

Israel Swears In New Government: Peace Plan Implementation begins This Summer

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FOLLOWING three inconclusive elections and 18 months of political paralysis, Israel's new government will be sworn in May 17.

Under the coalition deal, which has rivals Benjamin Netanyahu and Benny Gantz sharing the role of prime minister, the new government will be defined as an "emergency" body for six months, tasked primarily with combating the Coronavirus.

Additionally, the Netanyahu-Gantz deal specifies that the government can, as early as July 1, begin implementing parts of the Trump Administration's Middle East peace plan.

Phase one of implementation allows Israel to annex 30% of the West Bank. Per the plan, however, US recognition of the annexation will come at a cost: Israel's leaders must agree to support the remainder of the peace plan, which provides for the creation of a Palestinian state with a capital in parts of East Jerusalem.

While giving up real estate has become the standard model in Israel's quest for peace, the God of the Bible repeatedly warns against selling the land and entering into ill-fated treaties:

"The land must not be sold ... because the land is Mine and you reside in it as foreigners and strangers" (Lev. 25:23).

"They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14).

"While they are saying, 'Peace and security,' destruction will come on them suddenly" (1 Thess. 5:3).

With God's warnings in view, this summer's peace-plan implementation could not be timelier:

The Nation of Israel is 70-plus years old, the length of a typical human lifespan in Scripture: "Our days may come to 70 years, or 80, if our strength endures" (Ps. 90:10). Jesus says the generation who sees the "fig tree," Israel, come to life and "put forth leaves" will see all of the end-times prophecies fulfilled (Matt. 24:32-35).

Coincidentally, Israel's current leaders, Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Rivlin, are at present 70 and 80 years old, matching the upper and lower limit of the fig-tree generation timespan.

This summer also marks 49 years plus since the plan to rebuild Jerusalem was approved and formally announced the week of August 21, 1970. A declaration to rebuild Jerusalem followed by a 49-year count echoes a verse in Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy: "From the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of the Anointed One, a Prince [Messiah], there shall be seven weeks [49 years]" (Dan. 9:25).

Significantly, the same date, August 21, 2020, will mark exactly three years since the White House sent Jared Kushner to the Middle East to begin work on the Trump peace plan.

The number three signifies "completion" in Scripture.

But here's the interesting part: as Kushner was arriving in the Middle East to begin work on a plan that proposes a division of the Land of Israel, the shadow of a total solar eclipse—a phenomenon linked to the coming Day of the Lord in Scripture—was tracing a path diagonally across the United States, in effect "dividing" the nation.

That's not all.

The path of totality of the so-called "Great American Eclipse" crossed directly over seven US cities named "Salem," which is an alternate name for Jerusalem in the Bible (Ps. 76:2). Beginning on the West Coast, the eclipse's 70-mile wide shadow crossed over: Salem, Oregon; Salem, Idaho; Salem, Wyoming; Salem, Nebraska; Salem, Missouri; Salem, Kentucky; and, finally, Salem, South Carolina.

It gets more interesting.

Seven years after the 2017 eclipse, in 2024, a similar darkening of the sun will trace a path diagonally opposite the Great American Eclipse, thus forming a giant "X" from corner to corner of the US. The crossing-point of the "X" happens to be one of the "Salem," Salem, Kentucky, located in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, a fault line experts believe may one day generate a quake devastating enough to literally, physically, divide the United States.

Is it coincidence that eclipses separated by a span of seven years—one crossing over seven cities named for Jerusalem—are tracing an "X" across the nation responsible for a peace plan that divides God's land?

The more one appreciates the precision of Bible prophecy, the more one realizes there are no coincidences with God.

LINKS:

<https://news.yahoo.com/israel-set-swear-netanyahu-gantz-unity-government-085312161.html>

NOTES:

1. Headline: Netanyahu to Pompeo: "We'll Promote 'Peace and Security' Based on Understandings With Trump":

<https://www.haaretz.com/.premium-pompeo-to-discuss-iran-west-bank-annexation-during-brief-visit-to-israel-1.8840978>

2,000 year-old Bible prophecy: "While they are saying, 'Peace and security,' destruction will come on them suddenly" (1 Thess. 5:3).

2. In Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy, Messiah the ruler appears 49 years after the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Dan. 9:25 JPS Tanakh 1917). In August 1970, the New York Times published an article about the newly approved and announced plan to rebuild Jerusalem:

<https://www.nytimes.com/1970/08/22/archives/jerusalem-is-hewing-to-rebuilding-plans.html>

From the above article and other sources, one gathers that while the planning and clearing of rubble in preparation for the rebuilding of Jerusalem began soon after the Israeli takeover in 1967, the plan to rebuild the Holy City, composed by a team of architects, engineers, and administrators, was not approved and publicly communicated until the week of August 21, 1970.

3. Jared Kushner Heads to the Middle East:

<https://www.cnn.com/2017/08/22/politics/jared-kushner-middle-east-trip/index.html>

4. "The Seven Salems of the Great American Eclipse":

<http://blog.chrisify.com/2017/08/the-seven-salems-of-eclipse-coincidence.html>

5. According to the Talmud, solar eclipses are a sign of judgment for the Gentile world (Succah 29a). The United States is the world's only superpower and thus the de facto head of the Gentile nations.

6. The Great American Eclipse of 2017 ushered in the biblical month of Elul. According to Jewish tradition, the first day of Elul marks the beginning of a 40-day period of repentance leading up to the Day of Atonement. A related tradition of Elul is that each day of the month a trumpet is sounded to warn the people to turn back to God before judgment falls.

7. The path of totality of the Great American Eclipse was 70 miles wide. The number 70 has profound symbolic significance in Scripture, particularly related to the Nation of Israel and the Promised Land:

- Terah, the father of Abraham, was 70 years old when Abraham was born (Gen. 11:26).
- The Nation of Israel began with 70 Hebrews who migrated to Egypt (Ex. 1:1-5).
- Moses appointed 70 elders to be the governing body of Israel (Num. 11:16).

- The Jews were liberated from captivity in Babylon after 70 years (Jer. 29:10).
- God's plan of redemption for Israel and Jerusalem is comprised of 70 weeks (Dan. 9:24-27).

Additionally, events related to the restoration of the Land of Israel tend to occur at a 70-year interval:

- From the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BC to the completion of the Second Temple in 515-16 BC is 70 years.
- From the completion of the Second Temple in 515-16 BC to the completion of the wall around Jerusalem in 445 BC is 70 years.
- From the UN vote in favor of the establishment of the modern State of Israel in 1947 to the first recognition by a foreign power (US) that Jerusalem is its capital in 2017 is 70 years.
- From the first modern Jewish settlement in the Land of Israel (Petah Tikvah) in 1878 to the birth of Israel in 1948 is 70 years.
- From the first major step in reestablishing the State of Israel (First Zionist Congress) in 1897 to the final step (restoration of Jerusalem) in 1967 is 70 years.

8. God is sovereign over every detail: "The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD" (Prov. 16:33). "The very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Luke 12:7). "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care" (Matt. 10:29).