

Israel Votes September 2019

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As Israelis head to the polls for the second time in 2019, the unveiling of the Trump Administration's Middle East peace plan is expected soon.

The timing of Israel's vote has been a determining factor in the rollout of the so-called Deal of the Century.

Late in 2018, the White House signaled that in order to avoid interference with the regularly scheduled elections in November, the peace plan would be unveiled at the beginning of 2019.

But a shakeup in Israeli politics would change the calculus.

A dispute between government members over a bill on military service for ultra-Orthodox Jews, as well as impending corruption charges against incumbent Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu resulted in a call to dissolve the parliament and hold an early vote.

And so Israel's Election Day, normally a Tuesday in November, was moved up seven months to April. After Netanyahu won the April vote, the White House announced that the peace plan would be revealed after the Islamic month of Ramadan, ending June 3.

A peace-plan rollout in June, coinciding with the biblical Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, was an intriguing scenario for prophecy watchers. However, an event unprecedented in Israeli politics would, again, delay the unveiling of the Deal of the Century: the Prime Minister elect failed to put together a governing coalition, triggering a mandatory second election.

The second Israeli vote-casting was scheduled for September 17, corresponding to Elul 17 on the biblical calendar.

The Gregorian date corresponding to the biblical date (September 17 = Elul 17) is an uncommon occurrence, which, in view of the importance of numbers and dates in Scripture and prophecy, begs the question: is there some biblical significance to the number 17?

According to E.W. Bullinger's *Numbers in Scripture*, the number 17, as a combination of the two perfect numbers 7 and 10, denotes spiritual and ordinal perfection.

Ordinal perfection refers to the ideal position of a number or thing in a series, raising the ultimate question: Is it possible the many twists and turns that have resulted in Israel's election being held in

mid-September were part of a divine plan, the upshot of which will be the unveiling of the Deal of the Century at the perfect appointed time?

<https://www.jpost.com/.../Netanyahu-and-Gantz-in-tight-race-a...>

NOTES:

1. According to Israeli law, early elections can be called by a vote of the Knesset or by an edict of the President in the case of a political stalemate.
2. Under normal circumstances, Israel's Basic Law requires national elections for the Knesset to take place on a Tuesday in the biblical month of Cheshvan, corresponding to late September/early November, four years following the previous elections.
3. Bullinger on the number 17: <http://www.biblebelievers.org.au/number17.htm>
Please note that the study of numbers and their meanings in Scripture is not the same as pagan numerology.