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# BIBLE PROPHECY IMPLICATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE ISRAEL - PALESTINIAN ISSUE

Republican State Department veteran Elliott Abrams...wrote in the Weekly Standard that the Trump administration may be going for an **'outside-in' strategy rather than an 'inside-out' one**: 'Instead of using an Israeli-Palestinian deal to improve Israel's relations with the Arab states, use Israel's relations with the Arab states to advance an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal,' Abrams writes."

"'Middle East conflict' describes more than just Israeli-Palestinian dispute," Jonah Goldberg, February, 15, 2017

## 1. FIRST, SEE THE BIG PICTURE

#### Numbers 23:

- And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab hath brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel.
- 8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?
- 9 For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.
- Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!
- And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.
- And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

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Genesis 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

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#### ISRAEL IS THE KEY

#### Daniel 9:

- 24 Seventy weeks 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.
- 25 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, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.
- And after threescore and two weeks 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; and the end thereof
- Daniel is dealing with sabbatical years (70 sets of sevens [weeks])
   Ben Zion Wacholder in his article *The Calendar of Sabbatical Cycles During the Second Temple and the Early Rabbinic Period*, Hebrew Union College Annual 44 (1973): 153-196, establishes that 163/2 BC is a sabbatical year. Thus, we can go back and find that the seven year cycle started in 449 B.C.
   The Jewish method of counting is inclusive, meaning that the first "week" of Daniel's prophecy would have started in 449 B.C.
   The 69th 'week"is the time that Jesus was "cut off."
   There is no problem with the Messiah being cut off "after" 62 weeks because this too would embrace a Jewish idiom in which "after" means "after the beginning of." Recall that Jesus is said to have risen "after three days" (Matthew 27:63; Mark 8:31) and also "on" the third day (Matthew 20:19; Mark 9:31).

(Based on the calculations of Robert C Newman in The Evidence of Prophecy)

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shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make

it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

# 2. ISRAEL IS THE KEY TO END TIME PROPHECY

"Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you," Zephaniah 2:1-2.

#### Ezekiel 37:

- Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.
- Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:
- And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.
- 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.
- 8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

#### Isaiah 11:

- And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.
- And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.
- And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

## 3. THERE WILL BE A PEACE AGREEMENT

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate," Daniel 9:27.

### 4. ANTI-SEMITISM WILL INCREASE

"And when the dragon [Satan] saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman [Israel] which brought forth the man child [Jesus]," Revelation 12:13, [ ] added

# Psalm 110:

- 1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
- The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
- Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

## Zechariah 12:

- 8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.
- 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
- And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

# 5. THE TEMPLE WILL BE REBUILT

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate," Daniel 9:27.

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand **in the holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand)," Matthew 24:15.

The context of Matthew 24 is events in the Tribulation period (70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel). The "holy place" implies that there will be a Temple standing at this time.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; **so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God**," 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.