

**The Time of Job's Trouble:
A Type of Remnant Israel in Great Tribulation**

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Jesus¹ informs us that the last three and half years of Daniel's 70th week, a seven (7) year period, will be known as a time of "great tribulation" for the Jews.² Daniel's 70th week is comprised of two divisions of three and a half years or 42 months each. The second half commences in Daniel 9:27b, 11:31; Matthew 24:15, Daniel 12:6-7 and Revelation 12:6.

Job's name means "One Persecuted". The Book of Job has 42 chapters, coincidentally matching the 42 months of Great Tribulation.³ Job is a "type" of faithful believing remnant Israel⁴ during Daniel's 70th week. They will keep the commandments of God and have the faith and testimony of Jesus.⁵ They will not have worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither will they have received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands.⁶ Job, like Daniel's three friends in Nebuchadnezzar's furnace stoked seven times hot, they will have remained faithful to God's promises during his tribulation.⁷ They will have endured to the end.⁸

God will cause Israel to pass under the rod and bring a Jewish group, whom Isaiah calls "remnant"⁹ Israel, into the "bond of the covenant".¹⁰ This covenant is the same bond of covenant which the Lord confirmed three times to the fathers of Israel: to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.¹¹ This is the "confirmed covenant" of Daniel 9:27a. It is the covenant which had been suspended with the rejection and execution of Israel's Messiah.¹² It is the covenant which Paul says was not annulled¹³ by the Law of Moses which Christ fulfilled¹⁴ in totality and perfection. The law being fulfilled by God in Christ did not annul God's promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These promises were deferred and will yet be subject reinstatement following the fullness of the Gentiles.¹⁵ The remnant Jew, as obedient Jacob, will be God's inheritance.¹⁶ The blessing to the Gentiles, which followed the Jewish nation's rejection of their Messiah, is presently a spiritual

¹ All Bible citations are based on the King James Bible, Authorized Version

² Matthew 24:15-21; Revelation 11:2, 12:6,13:5

³ Ibid

⁴ Isaiah 10:20-22

⁵ Revelation 12:17, 14:12, 20:4-5

⁶ Revelation 20:4

⁷ Daniel 3:25; Isaiah 48:10

⁸ Matthew 10:22, 24:13

⁹ Isaiah 10:21; Note: Isaiah named his eldest son "Shear-jashub" which means a "remnant shall return". Isaiah 7:3

¹⁰ Ezekiel 20:37

¹¹ Genesis 22:16; 1 Chronicles 15:15-18; Psalm 105:8-11

¹² Daniel 9:26a

¹³ Galatians 3:14-15

¹⁴ Matthew 5:17

¹⁵ Romans 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:17

¹⁶ Deuteronomy 32:9

blessing which figuratively flows from Isaac, the child of promise, through Christ to all who would receive Him during this Age of Pentecost. There is yet a coming opportunity for the seed of Jacob following the mystery of the resurrection/rapture.¹⁷

Romans 11 is the seminal chapter on the coming Jewish national salvation during the Time of Jacob's Trouble. There is a blessing coming to the remnant of true Israel¹⁸. These will be the “seed of Jacob” that turn from the transgression.¹⁹ They will be “remnant Israel” as proclaimed by the apostle Paul and the prophet Isaiah.²⁰ This future believing and obedient remnant shall be saved.²¹ This salvation will occur during the season of the Second Advent of Messiah.²² This faithfulness, deliverance, and salvation was pre-figured in Job.

The Lord “turned the captivity” of Job in Chapter 42 at the end of his time of his trouble. Israel will go into captivity during Daniel's 70th week.²³ The first occurrence of this phrase in the Bible “turned the captivity” appears in Job 42:10. A survey of the forty-two chapters reveals that Job was never taken captive by anyone. This is a curious phrase which demands further study and meditation.

This “turned the captivity” phrase is used numerous times in the Bible. This phrase refers to the “restoration of Israel” at the Second Coming.²⁴ The use of this phrase “turned the captivity” of Job provides proof that God has linked the time of Job’s trouble to the time of Jacob’s trouble, a time which precedes the Second Coming of Christ.²⁵

At the end of Job’s troubles, God gave him a double portion of what Satan had been permitted to take away.²⁶ Isaiah tells us that the Jew, the righteous seed of Jacob, will also be given double portion²⁷ following their restoration into the Millennial Kingdom, just as we see in Job, as a type of restored and saved remnant of Israel.

Job had ten children which died during his persecution by Satan.²⁸ He had seven sons and three daughters restored to him at the end of his trouble.²⁹ This is the same number that had died during his trouble.³⁰ It is very plausible that these sons and daughters were resurrected. In

¹⁷ 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:17

¹⁸ Romans 9:6

¹⁹ Isaiah 59:20

²⁰ Romans 9:27; Isaiah 10:21-23; Micah 7:18-20; Zechariah 13:8-9; Jeremiah 33:24-26; Ezekiel 14:21-22; Psalm 37:39-40

²¹ Romans 11:26-28

²² Revelation 20:4-5

²³ Deuteronomy 30:3; Psalm 53:6

²⁴ Deuteronomy 30:3; Psalm 14:7, 53:6, 85:11, 126:1,4; Jeremiah 29:14, 33:7,11, 26; Lamentations 2:14; Zephaniah 2:7, 3:20;

²⁵ Jeremiah 30:7

²⁶ Job 42:10

²⁷ Isaiah 61:7

²⁸ Job 1:2

²⁹ Job 42:13

³⁰ Job 1:18-19

the Book of Revelation, we have a group of Jews which will be resurrected. Job's restored children may represent the restored and resurrected faithful Jewish remnant at the Second Advent. These will be the seed of Jacob which will have been beheaded for their witness of Jesus, and for the word of God which will not have worshipped the beast, neither his image, nor will have received his mark.³¹ This resurrection will be the “third order” of the first resurrection, the resurrection of righteousness in Christ.³² This proposition is certainly a “type” of possibility as we make the case for Job and the restoration of remnant Israel.

We have another clue to consider as we postulate that Job is a type of Israel. How old was Job when his troubles began? The Scriptures do not directly give us Job's age. Scripture does give us a mathematical word puzzle with clues to his age. Job was seventy (70) years of age. We know this because God added 140 years to Job's life as a double portion.³³ If Job were 70 years old, then 140 years would be a double portion.

This year, 2020, God may deem Israel 70 years of age based on a count commencing in 1950. Why is the Year 1950 important? This year may represent the culmination of the Fig Tree Parable³⁴. The Fig Tree, as a metaphor for the apostate nation of Israel, had been cut down in 70 A.D.³⁵

On May 14, 1948, following the November 29, 1947 United Nations vote to partition a portion of the land of Palestine (Judea) into a Jewish homeland, Israel formally made its national Declaration of Independence. Immediately following this Declaration, five Arab nations attacked Israel. This war became Israel's War for the possession of the Promised Land, not unlike Joshua's first war of possession.³⁶ I believe Joshua's conquest of Canaan provides a basis for the proposition that in 1948-1949 Israel must have asserted national sovereignty by war over the Promised Land, just as He had required in Joshua's day. God gave Israel a portion of the title deed to the land promised to Abraham, but the transfer of ownership required a war of possession. The first Arab-Israeli War staked Israel's international claim of sovereignty over the Promised Land in 1949. Ending in July 1949, Israel had defeated all five Arab nations, against all odds.

Then, on July 5, 1950, the Knesset, Israel's parliament, formally instituted the Law of Return. This law authorized the scattered Jewish Diaspora remnant to return to Israel and become citizens of the new and restored Jewish State.

³¹ Revelation 20:4-5

³² 1 Corinthians 15:24; Revelation 20:6 Note: There are three orders to the first resurrection, Christ the first fruits, the Christ's own at His appearance, and then comes the end at Revelation 20:4. See 1 Corinthians 15:20-28. It is likely that these three orders will follow the pattern of Israel's three pilgrimage feasts: Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, and Tabernacles. See Exodus 34:22-23

³³ Job 42:10, 16

³⁴ Job 14:7; Matthew 24:32; Luke 13:6, 21:29; Mark 13:28

³⁵ Luke 13:6-9

³⁶ Joshua 1-12

Together, these three events, occurring in consecutive years, may collectively constitute the "Nation Formation Event" which God may, in His great and perfect wisdom, deem established for the purpose of commencing a countdown to the Time of Jacob's Trouble or Daniel's 70th week. If this proposition is correct, then the countdown would have begun in 1950. Therefore, the Fig Tree parables, looking at the three formation events as a group, may represent, the "sprouting forth of the cut down fig tree" described in Job 14:7. Additionally, they certainly begin to put leaves on these parables as Israel exercised its sovereignty and began to grow nationally in Jesus' metaphor by "putting forth leaves".³⁷ Adding further depth to this parable, Luke places the "fig tree" nation in the context of "all the trees". In 1945, the League of Nations was transformed into the United Nations. In Luke's parable, he asks us to observe "the fig tree and all the trees".

Now, there is an obscure astronomical event which occurred in the years 1949 and 1950. These two events had puzzled me. It was my eschatological view that the Year 1948, the national declaration of independence would be the single event which might trigger the countdown to Daniel's 70th week. Nothing happened in 2018, or 2019 for that matter. Now, in 2020, coming to the view that 1950-2020 might be the 70 year period, the tetrad of blood moons occurring on Passover and Tabernacles in the years 1949 and 1950 look like the appropriate warning to Israel that the countdown to Daniel's 70th week had begun. I am taking God's words literally, when considering this position. He beckoned us to consider that the "lights in the firmament of the heaven, dividing the day from the night" are for signs and for seasons.³⁸ God gave Israel his metaphors, the Lord's seven festivals, as types for the redemption of Israel and mankind as determined by the Lord's seasons.³⁹

What might these 70 years mean to us, Christ's possessions? It may well mean that the Church Age, the Age of Grace will terminate this Spring 2020 on the Feast of Pentecost, on a day and hour known only our Lord.

The 70-year duration of the national establishment of Israel is the perfect time for temple⁴⁰ construction and Daniel's 70th week. Israel's future salvation will be as "life from the dead".⁴¹ Israel's salvation will represent divine forgiveness on the order of "seventy times seven"⁴², a reference to Daniel's 70-Weeks prophecy when deliverance and salvation will come to remnant Israel.⁴³

³⁷ Matthew 24:32; Luke 21:29

³⁸ Genesis 1:14

³⁹ Leviticus 23

⁴⁰ The word "the temple" has a Hebrew gematria value of 70. See Zechariah 1:12-16 where the temple is built following a 70-year period.

⁴¹ Romans 11:15; Isaiah 66:9

⁴² Matthew 18:21-22; 1 Kings 8:61

⁴³ Romans 9:27,11:26; Joel 2:32

The "day of trouble" approaches.⁴⁴ Some will trust in chariots, and some in horses: but [remnant Israel] will remember the LORD our God.⁴⁵

Can we reasonably postulate that a 70-year old Israel is mature for God's judgment? Will God commence the times of Daniel 9:27? Is this 70-year period a sign for Israel? The Jew requires a sign.⁴⁶ Will the Rock of Israel⁴⁷, the Jew's stumbling stone, their rock of offense⁴⁸, Zion's foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone⁴⁹, the rock of Meribah⁵⁰, finally become their Rock of Salvation⁵¹? Israel's national declaration of independence document refers to the "Rock of Israel", but only in a sense of their redemption to the land, not their redemption in Christ Yeshua.

Is this 70 years the generational context of the "fig tree and all the trees" parable of Luke 21:29?⁵² We may say with certainty that Israel, as a nation, is the "fig tree".⁵³ Certainly, then we can say that the United Nations represents "all the trees". David served his generation 70 years.⁵⁴ The offspring of the Son of David, Lord Jesus, has set an appointment to return.⁵⁵

Surely, God is inviting our reliance on His patterns of prophecy as we search and study the Scriptures of truth. We model the prophets of ancient days searching what manner of time that Christ, our hope of glory, should appear.⁵⁶ He has given us a more sure word of prophecy.⁵⁷

Come quickly Lord Jesus.

⁴⁴ Psalm 20:1 Note: Psalm 20 which speaks to the Time of Jacob's Trouble is comprised of 70 Hebrew words.

⁴⁵ Psalm 20:7

⁴⁶ 1 Corinthians 1:22

⁴⁷ 2 Samuel 23:3

⁴⁸ 1 Peter 2:8

⁴⁹ Isaiah 28:16

⁵⁰ Exodus 17:6; Numbers 20:13

⁵¹ Psalm 62:2

⁵² Psalm 90:10

⁵³ Luke 13:6-9

⁵⁴ Acts 13:36; 2 Samuel 5:4; 1 Kings 2:11

⁵⁵ Revelation 22:16

⁵⁶ 1 Peter 1:11; Colossians 1:27

⁵⁷ 2 Peter 1:19; Ecclesiastes 1:18

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