumcision FOLLOWS my submission to the Holy Spirit to cut away from me ALL that is not like Jesus Christ. Death to my Flesh!

### 3. Jesus Christ Our Passover Lamb Presented As Messiah in 32 A.D.

Theme of Nisan 10: Setting aside Himself for God The Father's Use

April 6, 32 A.D. is the end of the 173,880 days of prophecy that began on the First Day of Nisan [March 14] 445 B.C.! When the people enthusiastically cast their coats and palm branches under the feet of the donkey on which Jesus was riding, and when they proclaimed, "Hosanna", they were acknowledging Him as the long-awaited Jewish Messiah. [Matt. 21:9-15; Mark 11:9-10] John 12:12-13 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup> Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. Angry Pharisees met immediately to finalize the plot to kill Him, an event which happened on Passover, on the night of the Feast, 14th Day of Nisan.

### 4. Prophet Ezekiel's Vision of the Millennial Temple

Theme of Nisan 10: Sanctification, setting apart, for God's holy use.

After God revealed the prophecy of the terrible invasion of the forces of Gog and Magog in Ezekiel 38-39, He gave the old prophet a vision of the glorious Millennial Temple.

Ezekiel 40:1-4: In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

<sup>2</sup> In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south.

And he brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

<sup>4</sup> And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew them unto thee art thou brought hither: Declare All That Thou Seest To The House Of Israel.

This glorious temple to be established in the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ would be Christ's dwelling place for 1000 years; a visible sign of God's presence and glory among His people.

Ezekiel was to declare the vision to the Jews in captivity to encourage them and to give them hope about their restoration and reconciliation along with their glorious future.

God will ultimately regather them, cleanse them and bless them. All the promises to Abraham and the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant will transpire during the Millennial Kingdom.

Further evidence of the unconditional love of our gracious God.

Vision was given on Nisan 10: Setting apart for God's holy use.