

AFTER 70 YEARS, 490 YEARS

A RESTORATION TO THE LAND AFTER 70 YEARS, 490 YEARS

“And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations [the southern kingdom, Judah, and the surrounding nations] shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

And it shall come to pass when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and make it perpetual desolations...

For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will harken unto you.

And ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive” (Jer. 25:11, 12; 29:10-14).

Because of the continual disobedience — “continuous” in many instances — of the Jewish people over centuries of time, God, true to His Word (Lev. 26:14ff; Deut. 28:15ff), eventually uprooted His people from their land and drove them out among the nations.

And God acted after this fashion for *ONE central purpose* — *to effect repentance on the part of His people*. Through persecution at the hands of the Gentile nations, *repentance, resulting in restoration, would ultimately be effected*.

The northern ten tribes were uprooted from their land first and carried away captive into Assyria, beginning about 722 B.C.; and the southern two tribes were subsequently uprooted from their land and carried away captive into Babylon, beginning about 605 B.C.

And with the Babylonians having previously conquered the Assyrian Empire (with both kingdoms bordering one another, lying east and northeast of Israel), the carrying away of the southern two tribes into Babylon essentially left all twelve tribes together, as captives estranged from their land, residing in the same part of the Gentile world.

The Seventy Years

Dating from the beginning of the Babylonian captivity, God promised that after seventy years had passed, *He would do two things*:

1) “Punish the king of Babylon” (brought to pass through the conquest of the kingdom by the Medes and Persians at the end of the seventy years [Jer. 25:11, 12; Dan. 5:1-31]).

2) “Visit you [the Jewish people in Babylon], and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place” (God, in accordance with His Word, restoring the Jewish people to their land [Jer. 29:10-14]).

That is to say, *after seventy years had elapsed* — but *ONLY AFTER, NOT BEFORE* — the kingdom of Babylon would be dealt with, and God would remember His numerous promises to His people pertaining to restoration (a healed people restored to a healed land).

This is what Daniel had read about and understood at this time in Dan. 9:1, 2. Daniel had read about and understood these things through *the writings of Jeremiah the prophet* (translate “books” [v. 2] as “writings” [ref. NIV]). And, as seen through his

actions at this time, Daniel evidently had also read about and understood from other writings (Moses and other Prophets) that *repentance on the part of the Jewish people must precede God visiting his people and restoring them to their land* (e.g., Lev. 26:40-42; II Chron. 6:24-27; 7:12-14).

Daniel, knowing that the seventy years had run their course (along with the Babylonian kingdom having fallen to the Medes and the Persians), set about to seek the Lord's face "by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes" (Dan. 9:3).

Daniel then began to confess his own sins and those of the people, detailed throughout the next sixteen verses (vv. 4-19).

Thus, *one thing which was necessary for the Jewish people to be restored to their land had occurred* (the end of the seventy years); and Daniel, as an individual, was bringing to pass *the only remaining thing necessary* (repentance, confessing his own sins and those of the Jewish people).

How far *repentance* of this nature extended beyond Daniel is unrevealed. Nonetheless, God opened the door at this time for a return of the Jewish people from Babylon back to the land covenanted to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And though only remnants returned, mainly at three different times — the first under Zerubbabel, then under Ezra, and another under Nehemiah — God, *true to His Word*, effected a restoration of His people after the seventy years had run their course.

Most of the Jewish people, over time, had seemingly settled down in the world and chosen to remain where they resided — in the Babylonian kingdom, now ruled by the Medes and the Persians.

The Four Hundred Ninety Years

Toward the end of Daniel's prayer and supplication, while he was still praying, the angel Gabriel interrupted him. Gabriel had been sent at the beginning of his prayer and supplication in order to reveal to Daniel a period of time subsequent to the seventy years — a longer period of time involving the Jewish people, having to do with the same thing as the seventy years (Dan. 9:20-23).

This latter period was seven times as long as the period which

had just elapsed — four hundred and ninety years rather than seventy years (Dan. 9:24-27); and it would only be at the *END* of this subsequent, longer period that *all of the Jewish people scattered throughout the Gentile nations would be brought to the place of repentance and restored to their land.*

And, according to the Prophets, as these four hundred and ninety years were brought to a close — *EXACTLY as at the close of the seventy years — there would be a latter worldwide kingdom of Babylon, with the Jewish people scattered throughout this kingdom.*

(Four hundred and eighty-three of the full four hundred and ninety years are now past, leading to the events surrounding Calvary at Christ's first coming. And at this time, God, so to speak, stopped the clock marking off time in the prophecy and set Israel aside for a dispensation, during which time the Spirit was sent into the world [already in the world, but now given a new commission] to call out a bride for God's Son.

And the Spirit's work in this respect, in the antitype of that seen in Gen. 24 [between the time of the death of Abraham's wife (Israel set aside; ch. 23) and Abraham again taking a wife (Israel restored; ch. 25)], would be performed among those forming *a new creation* brought into existence at this time, *the one new man* "in Christ."

Then, as seen in the type, at the end of the Spirit's work in the preceding respect, *God would remove this new man and resume His dealings with Israel, with time covering the remaining seven years being fulfilled.*

And it will be during and at the end of these last seven years that the Jewish people *will once again reside in and be restored back to their land from a Babylonian kingdom [in complete keeping with the types].*

For additional information on the preceding, refer to Ch. XII, "Daniel's Seventy Weeks," in the author's book, *The Time of the End*; also see the author's book, *Search for the Bride.*)

And, as previously seen, *EXACTLY the same promises and the same thing seen at the end of the seventy years in Jeremiah and Daniel will occur at the end of the four hundred and ninety years in Daniel.*

1) The king of Babylon in that day — the final king of Babylon, Antichrist — will be "punished" (Isa. 63:1ff; Joel 3:9ff; Rev. 19:11ff).

2) God, through His Son, will “visit” His people, perform His “good Word” toward them (fulfill His promises), causing a healed people to return to a healed land.

That is to say, *AFTER a full four hundred and ninety years have elapsed*—but *ONLY AFTER, NOT BEFORE*—the kingdom of Babylon will be dealt with, destroyed; and God will, *at that time*, remember His numerous promises to His people pertaining to restoration, both the people and the land.

“In *THAT* Day,” NOT the Present Day

(Refer to the author’s article, “In That Day,” to understand how the Prophets used this expression.)

As there was a return of a remnant of Jews from the Babylonian captivity in history, there has been a return of a remnant of Jews from a worldwide dispersion during modern times — occurring mainly since May 14, 1948, when Israel declared statehood. And though both were/have been *allowed* by God and numerous parallels exist, *they really are NOT the same type restoration at all.*

Israel, in history, *had completed* God’s required seventy years in Gentile captivity (Jer. 25:11, 12; 29:10-14). Israel, today, *has NOT completed* God’s required four hundred and ninety years in Gentile captivity. *Seven years yet remain* (Dan. 9:24-27).

Israel could *NOT* return in history *UNTIL* God’s required time in Gentile captivity had run its course; *NOR* can Israel do so today.

The restoration of a remnant in history *was under God’s direction, at His command*

The restoration of a remnant today *has been the result of a Zionist movement, under man’s direction and command.*

God simply will *NOT* allow the Jewish people to return from their present dispersion among the Gentiles, *under His direction and command, UNTIL THE FULL TIME covered by the four hundred and ninety years has run its course. To state otherwise would have God acting contrary to His revealed Word, an impossibility.*

A rather strange situation though exists in the world today. Most of the Bible students and Bible teachers studying about or giving

any thought to Israel's place in God's economy, both present and future, attempt to see and teach that *God is presently dealing with Israel relative to a restoration to the land, with many also seeing the land presently being healed* (through reclaimed land for agriculture, etc.), at a time *BEFORE the end of the four hundred and ninety years, BEFORE the Jewish people are brought to the place of repentance.*

But God's dealings with the Jewish people after this fashion *DIDN'T occur during the seventy years in Jeremiah*, and God's dealings with the Jewish people after this fashion *ARE NOT GOING TO, CAN-NOT, occur during the four hundred and ninety years in Daniel either.*

God's requirements both places can *ONLY be the SAME.*

Both could/can occur *ONLY following the FULL TIME in view* (seventy years, four hundred and ninety years), and both could/can occur *ONLY following repentance.*

Then, aside from the preceding, attempting to see and understand that which has been occurring in the Middle East and the world at large since May 14, 1948 as God restoring the Jewish people and their land in accordance with any or all of His numerous promises presents a *dispensational problem.*

God is *NOT*, He *CANNOT* be, dealing with Israel in this respect today. Israel has been set aside while God, through His Spirit, calls out a bride to reign as consort queen with His Son in the coming kingdom. God will turn back to and deal with Israel *ONLY AFTER the Spirit has completed His work in this respect, ONLY AFTER the present dispensation has run its course.*

(Note in the type-antitype structure of Gen. 23-25, Israel is seen being dealt with in ch. 23 [set aside] and in ch. 25 [restored]. *Between these two times* the Spirit performs a new work. *He searches for and procures a bride for God's Son from other than Israel [from the "one new man" (Eph. 2:15)], removing the bride from her country at the end of the search [ch. 24].*

And, *throughout this time*, Israel remains as seen in ch. 23 [set aside, dead]. The heavens remain *CLOSED* relative to God dealing with Israel throughout the complete period covered by ch. 24 [*cf.* Gen. 28:15-31:3, where the same thing is seen relative to Jacob].

And *EXACTLY the same thing* is seen in the type-antitype structure of Gen. 37-45, covering the same period as Gen. 23-25, seen in the life and times of Joseph and his brethren.

The type extends from events foreshadowing Calvary [ch. 37] to events foreshadowing Christ revealing Himself to His brethren at the time of His return, with the Messianic kingdom following [ch. 45]. And, exactly as the type in Gen. 23-25, or anywhere else in Scripture where the subject is dealt with, the Jewish people fade from view and *are NOT dealt with during the entire time covered by Gen. 24, the present dispensation.*

In the type in Gen. 37ff, Joseph's brethren are not seen *between two times*. They are *NOT* seen between the events foreshadowing Calvary and events foreshadowing Israel's continuing harlotry [chs. 37, 38] and events foreshadowing the coming Tribulation [the famine; 41:53ff; cf. 42:1ff]; and *between these two times* Joseph took a Gentile bride [41:45; exactly as previously seen in Gen. 23-25].

These two accounts show the way matters occurred in the types, and *they can ONLY occur in the antitype EXACTLY THE SAME WAY.*

And of course numerous other things as well are out of line with popular thought today, *both among Christians in the world and among Jews both in Israel and those still scattered among the nations.*

1) The house of Israel — a reference to *the people, Jerusalem with the Temple area, and the land* (all inseparably related) — *has been left desolate. And the one who will complete this desolation, bringing it to an apex, has yet to appear* (Dan. 9:26, 27).

He (Antichrist) will appear only when time covering the last seven years of Daniel's prophecy resumes, and he will bring *the desolation* in view to an apex toward the end of this time, during the closing days of Daniel's prophecy.

(For information on the preceding, refer to Chapters I, II, "Your House Left Desolate" [Parts I, II], in the author's book, *Middle East Peace — How? When?* Also see the author's book, *Never Again! or Yes, Again!*)

2) Healing for the Jewish people and their land will occur *ONLY AFTER* two days, on the third day. It will be *ONLY AFTER* two days, on the third day (*AFTER* 2,000 years, *IN* the third 1,000-year period), that all three of God's firstborn Sons — Christ, Israel, and the Church (following the adoption) — will be raised up to live in His sight.

That occurring in the Middle East today is occurring near the end of the second day, not on the third day where it *MUST* occur (refer to Chapter I, “On the Third Day, Seventh Day,” in the author’s book, *End of the Days*).

3) Israel, *the slayer* typified in Num. 35, can avail herself of the ransom *ONLY AFTER* a certain time (avail herself of the cleansing [atonement] seen in Num. 19, cleansing from contact with a dead body, the body of the nation’s Messiah).

The time for this cleansing is seen in a two-fold manner in Num. 19. This cleansing can occur *ONLY on the third or seventh day* (three days dating back to the crucifixion, or seven days dating back to man’s creation), and it can occur *ONLY following the death of the high priest* (which can only foreshadow Christ’s completion of His present priestly ministry in the sanctuary, preceding that time when He comes forth as the great King-Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

(Numbers 35 alone would destroy all of the false teaching concerning God presently restoring the Jewish people to their land, with many erroneously seeing the land progressively being healed as well. And it wouldn’t matter what form this teaching might take, for Israel’s future cleansing, seen in this chapter, occurs *not only following Israel’s national conversion but in connection with Israel’s restoration to a healed land as well* [Ezek. 36:24-32; 37:1ff].

Thus, to see the Jewish people being restored to the land today, *AFTER ANY FASHION* — even in their unbelief, to later be dealt with by God [as some see matters having occurred since May 14, 1948] — is *AN IMPOSSIBILITY* on the basis of this one chapter in Numbers alone. *Such would have God acting completely contrary to His revealed Word.*

According to any Scriptures dealing with the subject, *Israel’s restoration to their land occurs ONLY FOLLOWING Christ’s return, NEVER BEFORE His return.*

This, for example, is seen in *the type during Moses’ day, or in the order of the fulfillment of the seven festivals in Lev. 23.*

Israel’s national conversion [fulfilling the first Jewish festival, the Passover] *will occur while the Jewish people are still scattered among the nations; the cleansing, which many often confuse with*

the former, occurs subsequent to Israel's national conversion, in connection with the Jewish people being restored to their land [having to do with activities occurring on the second and sixth of the Jewish festivals — the festivals of Unleavened Bread and Atonement].

For information on a type-antitype structure of Num. 35, refer to Chapters VII, VIII, "Time of Israel's Restoration," in the author's book, *Middle East Peace — How, When?*)

4) The Jewish people cannot be restored *UNTIL* they have acquired *ALL the wealth possessed by the Gentiles*.

Jacob, in the type (Gen. 28:15-31:3), as the Jewish people today, tried to return to the land before he had acquired all of Laban's wealth (Gen. 30:25ff). But he couldn't. The heavens remained closed, and God did not speak to Jacob during the entire time of his exile, not until he had acquired *ALL* of Laban's wealth and not until it was *TIME* for him to return.

THEN... And ONLY THEN... (Gen. 31:1-3).

The Jewish people today have returned to the land through *MAN'S EFFORTS* in a Zionist movement, *DURING* their time of exile, *DURING* the time of Christ's high priestly ministry, *BEFORE* acquiring *ALL* of the Gentile's wealth, *BEFORE THE TIME* God speaks to them in this respect.

When God restores His people to the land, it will occur *DURING HIS TIME, NOT during their time*. And they will be restored *through Divine power, not man's power, NEVER to be uprooted again* (Amos 9:11-15).

The remnant presently in the land has been restored *BEFORE the time through other than Divine power*; and they, having been restored in this means, will, of necessity, be uprooted from their land once again (Matt. 24:15ff; Luke 21:20ff; Rev. 12:6, 14ff).

5) Israel's restoration can occur *ONLY following Christ's return at the end of the Tribulation*, which will be *AFTER the full four hundred and ninety years have run their course*.

6) The seven Jewish festivals in Lev. 23 form what could be called, "The Prophetic Calendar of Israel," and none of these festivals has been fulfilled insofar as Israel is concerned.

And they must be fulfilled in a sequential order, following Christ's return (e.g., the first festival is the Passover; Israel has slain the Lamb, but they have yet to apply the blood). Thus, the very first of the seven festivals remains unfulfilled.

(For information on the typology seen in Jacob's experiences in Gen. 28:15-31:3, refer to Chapter VIII, "Time of Israel's Restoration," in the author's book, *Never Again! or Yes, Again!*)

Or, for information on the seven Jewish festivals in Lev. 23, refer to Appendix III, "The Prophetic Calendar of Israel," in the same book.)

As previously stated, prevalent thought in Christian circles today relative to the restoration of the Jewish people to the land in the Abrahamic Covenant has to do with a false teaching concerning that which has been occurring in the land of Israel and the world at large since May 14, 1948.

To date, some 6,000,000 Jews have returned, and large parts of the land have been reclaimed for agricultural purposes.

Also as previously stated, most Christians involving themselves in the matter today — many referring to themselves as "Christian Zionists" — erroneously look upon that which has been occurring since the spring of 1948 as *God progressively restoring the Jewish people to their land, with many seeing a progressive restoration of this land as well, in accordance with either part or all (two different groups that look on the matter two different ways) of His numerous promises in the Old Testament to one day do so.*

In this respect, the whole of the matter is rather amazing — though not relative to the Jewish people returning to the land in the Abrahamic Covenant, for a remnant must be in the land when Antichrist appears on the scene (which, as we know today, will have resulted from Zionism). Rather, the amazing part has to do with the vast numbers of Christians who should know better, completely misunderstanding what is happening and, resultingly, making a mistake of this magnitude, one with far-reaching, negative ramifications.

It is amazing that ANY Christian with an open Bible would make this mistake — bringing events of "that day" back into *the present day and time* — though understandable because of the few

Christians today studying Scripture after the manner in which it has been written and structured (Heb. 1:1, 2).

But what can perhaps be seen as even more amazing than the preceding is the fact *that MOST of the Christians involving themselves in this facet of Biblical studies are making this mistake*, though again somewhat understandable for the reason previously given.

And this is not something minor in Biblical studies. Rather, *this is something MAJOR, VERY MAJOR!* This is something which can only have a *dire, negative impact upon a Christian's outlook and understanding of the present and future place which the Jewish people occupy in God's economy.*

Then, part and parcel with the preceding are the numerous pastors and Bible teachers caught up in this false ideology who are misleading the masses. It's not a pretty picture when one begins looking at what's presently happening in this respect in Christendom, but that's how matters exist nonetheless.

UNTIL "That Day..."

To provide a current, up-to-date example of what is really happening in the Middle East relative to Israel and the nations, showing how Scripture handles and reflects on the matter rather than how all too many of those who should know better are trying to handle the matter, note that which has been and continues to occur in that part of the world today.

The Middle East, for sometime, has been unraveling, so to speak; and that can be seen even more so with events of each passing day, with this unraveling, this coming apart, spilling over into and affecting Europe in a negative manner. And, as well, it is also affecting the world at large in the same negative manner.

Islamic militant, terrorist groups (Hamas, Al Qaeda, etc.) with their continuing reign of terror, now have existing cells scattered over a good part of the war-torn Middle East fostering persecution (often ending in death) and economic hardship.

Then there is a civil war in Syria dating back to the spring of 2011. And masses of people — mainly Moslems — have been trying to flee the Middle East by whatever means they can find.

Then there is the Iranian nuclear problem, with different opposing and often warring segments of the Moslem religion (mainly Sunnis and Shiites) thrown into the mix.

Then, foremost, there is *Israel, the only nation with a God (Ps. 72:18; 96:5), situated in the midst of all this turmoil.*

All is seemingly *quite uncertain* in one respect. Though, in another respect, *there is ONE THING that can be know for certain.*

One can know for certain that THE WHOLE OF THE MATTER is only going to get worse, FAR, FAR worse.

Why?

It is very simple and can be answered in two very concise, short, to-the-point statements:

1) *ISRAEL, the nation through which God views and deals with the entire matter (Deut. 32:10; Zech. 2:8)!*

2) *THE PROPHETS, those through whom God spoke in time past (Heb. 1:1)!*

ISRAEL'S very presence in the Middle East is THE CATALYST for, essentially, the WHOLE of what's occurring.

And, THE PROPHETS have spoken, with their words being FINAL!

The present existence of a Jewish nation in the Middle East (which is made up largely of humanists, atheists, and agnostics) — *BEFORE the FULL END of the four hundred and ninety years* — is nothing more or nothing less than *the Jewish people rising up and seeking to emancipate themselves from exile, apart from repentance or their Messiah, establishing a Jewish nation themselves, entirely through natural means, in the land covenanted to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

The Jewish people have sought to do this *BEFORE the time* by re-entering a desolated house, seeking to effect a healing of the Jewish people and their land themselves, through natural means.

Then, not only is the preceding true, but, by doing this, the Jewish people *have not only opened the door for but guaranteed that God's judgment, to ultimately bring about repentance, would be intensified seven-fold* (Matt. 12:43-45; cf. Lev. 26:18ff). And God uses *the Gentile nations* to bring about judgment of this nature upon His people.

In this respect, the turmoil existing among the nations in the

Middle East can be addressed in a very simple manner, made known millenniums ago by the Prophets.

It all has to do with God's plans and purposes for Israel and the nations. It has to do with bringing to pass that which it will ultimately take to bring Israel to the place of repentance, in order that through the Jewish people, all of the Gentile nations— even the very nations fostering anti-Semitism today, some to the extent of seeking Israel's very destruction — can not only be evangelized by but be blessed through Israel.

And God is going to allow matters to increasingly go to the extremes that it will ultimately take in order to bring this to pass.

God is going to allow the destruction of the present Israeli nation (following the Jewish people rebuilding their Temple on the Temple Mount), the death of a tenth of those in the land, the remainder driven back out among the nations, and then followed by an attempted annihilation of the Jewish people worldwide.

This is what lies in store for the 6,000,000 Jewish people presently in the land — *NOT at some far off time, in some distant day, BUT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE* — completely destroying any Messianic hope that any of the Jewish people will possess at that time (with a rebuilt Temple, with Temple worship occurring). And this will then be followed by that which will befall the remainder of the Jews worldwide (another seven to nine million).

Exactly as in Moses' day and continuing down through the centuries to the present time, relative to the matter at hand, exactly the same disobedient, "stiffnecked" people reside both in and out of the land today (cf. Ex. 32:9; 33:3; Deut. 9:6; Jer. 17:23).

It took the Assyrian and Babylonian invasions and captivities to get the people's attention in past time. And, after 2,600 years of Gentile dominance and persecution, dating back to the days of the Babylonian invasion and captivity, God is going to use something even more horrific.

God, in a final and lasting work, to once and for all get the Jewish people's attention, is going to *bring about conditions SO HORRIFIC that NO precedent exists at any past time throughout Man's 6,000-year history.*

The God of the Jews is *about to pull out all stops* to, at long last, bring His people to the place of repentance.

(For information on the preceding, refer to the different chapters in the author's book, *Never Again! or Yes, Again!*)

1) *The Biblical Picture*

The Biblical picture of that presently occurring in the Middle East can be seen in the opening verses of the Book of Jonah (though this account would have to do with Israel during the coming Tribulation, the same thing [but far from the full intensity] can be seen today, leading into the Tribulation).

An unrepentant Jonah, out of the Lord's will and seeking to distance himself from the presence of the Lord, booked passage on board a ship headed in the opposite direction from where the Lord had told him to go. And Jonah, in this condition, was asleep down in the hold of the ship when God caused the sea to become so tumultuous that the very ship itself, with all those on board the ship, was about to be destroyed (Jonah 1:1-5).

This storm arose for *ONE multifaceted reason and purpose alone.*

It arose because of JONAH. God's prophet was OUT OF PLACE, and the storm arose in order TO RECTIFY the situation (1:6-12).

Jonah *MUST* be dealt with and brought to the place of repentance, bringing Jonah to the place where he would then do as God had commanded. And bringing about repentance was something which could happen *ONLY ONE PLACE, not on the ship, but in THE SEA.* Jonah *MUST* be cast from the ship into *THE SEA.*

(“The sea” in Scripture is used as a metaphor for *the nations* [also, *the place of death*]; and “the ship” could only be seen as a reference to *the land of Israel*, for that is the only place on earth where one could reside and be seen as other than out among the nations, other than in the sea.)

The preceding is the type. Now note the antitype — *Israel in the land today and that which, according to the type, MUST occur.*

A disobedient and unrepentant nation, following in Jonah's footsteps, resides in the land — on the ship — today. And *exactly the same thing is occurring among the nations, particularly those nations surrounding Israel, as occurred with the sea during Jonah's day.*

The sea raged in the type, *because of JONAH*; and the sea is raging today in the antitype, *because of ISRAEL*. In the type, the sea raged to the extent that the ship was about to be destroyed; and the beginning of exactly the same thing, to be climaxed during the coming Tribulation, can be seen in the Middle East today.

And whether type or antitype, the reason for the tumultuous condition was/is the same — *a disobedient and unrepentant JONAH running from the presence of the Lord, and a disobedient and unrepentant JEWISH NATION following suit in the land today.*

2) *The Biblical Solution*

Do you want to know what's about to happen? The type will relate the complete story. *And if you think it's bad now, just wait!*

As previously seen, *it can ONLY BECOME WORSE with time, with no one being able to do anything about the matter* (Hosea 5:14). The type relates this, and the antitype *MUST* follow the type in exact detail.

Again, *THE WHOLE* of what is presently occurring and will yet occur in the Middle East has *ONLY ONE CATALYST*, and God is bringing all of this to pass in order to rectify an existing situation.

As long as a disobedient and unrepentant JONAH was on board the ship, out of the Lord's will, the sea raged. And the sea raged to the extent that the ship was about to be destroyed.

And matters can be *NO DIFFERENT* in the antitype.

As long as an unbelieving and unrepentant JEWISH NATION is in the land, TURMOIL CAN ONLY EXIST among the Gentile nations, particularly those nations surrounding Israel in the Middle East.

And this turmoil, as the raging sea during Jonah's day, can ultimately be no ordinary turmoil. It can ultimately only be the same type turmoil seen in the tumultuous sea during Jonah's day, described — *one about to destroy the ship and all those on the ship.*

Note Matt. 24:22, describing those coming days:

"And except those days should be shortened [days during the coming Tribulation just out ahead, the last seven years of the full four hundred and ninety years], there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake [for Israel's sake] those days shall be shortened."

God, exactly as in the type, is about to go to the extent that it will take in order to bring His plans and purposes for mankind to pass, *plans and purposes to be effected through Israel*.

In the type, bringing about His plans and purposes had to do with *a Jewish prophet*, ultimately bringing to pass *salvation and blessings for the Gentile city of Nineveh*.

And in the antitype, bringing about His plans and purposes has to do with *the nation of Israel*, which will ultimately bring to pass *salvation and blessings for the Gentile nations of the earth*.

(For additional information on the typology of Jonah, refer to the author's book, *O Sleeper! Arise, Call...!*)

Also, note something which some individuals would see as a problem with respect to all of this.

As Jonah in the type had to be removed from the ship and cast into the sea, Israel in the antitype has to be removed from the land and driven back out among the nations. God dealt with Jonah *only in the sea*, as He will deal with Israel *only out among the nations* [this is *the place* where He had previously driven Israel, to deal with the nation in this manner — *the "place" which He will also have "prepared" for Israel yet future, during the Tribulation* (Rev. 12:6, 14)].

The seeming problem would emanate from God having dealt with Israel in the land after this fashion numerous times in the Book of Judges, along with similar dealings at Christ's first coming.

But note a major difference between the nation both times in history and the nation today. The nation in the land both times in history found itself *under Gentile dominion and control*; the nation in the land today is *not under Gentile dominion and control*.

Thus, the nation presently in the land is left without recourse. *This nation either has to be brought under Gentile dominion and control or be uprooted and driven back out among the nations; and Scripture clearly states that the latter, not the former, will occur* [Matt. 24:15ff; Luke 21:20ff; Rev. 12:6, 14ff].

Then, out among the nations, God will deal with Israel [*the WHOLE house of Israel*, not with just those in the land today] exactly as He dealt with Jonah in the sea, with the ultimate results in the antitype occurring *EXACTLY as seen in the type* [Jonah 2:1ff; 3:1ff].)