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“WARNINGS”

To the Church of Our Times

The Parable of the FIG TREE

– One of the most important truths for these
present devious and evil end-times

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The prospective reader is well advised (before plunging into the following narrative) to read and
Re-read several times [Matthew 24:32-35](#); [Mark 13:28-37](#) and [Luke 21:29-36](#).

The reader should understand the exceedingly important nature and general character of this particular writing – IF the FULL import of the truth contained herein is to be realised by the reader, all Scriptures quoted or referred to should be read and carefully and prayerfully pondered several times

All Scriptural references are printed in RED and are taken from the 1611 King James authorised version of the Bible unless otherwise stated. The Scriptures themselves are printed in BLUE.

The reader will notice some repetition of certain specific facts or Biblical data in this writing – this is undertaken purposely to enhance and emphasise certain wonderful Biblical truths.

The “Watchmen of the Night Ministries” is a restoration prophetic ministry addressed to the world-wide Body of Christ during this present precarious end-time season – This ministry has been in existence for 30 years and is presently based in Holland.

All contemporary true believers [there are many make-believers and false believers] are hereby WARNED that as we write these words in the closing days of the year of our Lord 2010, a major catastrophic WORLD CRISIS is in the making, the nature and character of which will be unprecedented and extraordinary. We speak of the current countdown, and all that is encompassed therein, towards the glorious Second and LAST coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - Yeshua HaMashiach, back to planet Earth.

Beloved believer, be warned! Major prophetic events are taking place even as you read these words which are having, and will continue to have, far reaching consequences and implications even unto the ends of the Earth {please read carefully Luke 21:25-28 and Luke 21:34-36.}

To the reader – This particular manuscript (Prophetic Document Number 102) details the greatest single SIGN that this present generation of believers are the LAST believers to be alive before the glorious Second and final Coming of Jesus Christ back to planet Earth.

This “Sign” spoken of is the prophetic event of the restoration (re-gathering, homecoming) of the whole House of Israel (the Jewish nation) back to the Land of Promise from its long period of exile throughout the world.

The reader should realise that we are here speaking of a major prophetic event unprecedented in its scope, magnitude and consequences. It should be realised that there

are many vitally important aspects of this “restoration” of Israel in these last days – these very significant aspects will be considered in other writings.

The following is but a brief dissertation of the Parable of the FIG TREE

The Identity of the Fig Tree – the principle fact found within the confines of the parable of the Fig Tree as spoken of in **Matthew 24:32-35; Mark 13:28-37 and Luke 21: 29-33** is NOT IN QUESTION. ¶ We declare unequivocally and unquestionably that the Fig Tree spoken of in these vitally important Scriptures ¶ is the “whole” House of Israel. (Reader- please note carefully – we speak of the “whole” House of Israel) We refuse to debate this obvious Biblical conclusion concerning the answer to the question (what is the true identity of the Fig Tree found in these three sets of Scriptures) but rather consider the issue settled and finished. {The following Scriptures clearly indicate the Identity of the Fig Tree as the whole House of Israel – **Matthew 21:19-20; Mark 11:13; Mark 11:20-21; Luke 13:6-9 and Luke 21:29.** – see also **Jeremiah chapter 24**}.

The truth of this parable is vital to our understanding of the “prophetic time” we are presently living in, for a careful consideration of this parable details and more importantly identifies the very season that will witness the glorious and astonishing Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ back to planet Earth. Furthermore, as it will be made clear in this manuscript, the clear declaration of the truth of this particular parable is that we Christians, who are alive at this particular season of time, are the LAST generation of believers to exist before the Second Coming. [It is NO light matter to be numbered among that company of believers who shall witness and behold the greatest event in the history of the nations, namely the glorious Second Coming. Indeed it is an exceedingly serious matter; therefore all believers presently alive should take very careful note of **Luke 21:34-36.**]

It should also be carefully noted that the TRUTH of the parable of the Fig Tree is a major component of the Latter-day or End-time ministry of what we may be permitted to call the “Midnight Cry”. The Midnight Cry may best be described as follows – because of the glaring truth of the parable of the Fig Tree, it will thus be loudly proclaimed that the Lord Jesus (Yeshua) is returning back to planet Earth in **OUR** times and thus all believers need to carefully and prayerfully prepare for this wonderful event {The ministry of the “Midnight Cry” is found in yet another parable - the parable of the ten virgins – see **Matthew 26** verse 6. It is to be carefully noted that this Parable of the Ten Virgins is found only in **Matthew 26:1-13** and is yet another vitally important parable for our devious times

¶ The author of this writing is fully aware of the various arguments put forward to try and prove that the Identity of the Fig Tree (in the three passages of Scripture referred too) IS NOT ISRAEL. In the humble opinion of the author of this manuscript the question of the identity of the Fig Tree (in the three passages of Scripture that mention the parable of the Fig Tree) is NOT a matter of opinion. The Matter is rather settled and finalised – Of course the Fig Tree represents ISRAEL. It is a brazen deception to say otherwise.

¶ These three prophetic chapters (**Matthew 24; Mark 13 and Luke 21**) are not only among the most important prophetic chapters in the whole of the New Testament (excepting of course the 22 chapters of the book of Revelation) but they are also the least understood prophetic chapters, which have given rise to recent numerous (and dangerous) erroneous and exceedingly foolish interpretations. The candid student of the Word of God should carefully and prayerfully (seriously) ponder these vital chapters for true light.

which we should all seriously consider}. The principle aspect of the ministry of the Midnight Cry may be defined as follows – “Behold, the Bridegroom (Jesus, Yeshua) is coming; He is even at the very doors. Prepare to meet Him, diligently set your heart and mind upon the vital preparations required to be “found ready” when Yeshua comes” - and the principle evidence for this remarkable declaration is the wonderful FACT of the restoration (re-gathering) of the House of Israel back to the Land of Promise from exile *in our times*. While it is true that to some extent this end-time prophetic ministry of the Midnight Cry is already visible and active, and has been for some years, its main thrust is YET to be revealed and unveiled within the confines of the world-wide Body of Christ. (Please note – a final update of this writing was made in march 2011.)

The principle and foremost truth of the astonishing Parable of the Fig Tree then is as follows – the time would eventuate wherein the whole House of Israel (represented as it is by the Fig Tree) would be re-gathered from all the nations into which she was dispersed and would consequently be re-born and would bear the evidence of her new birth by bringing forth new shoots, tender branches and fresh new leaves while resident in her own land. We believers should carefully particularly note (from the Scriptures) that this newness of life of the House of Israel, represented by the Fig Tree, does NOT (YET) BARE ANY FRUIT. There is NO mention of any fruit (of Figs) in the three passages under consideration – while there is evidence that in our times (2010 onwards) in consideration of the spiritual state of Jews world-wide, some Jewish folk have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, but the vast majority of Jews are still in darkness and unbelief as to the TRUE identity of Jesus Christ.

It is an historical FACT that the whole House of Israel (that is – representatives of the whole House of Israel – Jews from all twelve tribes of Israel) was re-born in its own land, the very Land of Promise at 4.16 p.m. on the afternoon of 14th May in the year of our Lord 1948 A.D. (which was the Jewish 5 Lyar 5708), ³ just **63 years ago** from the date of this document, after being in exile amidst the nations of the earth. There is documented evidence that the Jewish people resided in at least 113 sovereign nations after 70 A.D., from which they have come back to their own land from about the year 1800 unto 1948, a period of 1,878 years.⁴

³ Pictures of David Ben Gurion (born on 16th October 1886 - died on 1st December 1973) reading out the declaration of independence of Israel on the afternoon of 14th May 1948 are shown on pages 6-10 as is the declaration itself.

⁴ It was in A.D.70 that the sovereignty of Israel came to an end by virtue of the Roman armies under the command of a brilliant general named Titus destroying both the second temple and Jerusalem, killing large numbers of Jews (several million altogether) and taking at least 900,000 of those poor souls into captivity to be sold as slaves in the numerous slave markets of the Roman Empire – with this event the **second and last** exile (or Diaspora) of the Jews began. It should be understood by the reader that the word “Diaspora” came to be used for Jews who were exiled from Judea in 586 B.C. (when the FIRST TEMPLE along with Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians) and again in A.D.70 and A.D.136 when the Romans destroyed the Second Temple and Jerusalem again to bring an end to Jewish resistance of the Roman occupation.

The Recent Exile and Re-gathering of the Whole house of Israel

Roman armies under the command of Titus attack Jerusalem - The city is destroyed, as is the Second Temple - The population is massacred or taken captive and sold into Slavery

The Re-birth of
ISRAEL
The Re-gathering of Israel back to the land of Promise

A.D.70

Time Line →

14th May
A.D.1948

The season of EXILE (the diaspora) of the Jews for 1,878 years.

The above diagram demonstrates some details of the season or time of the “Diaspora” of the Jews from the beginning of their exile until 1948. [*P – I cannot change anything in the graph above, so please see me about the changes required.]

When the nation of Israel was re-born on the afternoon of 14th May 1948, many major prophetic Scriptures were fulfilled. Large sections of the aforementioned Scriptures {**Matthew chapter 24; Mark chapter 13 and Luke chapter 21**} detail the actual events of A.D.70, the aftermath, and the then future. In other words many prophetic events recorded in these three chapters (and other chapters of the Scriptures) were directly fulfilled with the re-birth of Israel and what has eventuated there in recent times. It is to be remembered that it is in the very midst of these three chapters that we find details of the parable of the Fig Tree which we are here considering.

To restate a wonderful fact and to emphasise the matter - a further astonishing truth of this wonderful parable is that the generation of souls who witness the event of the re-birth of Israel (on the 14th May 1948) in their own land, WILL BE the very SAME generation of people who will witness the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. ¶ This is surely the clear teaching of **Matthew 24:33-35; Mark 13:29-31 and particularly Luke 21:31** which declares – *So likewise ye, WHEN YE SEE THESE THINGS COME TO PASS, KNOW YE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NIGH AT HAND.*” (Capital emphases are mine). The obvious question arises - just what “things” is this aforementioned verse speaking about?

The answer is obvious and we shall here quote them in full – *“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are*

¶ There are thousands of believers presently alive who were born before or near the prophetic date of the re-birth of Israel from its long years of exile on 14th May 1948, [the author of this writing was just 5 years of age at this date] – the sense of the Scriptures is that all believers born around the time of the re-birth of Israel and after will be the privileged and honoured generation of believers to witness and behold the Second Coming.

coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” {see Luke 21:25-28 – the reader is strongly advised to read and re-read these verses very carefully}.

So beloved – Jesus (Yeshua) is here in these verses answering certain questions put to Him by His disciples one day as they were walking and talking on the Mount of Olives, which is just east of the Old City of Jerusalem overlooking the city of Jerusalem and the Second Temple. Jesus was relating to His beloved disciples what events would precede His Second Coming. Jesus first declared the three verses quoted above, and then He spoke the parable of the Fig Tree in the following words – *“And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall NOT pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away” {see Luke 21:29-33}.* ¶ After Jesus had spoken these words, He then gave some words of caution, which counsel is very applicable for our deceitful times, indeed the following words are particularly for our end-times and all believers should take very careful NOTE of them. Thus immediately after Jesus had spoken the parable of the Fig Tree, He declared these words --- *“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be counted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” {See Luke 21:34-36}.* [A BRIEF dissertation of this verse is found on page 14 of this writing].

Of the things we have said thus far in this particular manuscript beloved reader, this is the sum. The time would obviously come (sooner or later) when Jesus Christ would return to this earth just as He said He would {see in particular Acts 1:9-11}. Many prophetic Scriptures speak of this astonishing forthcoming event, specifically Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21, detail events just proceeding, and even at the moment of the Second Coming (of course, there are many other prophetic Scriptures which speak of the Second Coming). In this particular writing we are concentrating on the Parable of the Fig Tree as found amidst these three chapters.

In these aforementioned three chapters, Jesus is answering certain special questions put to Him by his beloved disciples. These **three** questions are to be found in Matthew 24: 3, Mark 13:4 and Luke 21:7.

Tremendous confusion has resulted within the confines of the world-wide Body of Christ, especially in recent times concerning the interpretation of these vital prophetic chapters by virtue of TWO obvious reasons, which are –

(1) That the three questions (asked by the disciples) were NOT answered by Jesus in the same order as they were asked. And (2) erroneous end-time ideas have perverted the correct interpretation of these three chapters.

One of the questions asked, which was a vital question for us believers living at the end of the age, was concerning certain events which were to take place at the end of this particular age which is the time or season of the END of man’s misrule upon the earth (which has lasted for 6,000 years) and

¶ Israel was NOT the only tree to sprout in recent times – In Luke 21:29 we should observe the expression – *“Behold the Fig Tree, and ALL the trees.”* (capital emphasis are mine) There were 127 other Nations (trees) that have sprouted (gained their independence) since 1940. If peradventure the reader is interested in procuring a LIST of these 127 other Nations who “sprouted” around the selfsame time as Israel such a list is available upon request to the authors of this writing – our Email address is given on page 1 of this writing.

the glorious birth of the Kingdom of God on Earth, which is to take place at the time of the Second Coming. These events Jesus details first and then He spoke the parable of the Fig Tree. Thus Jesus says something like this – “At the end of the age, just preceding My Second Coming, there are going to be some very serious and frightening events which will cause great FEAR to come upon many people including many Christians world-wide. There will be great world-wide distress; there will be serious perplexity, confusion and bewilderment amidst the nations of the earth. There will be great and mighty SIGNS in the sun, in the moon and in the stars. There will be a spiritual and PHYSICAL SHAKING such as mankind has never before seen or experienced. There will be great world-wide upheavals, insurrections, calamities and catastrophes of a kind never before seen. And while all these obvious signs are taking place throughout the world, the chosen representatives from the whole House of Israel will be “called” back to the Land of Promise, in a spiritual state of almost complete blindness and unbelief as to the identity of their own Messiah. They will re-establish and slowly consolidate themselves in their own land while they are facing unprecedented difficulties from their enemies.” (The last sentence is based upon other Biblical prophecies NOT related TO [Matthew 24](#), [Mark 13](#) or [Luke 21](#).)

It is to be carefully noted by the reader that since about the turn of the century (1900) a series of unprecedented catastrophic, hitherto unknown events have taken place all over the globe. Divine shakings, disasters, catastrophes, major wars and rumours of wars, perplexities and world-wide distress have eventuated of such a nature and character that the world’s inhabitants have been numbed with shock. If peradventure the reader will take the time to become acquainted with the world-wide events, situations and circumstances of the last 110 years or so, it is NOT difficult to come to the conclusion that [Matthew 24:29](#); [Mark 13:24-25](#) and [Luke 21:25-26](#) have come to pass (and continue to come to pass) right before the eyes of numerous believers but most of these souls are simply NOT aware of the resent fulfilment of numerous prophetic Scriptures because of spiritual blindness and erroneously held concepts particularly concerning prophetic Scripture.

The season from the re-birth of the nation of Israel (14th May 1948) onwards is described in the Scriptures as the “TIME of Jacob’s Trouble”. This time is specifically spoken of in [Daniel 12:1](#) and [Jeremiah 30:7](#). An unprecedented time of “trouble”, perplexity and difficulty for the nation of ISRAEL – for they were and still are, being continually harassed by their Arab Islamic enemies who surround them.

According to the Scriptures, the sure infallible Word of God - it is to be the selfsame generation of believers who witness, see and behold this re-birth of Israel on 14th May 1948 that is also to see (witness and behold) the glorious Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Of course, any candid (sincere) thinking believer will immediately declare – “As it has already been 63 years since Israel was re-born is it NOT obvious that we must be very (even exceedingly) close to the Second Coming as the Scriptures make it quite plain that the generation of believers which witness and behold the restoration or re-gathering of Israel will be the selfsame generation of believers which will witness the Second Coming.” {[See Matthew 24:33-35](#). [Mark 13:29-31](#) and [Luke 21:31-33](#)}

There are several important reasons WHY many believers WILL BE FEARFUL during the closing days of our times – God willing, another writing will detail these reasons.

NOT ALL of the Jewish people have come back to the Land of Promise from their exile amidst the nations of the Earth - for many have chosen to remain where they are now living. As at the date of this writing (we have updated this writing in March 2011) the World Jewish population is 13.4 million of which 5.6 million (representing 42%) are residing in Israel. The number of Jews living in America is 6.4 million with most of the remainder (1.4 million) residing in Europe.

This very specific Biblical time or season of “Jacob’s Trouble” is unique to Israel in the last days and it is the intention of the writer of this manuscript (God willing and God permitting), to detail this special period in another writing. We can only say here that there is some doubt as to when this time began insomuch as the season of Jacob’s Trouble MAY have begun earlier than 1948.

Thus it is very plain for all to see, that the recent re-gathering of representatives from the whole House of Israel back to their own land, the very Land of Promise, from their long exile in many lands, far and wide, is the GREATEST SINGLE SIGN or TOKEN that we are very rapidly approaching the astonishing day of the glorious Second and last Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ back to planet Earth. And this wonderful fact is sure, even without mentioning the other obvious signs spoken of in **Matthew 24: 29-31; Mark 13:24-25 and particularly Luke 21:25-28**).¹⁰

Another question, of course arises – when the Scriptures refer to the selfsame generation of believers that “see all these things come to pass” will also witness the Second Coming, what then is meant by the word “generation”? We answer – there are 35 verses of Scripture in the New Testament that speak of “a generation”. A study of these Scriptural references will easily demonstrate that the general lifespan or lifetime of human beings in meant, which in ordinary cases is about 70 years. By simple calculation then – if we add 70 years (a Biblical generation) to May 1948, we arrive at the month of May in the year 2018 (just 7 years in the future from the date of this writing). Let us be very clear when we make the following statement – we at “Watchmen of the Night Ministries” **ARE NOT** declaring that Jesus Christ is returning in May 2018 – for we simply DO NOT KNOW – but it is obvious, or should be obvious for all to see, that as we write these words in the month of March in the year of our Lord 2011, we must be exceedingly CLOSE to the wonderful event of the Second Coming – furthermore all true believers who have carefully observed international events since January 2010 MUST be aware that some extraordinary prophetic developments are presently taking place which are directly related to the Second Coming.

The author of this writing fully realises, of course, that many believers will be horrified by the above claims because they believe, many of them that we simply cannot know the general time or season wherein Yeshua (Jesus) will return. Such believers are quick to quote **Matthew 24:36 and Mark 13:32** – but what these believers seem to fail to recognise is that the author of this writing IS NOT “DATE SETTING”. I have NOT declared a DAY or an HOUR wherein the Son of Man will come!!! – I have only declared a general season or time wherein HE is expected to come based upon the sure word of prophecy, whereunto we would do well to take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in our hearts {see **2 Peter 1:19**}.

Beloved, please allow me to demonstrate from the Scriptures that we CAN KNOW the general season or time wherein the Son of man is coming – Please read very prayerfully the following THREE Scriptures ---

*“So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.” {See **Matthew 24:33**}.*

*“So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.” {See **Mark 13:29**}.*

*“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” {See **Luke 21:28**}.*

¹⁰ The attention of the reader is drawn to the FACT that there is numerous (nay scores) of Biblical evidence that we are very close to the wonderful Return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (Yeshua HaMaschiah) back to planet Earth. The subject matter of this particular manuscript (the parable of the Fig Tree) is perhaps the major sign or token that we believers presently alive are the LAST generation of believers to exist, but it is NOT the only sign. The authors of this manuscript have written a booklet entitled “The Signs of His Soon Coming” which sets forth 83 distinct signs or tokens that the present generation of believers are the last generation of believers. This aforementioned booklet is free upon request – It is soon to be placed upon our Web-site the address of which is to be found on page one.*

Surely the sense and interpretation of these three vital Scriptures is that when certain specified events come to pass right before our very eyes, we can KNOW for sure, we can be certain, that our complete redemption is nigh at hand {see Romans 8:23}. Furthermore, is it NOT obvious for all to understand that the “it” spoken of in two of the above Scriptures is a clear reference to the Second Coming. The third Scripture quoted above {that of Luke 21:28} clinches the matter for it declares that when certain specified events come to pass {as spoken of in the preceding verses, specifically verses 24-27} then we believers (who are alive at the time) can be delighted and thrilled for our full redemption is at hand as spoken of in Romans 8:23.

Further compelling evidence that we believers CAN KNOW the general season or time wherein the Son of Man is coming (the Second and LAST time) is that immediately after the parable of the Fig Tree (as found in Matthew 24:32-35) the Biblical narrative declares – *“But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be”* {see Matthew 24:37-42; Luke 17:26-27; 1 Peter 3:20 and 2 Peter 2:5}.

So here in a remarkable way the Lord is giving a further sign or token of the general state of affairs that will be present at the season of the Second Coming. The days of Noah just before the flood were marked by general insurrection, rebellion, widespread sin and wickedness, shocking violence of such a kind as is rarely seen or heard, and a prevailing tendency among the populace towards natural matters rather than spiritual matters. Furthermore the Lord had decided to bring the matter to a watery conclusion insomuch as He would bring an end to the general rebellion by wiping out the unrighteous – moreover only an extreme minority (8 righteous souls) were saved from the forthcoming wrath of God in those fearful days.

Even a casual observation of our times demonstrates exactly the same characteristics. There is such widespread (prevailing) violence and wickedness in our times that the Lord is exceedingly wrath with the situation and thus His judgements are soon to strike the peoples and nations. Only a remnant of righteous will be saved.

One of the principle reasons why current believers are NOT believing (particularly here in Holland) that we are exceedingly near to the glorious Second Coming, notwithstanding ALL the obvious evidence (especially the Biblical evidence as declared in this manuscript) is that they, many of them, have become so familiar with all the surrounding wickedness, iniquity, corruption, idolatry and violence that they have become blasé and unmoved about the entire shocking disgusting situation. Furthermore, many current believers have been unknowingly overcome and overwhelmed by the present prevailing “Laodicean” spiritual atmosphere which atmosphere is characterised by widespread complacency, indifference, spiritual blindness and deafness, coldness, religiosity, traditions, lukewarmness, love of materialism and are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. The conditions spoken of in 2 Timothy 1- 9 are surely presently prevailing EVERYWHERE.

So thus dearly beloved, we have come to the end of this little writing setting forth very briefly the clear FACT that the Biblical Parable of the Fig Tree is the single foremost piece of evidence that we believers presently alive are the LAST generation of Christians upon the Earth who shall witness and behold the glorious Second and last Coming of Yeshua back to planet Earth.

---- YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED ----



Above and right are three actual pictures of David Ben-Gurion reading the declaration of independence of the state of Israel at 4 p.m. on the 14th May 1948 in the then Tel-Aviv museum of Art. It is to be noticed that on the wall behind David is a large portrait of Theodore Herzl who can rightly be called the father of modern Israel. Herzl was a Jewish Austro-Hungarian journalist and founder of Political Zionism, he convened the FIRST Zionist Congress in Basel (Basle) Switzerland. Following the Basle Congress, on September 3rd 1897, Herzl had written in his diary -

"At Basle, I founded the Jewish state If not in five years, then certainly in fifty, everyone will realize it." Theodor Herzl penned these words just 51 years before the founding of the modern state of Israel. As a Writer, journalist, and playwright, Herzl gave Political Zionism its true foundations in the modern world, though he did not live to see his dream come to fruition.



On the left is the present Hall of Independence building the address being 16, Rothschild Boulevard – Tel Aviv, Israel.

Today as a museum it houses exhibits on the signing of the declaration of Independence

The following is a copy of the actual declaration which was read out in the above building by David Ben Gurion at 4.00p.m. on the 14th May 1948

Declaration of Independence

Friday 14th May 1948 - Erev Shabbat 5th Iyar 5708

Eretz Israel [*Hebrew: The Land of Israel*] was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and national identity was formed. Here they achieved independence and created a culture of national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the Bible to the world.

Exiled from their land, the Jewish people remained faithful to it in all the countries of their dispersion, never ceasing to pray and hope for their return and for the restoration in it of their national freedom.

Impelled by this historic association, Jews strove in every successive generation to re-establish themselves in their ancient homeland. In recent decades they returned in masses. Pioneers, ma'pilim [*Hebrew: immigrants coming to Eretz-Israel in defiance of restrictive legislation*] and defenders, they made deserts bloom, revived the Hebrew language, built villages and towns, and created a thriving community controlling its own economy and culture. Loving peace but knowing how to defend itself, they brought the blessing of progress to all inhabitants of the country.

In the year 5657 (1897), at the summons of the spiritual father of the Jewish State, Theodore Herzl, the First Zionist Congress convened and proclaimed the right of the Jewish people to national rebirth in its own country.

This right was recognized in the Balfour Declaration of the 2nd November, 1917, and reaffirmed in the Mandate of the League of Nations which, in particular, gave explicit international recognition to the historic connection between the Jewish people and Eretz-Israel and to the right of the Jewish people to rebuild its National Home.

The Nazi holocaust, which engulfed millions of Jews in Europe, was another clear demonstration of the urgency of the re-establishment in Eretz-Israel of the Jewish State, which would open the gates of the homeland wide to every Jew and confer upon the Jewish people the status of a fully privileged member of the comity of nations.

The survivors of the European catastrophe, as well as Jews continued to migrate to Eretz-Israel, undaunted by difficulties, restrictions and dangers, and never ceased to assert their right to a life of dignity, freedom and honest toil in their national homeland.



David Ben Gurion reading the Declaration

In the Second World War the Jewish community of this country made a full contribution in the struggle of the freedom- and peace- loving nations against the forces of Nazi evil and by the blood of its soldiers and its war effort, gained the right to be reckoned among the peoples who founded the United Nations.

On November 29, 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a Resolution calling for the establishment of an independent Jewish State in Eretz-Israel, and called upon the inhabitants of the country to take such steps as may be necessary on their part to put the plan into effect.

This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their independent State is irrevocable. This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State.

ACCORDINGLY, WE, MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ERETZ-ISRAEL AND OF THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT, ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE DAY OF THE TERMINATION OF THE BRITISH MANDATE OVER ERETZ-ISRAEL AND, BY VIRTUE OF OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC RIGHT AND ON THE STRENGTH OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE IN ERETZ-ISRAEL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

WE HEREBY DECLARE that, with effect from the moment of the termination of the Mandate being tonight, the eve of Sabbath, the 6th Iyar, 5708 (15th May, 1948), and until the setting up of the duly elected bodies of the State in accordance with a Constitution, to be drawn up by the Elected Constituent Assembly not later than the first day of October, 1948, the People's Council shall act as a Provisional Council of State, and its executive organ, the

People's Administration, shall constitute the Provisional Government of the Jewish State, to be called "Israel".

THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open to the immigration of Jews and for the Ingathering of the Exiles from all countries of their dispersion; will promote the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; will be based on the precepts of liberty, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens, without distinction of race, creed or sex; will guarantee full freedom of conscience, worship, education and culture; will safeguard the sanctity and inviolability of the shrines and Holy Places of all religions; and will dedicate itself to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

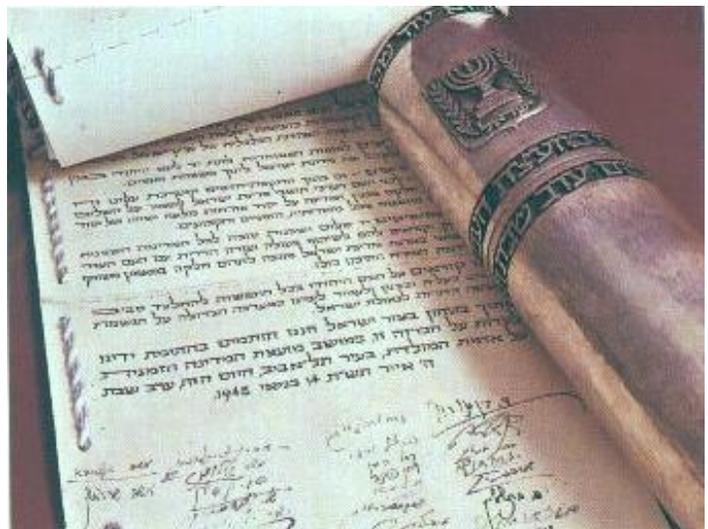
THE STATE OF ISRAEL is prepared to cooperate with the agencies and representatives of the United Nations in the implementation of the Resolution of the General Assembly of November 29, 1947, and will take steps to bring about the economic union over the whole of Eretz-Israel.

WE APPEAL to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building-up of its State and to admit Israel into the family of nations.

WE APPEAL - in the very midst of the onslaught launched against us now for months - to the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to return to the ways of peace and play their part in the upbuilding of the State, on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its bodies and institutions - provisional or permanent.

WE EXTEND our hand of peace and unity to all the neighbouring states and their peoples, and invite them to establish bonds of cooperation and mutual help with the sovereign Jewish people settled in its own land. The State of Israel is prepared to do its share in a common effort for the advancement of the entire Middle East.

WE APPEAL to the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora to rally round the Jews of Eretz-Israel in the task of immigration and development and to stand by them in the great struggle for the fulfillment of the age-old dream - the redemption of Israel.



PLACING OUR TRUST IN THE ROCK OF ISRAEL, WE AFFIX OUR SIGNATURES TO THIS PROCLAMATION AT THIS SESSION OF THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE, ON THE SOIL OF THE HOMELAND, IN THE CITY OF TEL-AVIV, ON THIS SABBATH EVE, THE 5TH DAY OF IYAR, 5708 (14TH MAY,1948).

David Ben-Gurion

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We declare again – the author of this writing WILL NOT be drawn into any argument, discussion or debate concerning the true identity of the Fig Tree as found in **Matthew 24:32-35; Mark 13:28-37 and Luke 21:29-33** as being the whole House of Israel – this author considers the matter as eternally settled and finished. The author is, of course fully aware that there are approx 50,000 web-sites which hotly debate this serious and important matter. Thus notwithstanding the many believers who believe to the contrary, this author considers the matter of the Fig Tree symbolically representing Israel as obvious and unquestionable.

A LITTLE DISERTATION ON **Luke 21:34-36**

Written in February 2011

*And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be counted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” {See **Luke 21:34-36**}.*

Beloved believer, we are presently living in exceedingly difficult, perilous, evil and even dangerous times unprecedented in their nature and character {see **2 Timothy 3:1**}. Besides believers having to face unusual spiritual and physical situations, circumstances and difficulties directly related

to the present prevailing *Laodicean spirit*¹¹, this present time is also a definitive time of serious and often severe temptation as spoken of in **Revelation 3:10**.¹² In other words a season of unparalleled evil and licentious temptations are confronting each and every one of us.

All *TRUE* Christians are therefore facing extraordinary and exceptional difficulties at this crisis time. I speak of *TRUE BELIEVERS* because it is obvious; or rather it should be obvious that in our devious times there are multitudes of make-believers and numerous false believers. As a direct or indirect result of the horrendous barrage of spiritual attacks from the enemy many true believers are therefore easily provoked and overcharged with the affairs of this life. Many Christians are so exhausted and even downcast with the ongoing battle against tremendous odds that they easily allow themselves to slide into dangerous territory (the cares of the world) which can offer a little so-called “relief”. This apparent respite of course is a subtle and dangerous deception.

The sheer spiritual stamina required to cope with these trying days is therefore extraordinary – only with great consistent effort (watchfulness) on our part are we going to overcome in these times. Many alas will fall by the wayside. Beloved, this dire state of affairs which is causing many problems hitherto unknown and or experienced amidst the Christian Church is most probably part of the price to be paid by believers of our times for the great honour and privilege of being that company of believers which shall NOT taste of natural death, but will be alive and remain at the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, there are tens of thousands of current believers who may NOT be counted worthy to have an abundant entry into the forthcoming Kingdom of God on Earth by virtue of their continuing and consistent communion and fellowship with the kingdom of darkness. It is hardly believed by numerous Christians that the enemy is feverishly active at this time to undo us and in many cases has achieved considerable inroads into the lives of many unwatchful believers. Many contemporary Christians are therefore in great danger and know it not. Dangerous corruptible and erroneous doctrines abound in these times as do deceptions, fraudulent tricksters, counterfeit ideas, false sects and abominable associations. Unprecedented numbers of subtle evil agents from hell specialising in deceit and the aforementioned abominations are everywhere making progress into the lives of many unsuspecting believers. Believers are systematically being drawn away from the Word of God, from living a life of utter dedication to Jesus Christ, from holiness, and furthermore believers are being drawn away from a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.

We repeat – much more than a general (nominal) Christian lifestyle and dedication is required IF the believer of our times is going to survive spiritually. This present time (2011 and onwards) is a serious time or season of separation – The Lord Himself is instigating this separation, The wheat is being separated from the tares; the sheep from the goats, the holy from the profane.

Beloved, be warned these are difficult dangerous times. Take heed, be diligent, be consistent in prayer, and seek the Lord with all of your heart and then maybe, maybe you shall be counted worthy to escape all these absolutely awful things that are coming upon the earth. Amen and Amen.

¹¹ Beloved, the Scriptures teach that a certain specific “spirit” called the Laodicean spirit is presently prevailing within the confines of the world-wide Christian Church. It has been present since about the year 1900. This spirit is manifested in indifference, complacency, spiritual sleepiness, *LUKEWARMNESS*, general spiritual blindness, spiritual deafness, a terrible lack of holiness, and many serious erroneous doctrines – all these shocking carnal characteristics presently abound in the world-wide Body of Christ {please carefully study **Revelation 3:14-22**}.

¹² During the Philadelphia Church age (the Church age that lasted from 1750 until 1900), the Scriptures warn that a time of unprecedented *temptation* would come upon the Christian Church. There is little doubt that with the advent of recent times (since about 1970) this shocking spirit of temptation has descended upon the earth and is causing many believers to fall into sin and degradation {please study carefully **Revelation 3:7-13 particularly verse 10**}.

A little summary of this manuscript concerning the Parable of the Fig Tree

We have set forth in the Scriptures a certain specific Parable called the Parable of the Fig Tree which, when carefully and prayerfully considered and pondered, reveals the amazing FACT that WHEN a certain very specific event takes place, all true believers may know for sure that they are dwelling in the general season of the glorious and long expected Second Coming of Jesus Christ back to planet Earth. The event spoken of is the re-gathering of the House of Israel back to the Land of Promise from their long exile in foreign lands, which exile began in A.D.70. This restoration of representatives of all twelve tribes of Israel back to the Land of Promise (the land formally called Palestine) from many nations into which they were exiled began in the 1800's, but was in more earnest in the 1880's due to Theodore Herzel and the Zionist Congress, and has continued until this present day. This wonderful restoration (re-gathering or in-gathering) of the whole House of Israel back to their Promised Land from exile **WAS** predicted (prophetically declared) in many Scriptures. The Lord willing, we shall examine these many Scriptures in another writing.

The parable of the Fig Tree is a prophetic symbolic representation of a tree (a Fig Tree) which bears tender branches and leaves but NO fruit. NO figs are declared to be on the tree. This Fig Tree is easily and wonderfully seen to represent the Jewish nation of Israel (or whole House of Israel) which is to develop branches and leaves but NO fruit. Now it is an historical fact that since A.D.70 the Jews have been in exile amidst the nations of the earth without a land of their own. It is also a historical fact that since A.D.70 UNTIL May 14th 1948 (a period of 1878 years) they have had NO sovereign state, they have had NO parliament or government, and they have had NO independent national existence or constitution. On 14th May 1948 an independent Israeli state came into existence, thus fulfilling the prophetic nature of the Parable of the Fig Tree.

May the Lord have mercy upon us all
yours very sincerely from all of us at
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