

# Israel's Independence Day 2019

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MAY 9 is Independence Day in Israel, the holiday commemorating the founding of the Jewish State in 1948.

In addition to marking the end of Israel's 70th year, May 9 marks the end of the 49th year since a newspaper called the St. Petersburg Times published an article about the restoration of Jerusalem.

The 1969 article begins:

“JERUSALEM — One of the most dramatic restoration projects in the history of cities is forging ahead in the ancient walled city of Jerusalem. The reconstruction of the Jewish quarter of the Old city, lost to the Jews in the 1948 war after centuries of occupancy, is one of the high priority projects of the Israeli government.”

The restoration of Jerusalem is a prophetic milestone as Daniel's 70-weeks prophecy has Messiah the Prince appearing 49 years after “the going out of the word to restore and build” the Holy City (Dan. 9:25 ESV).

The link between Daniel's 49-year countdown and Israel's Independence Day in 2019 becomes even more interesting when we consider that the city and newspaper in which the article was published, St. Petersburg, Florida, inherit the name from the Russian St. Petersburg, the renowned capital named after the Bible's Apostle Peter.

Peter and Paul were considered leaders, or chief, among the Apostles. Both are associated with the bringing of the Gospel to the Gentiles, and both were martyred on June 27, 67 AD.

Paying homage to the two Apostles, the first building erected in Russia's St. Petersburg was the Peter and Paul Fortress.

With the above in view, it's interesting to ponder: Is it coincidence that the article posted in Christian prophecy circles as evidence of the start-time of Jerusalem's restoration was published in a newspaper bearing the name of the first Apostle to take the Gospel to the Gentiles? Perhaps.

However, the more one examines the details around the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, the more one realizes that He who numbers the hairs on our heads doesn't miss a thing.

#### NOTES:

1. Why Israel's 70th year is significant:

[http://www.theseasonofreturn.com/ISRAELS\\_70TH\\_YEAR\\_-\\_WHY\\_IT...](http://www.theseasonofreturn.com/ISRAELS_70TH_YEAR_-_WHY_IT...)

2. Israelis observe their Independence Day according to the Jewish calendar date. Modern-day Israel was born on the Jewish calendar day Iyyar 5, corresponding to May 9 in 2019.

3. St. Petersburg Times article: <http://biblocality.com/forums/showthread.php...>

4. St. Petersburg, Russia, was founded by Tsar Peter the Great in May, 1703. It became capital of the Russian Empire for more than two hundred years until after the Russian Revolution of 1917. St. Petersburg, Florida, became a city in June 1903.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_Saint\\_Petersburg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Saint_Petersburg)

5. Peter and Paul are not considered chief among the Apostles due to any official or God-ordained position of superiority but because in the Acts of the Apostles the labors of Peter and Paul are the most told.

<http://orthochristian.com/47547.html>

6. In Acts 10 the first Gentile believers were Cornelius and his family. When the word was preached to them by Simon Peter they believed the message.