

The background of the slide is a photograph of the interior of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, taken at night. The arena is illuminated from below, highlighting the arches and the tiered seating areas. The top of the image shows the upper levels of the amphitheater, which are mostly empty and dark. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and historical.

The Epistle to the

# Romans

Israel: Future

Chapter 11 Cont'd

# Paul's Summary

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Romans 11:25

- When will the fulness of the Gentiles be gathered in?
- When will the last Gentile be saved?
- If we can determine that, we can know when Israel's blindness will be removed.

# Israel's Sight Restored?

<sup>15</sup> I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Hosea 5:15

- Israel's affliction will occur from the midpoint of the Tribulation onwards

# The Tribulation

Church Raptured

Second Coming



The Beginning of Sorrows  
3 1/2 Years

The Great Tribulation  
3 1/2 Years

The 7 Seals



6 Trumpets



(7th Trumpet)



7 Thunders



The Two Witnesses

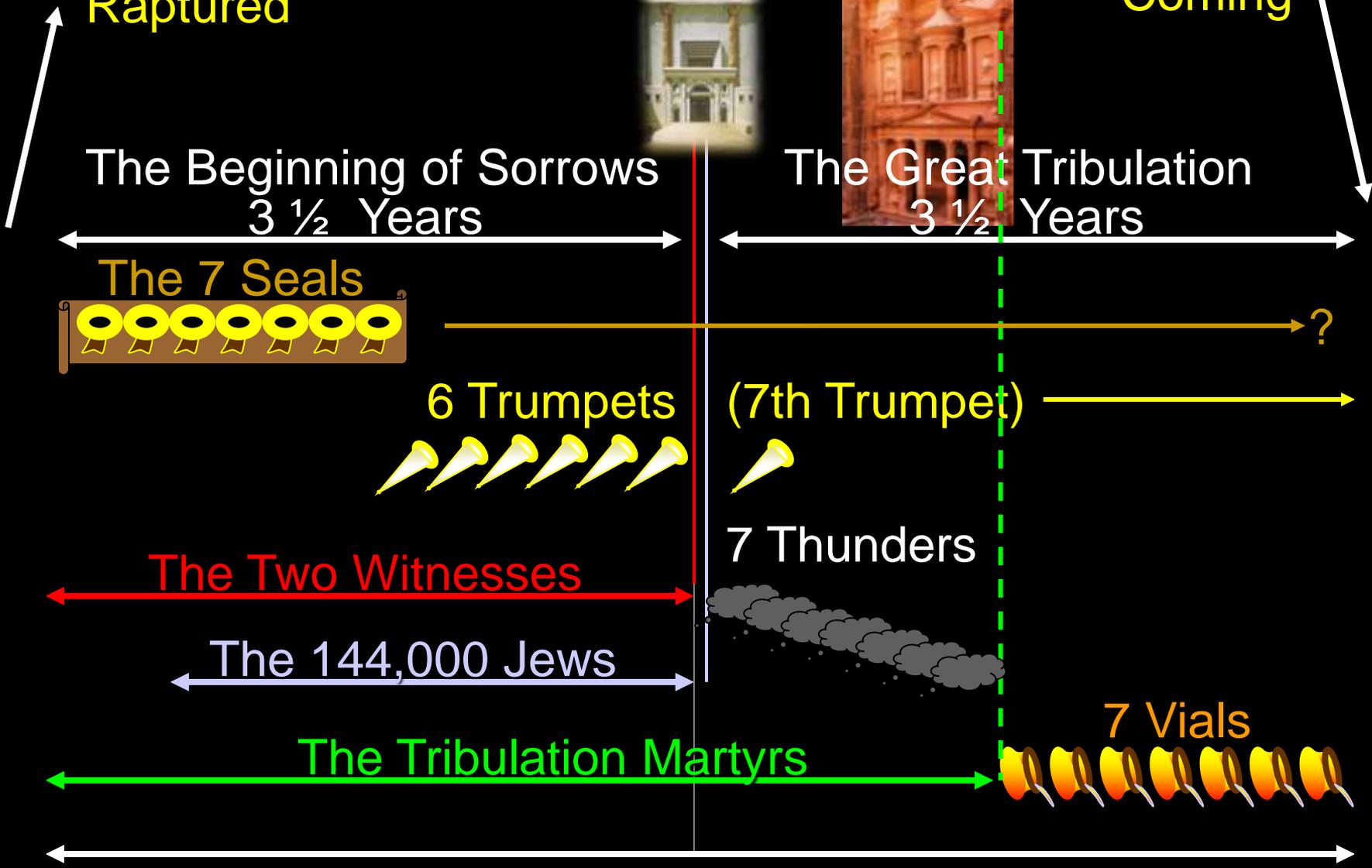
The 144,000 Jews

The Tribulation Martyrs

7 Vials



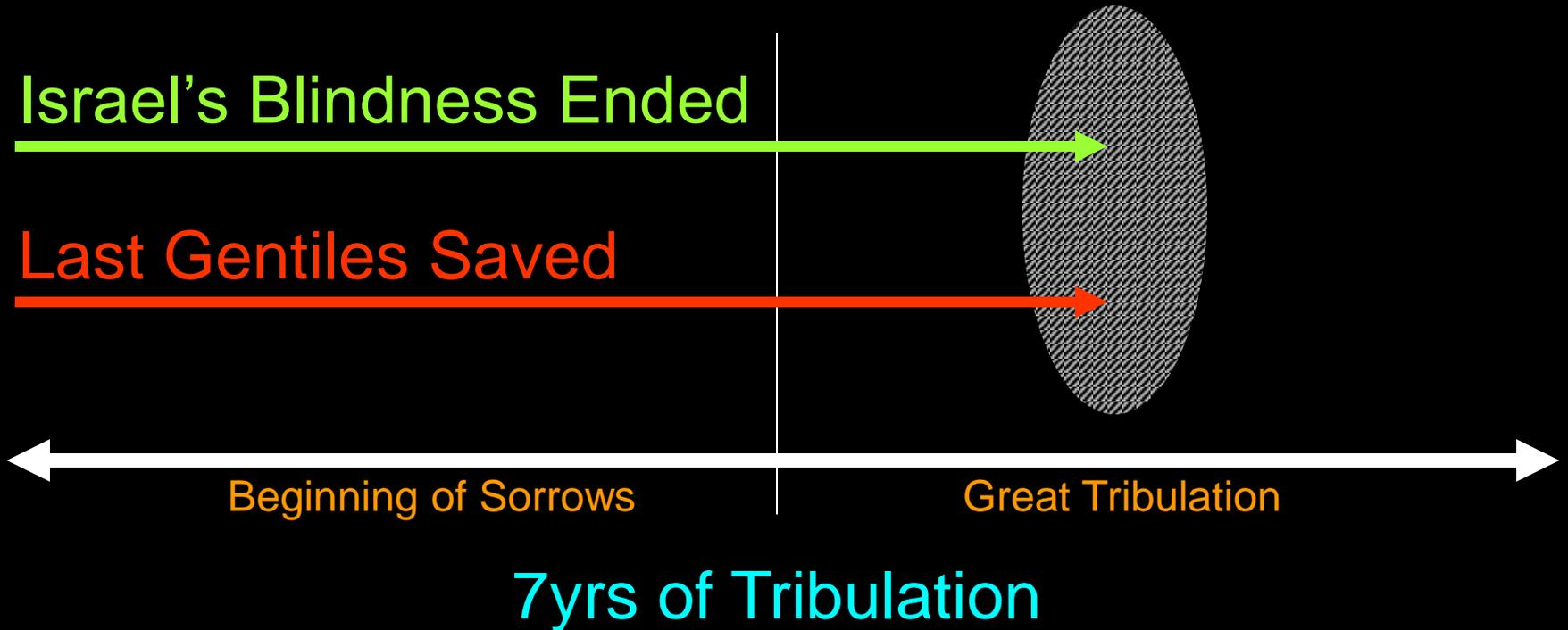
7 Years



# Fullness of the Gentiles & Opening of Israel's Eyes

Israel's Blindness Ended

Last Gentiles Saved



7yrs of Tribulation

# All Israel

- God has blinded the eyes of National Israel on account of their unbelief
  - But it will not be permanent
- The blindness will be removed and they will be restored when the fullness of the Gentiles have been gathered in
  - then all Israel will finally be saved
- All =
- The 'remnant' (who are part of the Church)
- And...
- The 'blinded' (who are not)

# Paul's Summary

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: **as it is written,** There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

**Romans 11:25-27**

# Ezekiel's Hope

- Though Israel had been disobedient...
- And God had, and would scatter them among all nations...
- God, for His name's sake would bring them back to their land of their fathers...
- The land would burst forth into life...
- And God would put a new spirit in their hearts
- They will be His people, and He their God

# Ezekiel 36

<sup>16</sup> Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

<sup>17</sup> Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.

<sup>18</sup> Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it:

# Ezekiel 36

<sup>19</sup> And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

<sup>20</sup> And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.

<sup>21</sup> But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.

# Ezekiel 36

<sup>22</sup> Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

<sup>23</sup> And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

# Ezekiel 36

<sup>24</sup> For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

<sup>25</sup> Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

<sup>26</sup> A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

# Ezekiel 36

<sup>27</sup> And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

<sup>28</sup> And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

<sup>29</sup> I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

# Ezekiel 36

<sup>30</sup> And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

<sup>31</sup> Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

<sup>32</sup> Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

# Ezekiel 36

<sup>33</sup> Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.

<sup>34</sup> And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

<sup>35</sup> And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.

# THE PROPHECY *of the* STRANGER

- According to Moses, the stranger would come to the Land *before* another specific event:
- In fact, it would be a precursor to...
- The regathering of the people to the Land:

# THE PROPHECY *of the* STRANGER

22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the Lord hath laid upon it;

**Deuteronomy 29:22-23**

# THE PROPHECY *of the* STRANGER

23 And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:

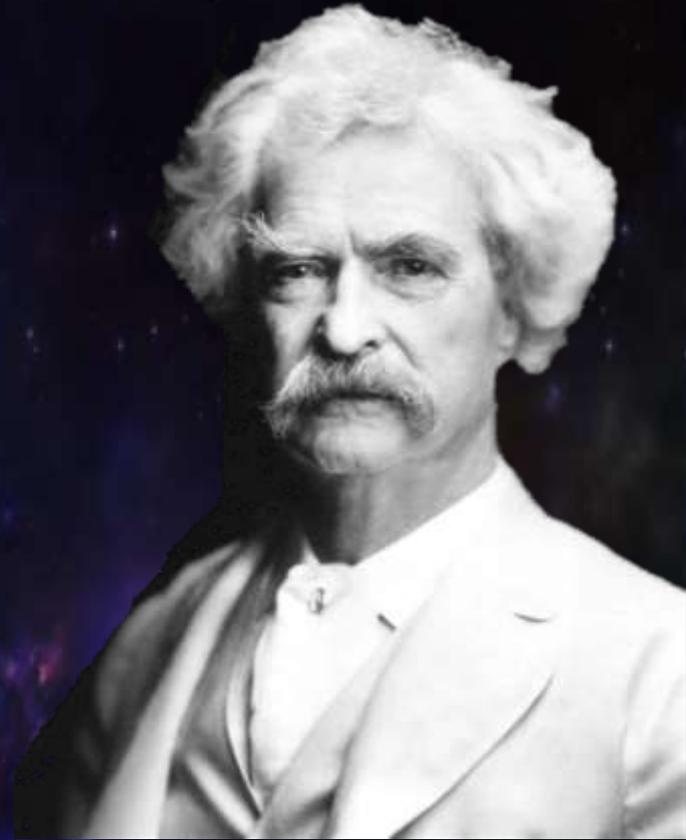
Deuteronomy 29:22-23

# THE PROPHECY *of the* STRANGER

- When did this happen?
- In the 19th century...
- In fact, in the year 1867
- A stranger, from America, boarded a steamship for a voyage that would take him around the world, ending up in the Land of Israel, specifically, the City of Jerusalem.
- The individual in question just happened to be a journalist, and he kept a notebook of his journey.

# THE PROPHECY *of the* STRANGER

- The stranger was none other than Mark Twain!
  - Known as the father of American literature.
  - Author of Huckleberry Finn / Tom Sawyer

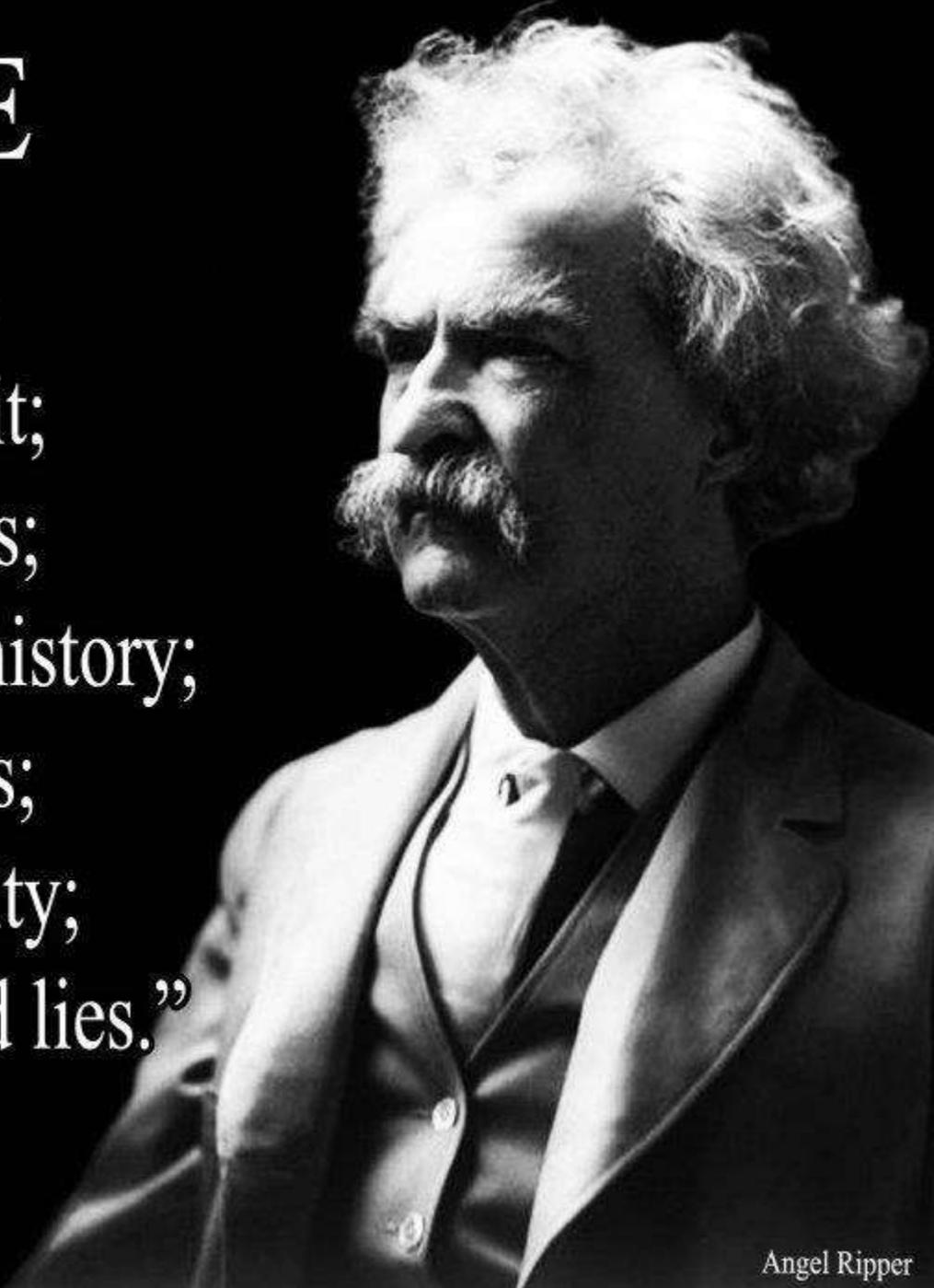


# THE BIBLE

“It is full of interest.

It has noble poetry in it;  
and some clever fables;  
and some blood-drenched history;  
and some good morals;  
and a wealth of obscenity;  
and upwards of a thousand lies.”

- Mark Twain



# THE PROPHECY of the STRANGER

- Upon arriving in the Land he wrote:

“Rags, wretchedness, poverty and dirt... Lepers, cripples, the blind... To see the number of maimed, malformed and diseased humanity that throng the holy places...”

# THE PROPHECY of the STRANGER

- According to Moses the stranger would say:  
The whole land is brimstone, salt...
- So Twain would bear witness:

*“...all desolate and unpeopled...*

*...miles of desolate country*

*...the far reaching desolation ...the  
waste of a limitless desolation...”*

# THE PROPHECY of the STRANGER

- According to the prophecy the stranger would say: *"All the land is ... a burning waste"*
- Or, as another translation puts it, *"your land has become a scorching desert"*.
- So Twain would write:
  - *"It is a scorching, arid, repulsive, solitude.*
  - *Such roasting heat, such oppressive solitude, and such dismal desolation cannot surely exist elsewhere on earth...*
  - *Nowhere in all the waste around was there a foot of shade, and we were scorching to death*

# THE PROPHECY of the STRANGER

- The prophecy in Deuteronomy says that the land will become devoid of anyone to sow it,
- Twain wrote:

*"All it's land is unsown...One may ride 10 miles, hereabouts, and not see ten human beings"*

*"...these unpeopled deserts, these rusty mounds of barrenness, that never, never, never do shake the glare from their harsh outlines..."*

*"There is not a solitary village throughout its whole extent*

*- not for thirty miles in either direction"*

# THE PROPHECY of the STRANGER

- Moses also prophesied that the Land would not bring forth produce "nor does it bear..."
- In the Hebrew the word *Tzamach* is used, which specifically refers to 'sprouting',
- Twain bears witness to the Land's inability to sprout vegetables, writing:

*"The valleys are unsightly deserts fringed with a feeble vegetation... a desert, paved with loose stones, void of vegetation, glaring in the fierce sun... this blistering, naked, treeless Land"*

# THE PROPHECY of the STRANGER

- The prophecy states that the stranger who comes will specifically speak of grass, or rather the absence of it: "no grass grows in it"  
– or as one translation: "not even a blade of grass"
- Twain, in his notebook almost quotes scripture word for word! :

*"No sprig of grass is visible"*

# THE PROPHECY *of the* STRANGER

- As already mentioned, Mark Twain was a skeptic, and it is certain he had no intention of fulfilling a 3500 year old prophecy,
- Yet in addition to the things already noted, scripture foretells that in the day of the Stranger it will be said:

27 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:

Deuteronomy 29:27

# THE PROPHECY of the STRANGER

- Incredibly, Mark Twain wrote:

*"Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes. Over it broods the spell of a curse! ...Palestine is desolate and unlovely. And why should it be otherwise? Can the curse of the Deity beautify a land?"*

- Mark Twain's words appeared in articles across America and beyond and would become a witness to his generation, thus fulfilling the prophecy!

# Ezekiel 36

<sup>36</sup> Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it.

**Ezekiel 36:16-36**

# THE MAN

With The  
MEASURING LINE

# THE MAN *with the* MEASURING LINE

1 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. So I said, *“Where are you going?”*

2 And he said to me, *“To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length.”*

Zechariah 2:1-2

- Just as a builder uses a measuring line as he is planning to build, to prepare the foundation, so God did this with Israel, not just in Nehemiah's day, but in recent times also.

# THE MAN with the MEASURING LINE

- What happens when you are about to take possession of a piece of land or a property?
- A survey has to be completed
- *'The land must be defined or redefined, its length, its breadth, its borders, its parameters. And if there's no existing survey, then a survey must be made. The land must be defined, mapped out . . . measured and so the measuring line. So in the days of Zechariah, when the Jewish people were returning to the land, the man with the measuring line comes to the city in a vision. And his appearance is a sign of what is yet to take place. It happened in the ancient world. So too it would happen again in the modern. The ancient sign would again manifest in the world . . . in modern times. The man with the measuring line would again come to Jerusalem. And his appearance would be a sign of what was yet to come.'*

– Jonathan Cahn

# THE MAN *with the* MEASURING LINE

- The name of the man was Charles Warren.
  - He was a former head of the Metropolitan Police, and had served as an Officer in the British army as a member of the Royal Engineers.
  - The skills he learnt in so doing proved to be invaluable, for he was later recruited by the Palestine Exploration Fund and sent to the land of Israel on a mission to survey and map out Jerusalem, to measure the Holy City.
- The Land at that time was under the control of the Ottoman Turks who were suspicious of his activities. He was always being watched.

# THE MAN with the MEASURING LINE

- Nevertheless: *"Warren's work would constitute the first extensive excavation of biblical Jerusalem, the first extensive measuring of the biblical foundations of the Temple Mount and of the city itself. It would usher in a new age of biblical archaeology".*
- Remember the Jubilee?
  - That which was lost must be restored
- The boundaries of the Land given by God to Moses, the inheritance allotted to the Children of Israel had long since been forgotten.
- Now they were being rediscovered!

# THE MAN with the MEASURING LINE

- His mission was not just to survey Jerusalem as it was then but as it once was:
- *“To measure its ancient parameters, the boundaries of ancient Jerusalem, the biblical city, to locate its ancient walls and borders, to uncover its foundations”*
  - To restore that which had been lost!
- In order to do that, he had to dig through centuries of ruins and earth to get to the city’s biblical foundations.

# THE MAN with the MEASURING LINE

- Jonathan Cahn states:
- *“In the Jubilee the connection between the land and its original owner is restored. And so the consequences of Warren’s work were to restore and strengthen the long-lost connection of the Jewish people to the land. And with every restored connection, the idea that the Jewish people, after almost two thousand years, might somehow return to their homeland began to move one more step out of the realm of fantasy.”*

# THE MAN with the MEASURING LINE

- *"After nearly two thousand years of exile, the man with the measuring line reappeared in Jerusalem as a sign that God was about to bring about a restoration. A measuring line is used when one is about to build something. So then the reappearance of the man with the measuring line in the person of Charles Warren was a sign that God was about to act, to move again, to build something . . . to rebuild that which once was and had fallen . . . the nation of Israel!"*

# THE MAN with the MEASURING LINE

- *“And when else do you use a measuring line?”*
- *When there’s about to be a transference of land.*
- *So when the man with the measuring line appeared in Jerusalem, it was a sign that the land was going to be transferred ... back to the original owner. The land was being prepared for the return. So it was in ancient times when the prophet Zechariah revealed the meaning of the measuring line: **“A measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem . . . And the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem”***

# THE MAN *with the* MEASURING LINE

- When did Warren come to Jerusalem?

1867!

# THE MAN *with the* MEASURING LINE

- The exact same year as Mark Twain!
- So the stranger from Deuteronomy 29 and the man with the measuring line from Zechariah 2, both herald's of Israel's return to the Land were in the land at the same time.
- In fact the two would dwell inside the walls of the ancient city at the same time...
- The same month, the same week, the same days. In fact they would dwell together in the same lodging place, the very same building!



THE  
APPOINTED  
PARASHA

# THE APPOINTED PARASHA

- Every Sabbath day, from ancient times, the Jewish people gather in their synagogues, open up the scrolls, and read the ancient Scriptures.
- Thus on every Sabbath day there is a specific portion of Scripture appointed to be read.
- The portion is called the “Parasha”.
- *“Could it be possible that some of these appointed words were appointed not only to be spoken on those days but of and to those days... to speak of events that would take place in modern times?” JC*

# THE APPOINTED PARASHA

- Twain's pilgrimage had begun in June 1867.
- In the summer months he would travel the cities of Europe.
- He would reach the Holy Land in mid-Sept.
- He would enter the gates of Jerusalem on September 23.
- On September 27th, after an excursion in the desert, he returned to the Holy City for the culmination of his pilgrimage.

# THE APPOINTED PARASHA

- So September 28th would constitute his last full day and night in Jerusalem.
- The following day he would leave the city and head back to the shore to board his ship and begin the journey home to America
- September 28 fell on a Saturday = Sabbath.
- And so on the stranger's last full day in Jerusalem and the last Sabbath of the stranger's journey in the land there was an appointed Scripture

# THE APPOINTED PARASHA

22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the Lord hath laid upon it;

**Deuteronomy 29:22-23**

# THE APPOINTED PARASHA

23 And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:

Deuteronomy 29:22-23

# THE APPOINTED PARASHA

- This scripture, this prophecy, was appointed to be read in every synagogue in the world.
- So all across the earth, in every synagogue from San Francisco to Siberia, they were reciting and chanting the prophecy of the stranger, who would come from far away to the land of Israel to bear witness of the desolation.

# THE APPOINTED PARASHA

- And so the prophecy of the stranger was being proclaimed throughout the earth at the very moment the stranger was in the land fulfilling its words.
- And they had no idea. Nor did the stranger - Mark Twain - the skeptic!

# Ezekiel's Hope

- In addition...
- Israel & Judah would once again be joined together...
- Brought back to the land of Israel...
- And once again a King will rule over the whole house of Israel
- (Solomon was the last king to rule over all Israel – 1000 B.C. Ezekiel is writing 587 B.C.)

# Ezekiel 37

**21** And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

**22** And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

# Ezekiel 37

<sup>23</sup> Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

<sup>24</sup> And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

# Ezekiel 37

<sup>25</sup> And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children **for ever:** and my servant David shall be their prince **for ever.**

<sup>26</sup> Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an **everlasting covenant** with them

**Ezekiel 37:21-26**

# Ezekiel's Hope

- Because these prophecies are so specific, there is no way they can be ascribed to the Church
- They are regarding the Land of Israel...
- The house of Israel...
- And the house of Judah...
- And the Davidic dynasty
- Which will last forever
- God will do this for His Name and as a sign to the nations

# Isaiah 11

<sup>10</sup> And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

<sup>11</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

# Isaiah 11

<sup>12</sup> And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Isaiah 11:10-12

# Isaiah 27

<sup>12</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

<sup>13</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

# Second Coming

**30** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**31** And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**Matthew 24:30-31**

# Second Coming

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This **generation** shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Matthew 24:32-34

**Genea** (ghen-eh-ah');  
age, generation, nation, time.

# Jeremiah 16

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

<sup>15</sup> But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

# Jeremiah 16

<sup>16</sup> Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

<sup>17</sup> For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

**Jeremiah 16:14-18**

# Jeremiah 16

<sup>18</sup> And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

**Jeremiah 16:14-18**

# National Regathering

- The regathering of Israel back to their land – for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time – will occur at the time of the Second Coming
- God likens it to the deliverance from Egypt in magnitude...
- And says it will surpass it so that the former is no longer remembered

# Zechariah 12

<sup>1</sup> The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

**Zechariah 12**

# Zechariah 12

<sup>2</sup> Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zechariah 12

One Third of all UN resolutions have to do with Israel (1:1000 of the worlds population)

# Zechariah 12

<sup>9</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

# Zechariah 12

<sup>11</sup> In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

<sup>12</sup> And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

# Zechariah 12

<sup>13</sup> The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

<sup>14</sup> All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Zechariah 12

This cannot be a subtle reference to the Church!  
It is specific, and concerns National Israel

# Jeremiah 23

<sup>3</sup> And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

<sup>4</sup> And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

**Jeremiah 23:3-8**

# Jeremiah 23

<sup>5</sup> Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

<sup>6</sup> In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

**Jeremiah 23:3-8**

# Jeremiah 23

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

<sup>8</sup> But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

**Jeremiah 23:3-8**

# National Regathering

- At this time God will set a King over the whole earth!
- He will execute judgment & justice
- This has been the hope of Israel

# Acts 15 Council

<sup>13</sup> And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

<sup>14</sup> Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

<sup>15</sup> And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

<sup>16</sup> After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

Acts 15:13-16

# Matthew 2

- The Ruler of Israel

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Matthew 2:6

# Matthew 19

- An empty promise?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 19:28

# At This Time?

- Road To Emmaus

<sup>21</sup> But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

Luke 24:21

- What was their hope?
- That the Messiah would restore and redeem Israel

# At This Time?

- John's Question

2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,  
3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

Matthew 11:2-3

# Israel's Expectation

- The Jewish expectation of the Messiah was that He would liberate and restore Israel – according to the prophecies
- He would then rule as their king
- John's disciples and the pair on the Emmaus road were confused because whilst they believed that Jesus was the Messiah...
- He was not fulfilling their expectations

# Two Messiahs?

- Isaiah 53 – The suffering Servant
- Psalm 2 – Rule with a rod of iron
- Not two Messiah's...
- But two comings!
- First: 'Lamb of God'
- Then: 'Lion of the tribe of Judah'

# At This Time?

- After the resurrection the disciples now begin to understand
- Yet...
- What about the Messiah's role as deliverer of Israel
- What about the throne of David?

# The Throne of David

- Gabriel's Announcement to Mary:

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 1:31-33

# The Throne of David

- God's Promise To David

<sup>12</sup> And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom **for ever.**

2 Samuel 7:12-13

# The Throne of David

- God's Promise To David

<sup>16</sup> And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

2 Samuel 7:16

# The Throne of David

- God's Promise To David

24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

# The Throne of David

- God's Promise To David

28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

# At This Time?

- The Moment of Truth

<sup>6</sup> When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again *the kingdom to Israel?* ...

Acts 1:6-7

- The killer question!

# At This Time?

- The Moment of Truth

<sup>6</sup> When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

<sup>7</sup> And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Acts 1:6-7

# Jeremiah 30

<sup>3</sup> For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

**Jeremiah 30:3**

# Jeremiah 30

<sup>6</sup> Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

<sup>7</sup> Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

**Jeremiah 30:6-9**

# Jeremiah 30

<sup>8</sup> For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

<sup>9</sup> But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

**Jeremiah 30:6-9**

# Jeremiah 30

<sup>11</sup> For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

**Jeremiah 30:11**

# Jeremiah 31

<sup>35</sup> Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

<sup>36</sup> If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

**Jeremiah 31:35-37**

# Jeremiah 31

<sup>37</sup> Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

**Jeremiah 31:35-37**

# Conclusion

- The Church has not become the new Israel  
(the phrase 'The New Israel' is never used in scripture)
- Whilst Israel has paid the price for breaking the Mosaic covenant...
- The Abrahamic covenant (Land) and Davidic covenant (Throne) are unconditional
- Christ has yet to sit on the Throne of David and rule – but He will!
- Israel will never cease to be a Nation before God

# The 'Why' Question

- Why does it matter what our position is regarding Israel?
- It will affect our view of Scripture
- Both in regard to its promises...
- And our understanding of what is to come
- We are commanded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps 122)
- It makes sense of what is going on in the world
- Israel is God's Timepiece!

# Paul's Summary

28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

Romans 11:28-30

# Paul's Summary

31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

**Romans 11:31-33**

# Paul's Summary

34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Romans 11:34-36

The image shows the interior of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, at night. The structure is illuminated from within, highlighting the arches and the tiered seating areas. The top part of the image shows the upper levels of the arena, which are mostly empty and dark. The lower part shows the lower levels, which are filled with arches and columns. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and historical.

The Epistle to the

# Romans

To be continued...