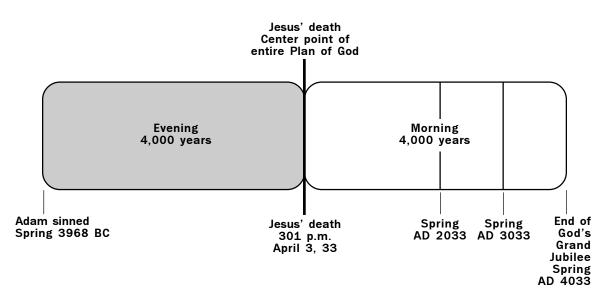
Israel – Evidence or Coincidence?

It's a good question. I remember when I was a small child, hearing someone say that "The Bible is like an old fiddle on which any tune can be played." As a child, I did not like that assumption: it left me dangling without an anchor. I had been taught that the Bible is the "Word of God" and that it tells a consistent story, and does not contradict itself. Only if we believe that it is the Word of God can we have any confidence in its story.

One of the basic concepts that the Bible teaches is that God had a definite plan when he ordered creation. I have been searching for an understanding of that plan since childhood. And through these many years, I have become confident in one principal truth – God indeed does have a plan, and it has been consistently manifesting itself through the pages of time and the records of history. His plan is a mathematical marvel, far beyond our ability to fully comprehend. Yet He has continually revealed it to us through his written word. And all events that have been prophesied have either been fulfilled already, or are being fulfilled, or are yet to be fulfilled in the future. Nothing slips through the cracks. And each item is fulfilled on a definite time schedule that is, in itself, an intricate mathematical marvel.

The death of Jesus, which is the central and pivotal point in that plan, happened precisely at the prophesied time, right to the minute. To help in seeing the simple beauty, yet the profound magnificence, of that plan, let me draw a simple graphic.



This is, of course, an over-simplification of a grand and awesome timeline, reaching from the day sin entered until the end of God's Grand Jubilee, when all that Adam lost through his disobedience will have been restored to all of Adam's posterity (including Adam). It becomes apparent that the date of

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Spring 2033 is two thousand years from the death of Jesus. It marks the beginning of Earth's Great Millennium, which has been so eloquently prophesied in the book of Revelation. The purpose of this Millennium is to restore mankind from the sinful condition back to the righteous condition in which Adam was created.

"When the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." (Isaiah 26:9)

The Bible calls the beginning of this Millennium a "sunrise" or the "dawning" of a new Day - the Millennial Day, which is one thousand years in duration.

On the above graphic, we have two principal periods of 4,000 years each, composed of "evening" and "morning." For purposes of this study, I want to focus on just one portion of that 8,000-year plan – the 2,000 years from the first advent of Jesus to his second advent. There are many indications in the scriptures that there would be 2,000 years between these two events, and I will not, at this time, side-track the reader to examine those prophetic suggestions. However, both ends of that 2,000-year period are extremely significant, and today I want to focus on the nation of Israel – their divorce from their marriage covenant in A.D. 33; and their re-marriage and entering into a new marriage covenant 2,000 years later, in the spring of 2033.

Just a few days before Jesus was nailed to the cross, he made the proclamation to Israel: "Your house is left unto you desolate." The term "desolate" was a term used for a divorced woman. Four days later, as Jesus hung on the cross and breathed his last breath, he said "It is finished." All that he had come for had been accomplished, and was now finished. One of the things for which he came was to offer Israel one last chance to repent, and to accept him as their Messiah, and to return to God as a faithful wife. Israel rejected that opportunity. By killing Jesus they finalized the divorce.

This final destruction of Israel was prophesied by Hosea. He saw it as a great Lion tearing up its prey.

"I will be like a lion to Ephraim, like a great lion to Judah. I will tear them to pieces and go away; I will carry them off, with no one to rescue them. Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me." (Hosea 5:14-15)

Then in the beginning of chapter 6 we find Israel repenting. It is a statement

that has notoriously been applied to the Christian church instead of to Israel. However, nothing is indicated here regarding the Christian church. It is the nation of Israel that had been torn as a lion tears its prey, and it is the nation of Israel that "returns" to the Lord in the very next verse.

"Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us, he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us; that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the Lord, let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." (Hosea 6:1-3)

The prophet Hosea gave us a time measurement. He said that Israel would be healed after two days and on the third day. He also said that it would be as a sunrise. These are two very important clues for us to ever keep in mind – after two days and on the third day; and it would be as a sunrise.

Two "days" (or 2,000 years) from Passover A.D. 33 will be Passover 2033. The next day begins the great "third" day. Am I suggesting that the healing of Israel will be on the day after Passover in 2033? Yes, that is exactly what I am saying! I am taking the prophet at his word, because he wrote what God told him to write.

But there is more evidence than just believing the prophet. There is evidence that someone greater than the prophet Hosea encoded a message for us within the text. It is absolutely amazing! Within the text we find the date 2033 hidden in the Gematria. How is it done? Let's look again at the above scripture, written by Hosea, dictated by God, and note its Gematria. I have underlined the portion of this scripture that adds to 2033.

"Come, let us return to the Lord. <u>He has torn us to pieces but he</u> will heal us, he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. <u>After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore</u> us; that we may live in his presence."

The underlined portion adds to 2033. The plain text says that Israel will be healed 2,000 years after she is torn by the Lion. Now we see that the hidden text is telling us the same thing: that Israel's restoration will be in the year 2033, 2,000 years after they were torn by the Lion. It is amazing.

Our Gregorian year of 2033 is, on the Hebrew calendar, the year 5793.

And would you believe – that Hebrew year 5793 is also in this very same text in Hosea, overlapping the contiguous words that gave us 2033. It is a double witness, reassuring us that it is not there by coincidence, but by Divine direction. God has chosen to reveal to us the year when Israel will be restored and re-married, by the binding agreement of a new marriage covenant. I repeat the text below, and underline the words that add to 5793.

"After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we my live <u>in his presence</u>. Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth. What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears."

This prophecy of Hosea is giving us the year on both the Gregorian and the Hebrew calendars. But Hosea also said it would be like a sunrise. And not just Hosea – many of the prophets suggest that the beginning of Earth's Great Millennium will be like a sunrise. While looking for some of these verses with which to fortify this simile, I came across one I had never noticed before. It is a prophetic Psalm, written by David, and included in the second book of Samuel.

Yes! The person who compiled the books of Samuel included a Psalm that David wrote, which did not find its way into the books of Psalms, yet it is a magnificent prophecy regarding a very important sunrise. It begins by saying "*These are the last words of David: the oracle of David son of Jesse.*" This identification "*David son of Jesse*" tells us who David pictured – who he represented. "*David son of Jesse*" has a Gematria value of 386. It is not coincidence that Jesus' Hebrew name "Yeshua" also has a Gematria value of 386. By this identification, we are being told that David represented Yeshua.

A footnote in my NIV Bible suggests that these were not the last words that David ever spoke, but rather it was the last prophetic psalm that David wrote. Here it is in its fulness. As you read it, please take note that it basically has two sections: 1) it is first identifying it as being written by David, and 2) that there will be a time when righteous government will rule, and it will be a time like a sunrise. Both of these sections reveal the number 5793, which is the Hebrew year corresponding to the Gregorian 2033. Yes, the Hebrew year 5793 dominates this prophetic psalm.

"These are the last words of David: The oracle of David son of Jesse,

the oracle of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, Israel's singer of songs. The spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: 'When one rules over men in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth.' Is not my house right with God? Has he not made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part? Will he not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire?"

Notice that there are two areas that are underlined. Each of these underlined parts has a Gematria value of 5793 – that is the Hebrew year for the Gregorian 2033, when the sunrise is due to begin. It is 2,000 years from the time when Israel was cast off and divorced – right on time. It is the time when God and Israel will be in an "*everlasting covenant*," that is, a new marriage covenant. It will be the time of sunrise – the dawning of Earth's Great Millennium. Using the same illustration, the Hebrew prophet Malachi used a play on words – a custom often found with the Hebrew language. Malachi said the "*Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in his wings*." He was really talking about the "*Son*" of Righteousness – the same "*righteous ruler*" that David spoke of, when he said he would be like the sunrise.

Hosea was the prophet that God used to speak to both Israel and Judah regarding their unfaithfulness and resulting divorce. But He also used Hosea to assure Israel that they would be taken back and re-united to God by a binding marriage covenant. In Hosea's 14th chapter God tells Hosea the outcome of all that has happened to Israel, and how they will be restored. And it is in this chapter that God also has encoded the year in which this will be accomplished – the year 5793. Again, the underlined portion adds to 5793.

"... for in you the fatherless find compassion. I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send down his roots; his young shoots will grow, his splendor will be like an olive tree, his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon. Men will again dwell in his shade." (Hosea 14:4-7)

The prophet Isaiah spoke eloquently of the day when God would re-marry Israel. Look at Isaiah 54:6-8 where God calls her back from her condition of

desolation, and gives her comfort and assurance.

"The Lord will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit – a wife who married young, only to be rejected, says your God. For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you, says the Lord your redeemer."

The underlined portion of this promise has a Gematria value of 5793, which is the year 2033.

Again Isaiah speaks of the restoration and re-marriage of Israel in chapter 61. I will quote verses 7-11 and underline the portion that adds to 5793.

"Instead of their shame my people will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace they will rejoice in their inheritance; and so they will inherit a double portion in their land and everlasting joy will be theirs In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant (new marriage covenant) with them I delight greatly in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations."

Yes, it is necessary that Israel first be taught, then they will believe, then they will be saved from their enemies, and then they will be established as the seat of government – Divine Government. The prophet Micah said "*The law will go forth from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*" The nation of Israel will be as ambassadors of peace and ambassadors of Divine Government to all the world. This begins at the dawning, the sunrise, of the New Day – Earth's Great Millennium. That sunrise will begin in the spring of 2033, exactly 2,000 years from the day when Israel rejected and killed their Messiah – it will be the Hebrew year 5793. The establishing of Israel as the seat of righteous government – Divine Government – bears the Gematria number of 5793 in a beautiful promise given to them through God to Isaiah. It is found in Isaiah 54:10-14.

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills removed (mountains and hills of man's governments), yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace <u>be removed;</u> says the Lord, who has compassion on you. O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your sons will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children's peace. In righteousness you will be established."

Yes, the establishment of Divine Government in Jerusalem will be at sunrise on the morning of Earth's Great Millennium, (5793) the beginning of the "third day" from the time when they had been torn by the "Lion". They will be re-married to God on the morning of the "third day" from their divorce.

"As for me, this is my covenant with them, says the Lord. My Spirit, who is on you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will not depart from your mouth, or from the mouths of your children, or from the mouths of their descendants from this time on and forever, says the Lord. Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." (Isaiah 59:21-60:1)

The underlined portion has a Gematria value of 5793. It will be the time of sunrise. The light of God's favor will be upon Israel.

