

The Prophecy That Blew My Mind

We all have doubts from time to time concerning our faith in God. Whenever I find myself in that state, I remember this prophecy, and I take comfort knowing that God is real, he is sovereign, and he loves even me.

Are you ready to be amazed? Ok...check this out. It all started with a weird thing that God told Ezekiel... (The full text of the verses has been left out for brevity's sake. Look them up!)

Ezekiel 4:4-6 390 days for Israel, 40 days for Judah (each day = a year) This is sometimes called the "Servitude of the nations"- the time that Israel and Judah were to be punished. So 430 years...

70 years=**II Chronicles 36:21** "until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths to fulfill three score and ten years." (Israelites disobeyed command to give the land a year of rest every seven years) For 490 years they disobeyed the command so we divide 490 by 7 which equal another 70.
So $430 - 70 = 360$ years that Israel owed.

For centuries, this baffled Bible scholars. Where were the remaining 360 years? Then one day in the 1980s, somebody discovered the answer in Leviticus.

Leviticus 26:21-23+27 Multiplies 7 times

So...

$360 \text{ years} \times 7 = 2520 \text{ years}$

After 70 years Israel STILL did not repent, so they received the "7 times curse"

Since a year was 360 days on the Jewish calendar, it is appropriate for us to assume 2520 years of 360 days per year (rather than 365.25)

Hence, 907,200 days

We KNOW that the last day of the 70 year captivity was July 23rd 536 B.C. (by Cyrus decree) This day is when the 907,200 days of punishment begin. Israel is released from captivity, but is no longer a nation. What happens at the end of this punishment? First let's do the math and see how many years this whole punishment is going to take. I recommend getting out your calculator and double checking my work. If you hate math like I do, this seems insanely boring, but the end result is BEYOND AMAZING, so please bear with me here...

From July 23rd there are 160 days left in 536 B.C.

$907,200 - 160 = 907,040$ days left...

$907,040 \text{ divided by } 365.25^* = 2483.3401$ (throw out decimals)

$-535 + 2483 = 1948$ (**2483 years (from 535) brings us to 1948 A.D.**)

Now we can double check this math by figuring the total number of days between Jan 1, 535 B.C. and Jan. 1, 1948 (906915 days)

From Jan 1, 535 B.C. to Jan 1, 1948 = 2483 years or 906295 days + 620 leap days = 906915 days

$907,040$ (the remaining days from Jan. 1 535 B.C.) - $906,915$ (the total number of days that bring us to Jan. 1, 1948) = 125 days

Now we have to count the remaining days to find out the date in 1948 when Israel's punishment will cease...

1948 Jan.1 +125days= 31 (Jan)+29 (Feb)+31(Mar)+30(April)=121

Now there are 4 days left...so the date we have come to is...

May 4th, 1948

We know that Israel became a nation again on May 14th

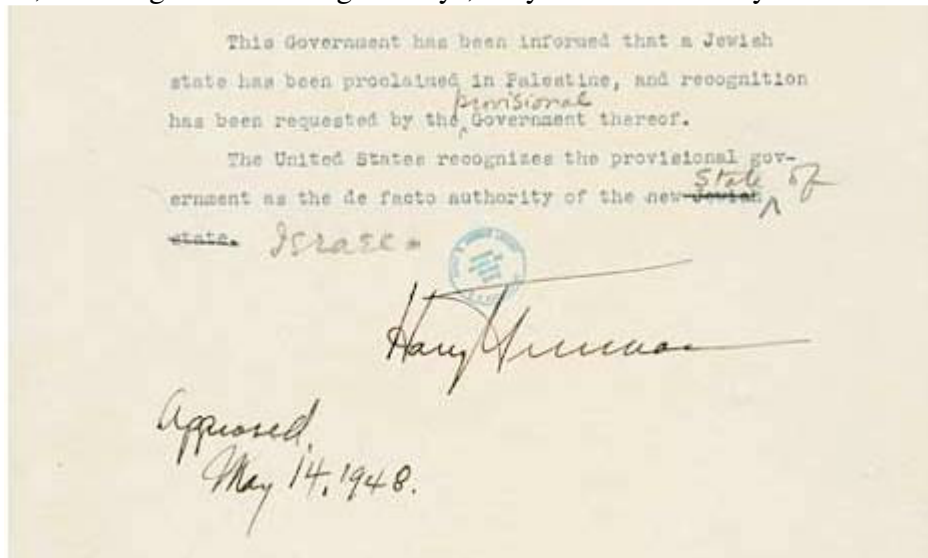
Drat! ☹ I'm 10 days off!

I couldn't figure out where I went wrong in my math. I did it over and over again and always got the same result. Then my friend Zach Brewer found the answer. The answer is found in the history of the Gregorian calendar. On a website which converts our calendar to the Hebrew calendar (www.hebcal.com/converter), the following warning may be seen:

“WARNING: Results for year 1752 C.E. and before may not be accurate. Hebcal does not take into account a correction of **ten days** that was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII known as the Gregorian Reformation.”

If you look up “Gregorian Calendar” on Wikipedia, you will see a more in depth explanation (provided somebody hasn't edited it into something dumb about bunnies).

So, factoring in the missing ten days, May 4th becomes May 14th...cue the dramatic music.



The photo above is a cropped copy of U.S. president Harry Truman's Press Release, recognizing Israel as a nation. It may be hard to read, but it is an undeniable fact of history that Israel became a nation after 2843 years to the day ordained by God and recorded (in part) back when Egypt was still a major world power.

Is this prophecy a grand coincidence? Or is there something to this book? You decide!