

# THE FIG TREE GENERATION

## ISRAEL'S 70-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

*Echoes of Prophetic Threats Against Judah*

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*'Then the Rabshakeh said to them, What confidence is this in which you trust? You speak of having plans and power for war; but they are mere words. Now look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, Egypt... So is Pharaoh King of Egypt to all who trust in him. But if you say to me, 'We trust in the Lord our God,' is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? Now therefore, I urge you, give a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you 2000 horses—if you are able on your part to put riders on them!' – 2 Kings 18:17-26*

The purpose of this study is to ascertain several news worthy event surrounding Israel's 70-year anniversary. The celebrations culminated on April 20, 2018, which based on the *Hebraic Calendar* was Iyar 5. That was when David Ben Gurion made the *Declaration of Independence* on May 14, 1948. It was also Pentecost by some accounts. Based on the solar *Gregorian Calendar*, the secular celebration occurs on May 14 2018. The 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary was celebrated with much fanfare; military flybys, marches and performances. What this study will bring to mind is the backdrop of the Israeli strike on the Syrian airbase that left several *Iranian Revolutionary Guards* IRG dead and its repercussions. These repercussions will eventually be military, as in the *Ezekiel 38 War* when Iran, as part of the Russian-led Muslim invasion of Israel will penetrate Israel.

However, the Iranians along with their Russian and other Muslim allies will fall on the *Mountains of Israel* as written in the Bible and at that hands of YHVH no less. The 'war of words' between Israel and Iran has now become a direct confrontation for the first time since Iran has made threats to annihilate Israel and even sent in a drone in early February of 2018. Realize that in essence, this confrontation is foremost a foreshadowing of what is to come and a spiritual one. The Iranian high command threats Biblically echoes those made by Rabshakeh to Judah during the reign of King Hezekiah. This study will compare such rhetoric's and suggest that as the days approach Daniel's 70th *Week of Years*, Israel will find herself alone in term of allies and resources it can 'trust' in for her defense as in the days of King Hezekiah.

This study will make the case that Israel will increasingly and forcibly need to draw closer to YHVH as a nation and as a result, the need for the 3rd Temple will be paramount to have during such times. In the case of King Hezekiah, he could go into the Temple to petition YHVH against such enemies that wanted to destroy them 'off the map' as Iran's Muslim Mullah's and General constantly taunt Israel with. This study will also speak on the amazing imagery displayed at the night ceremony on *Mount Herzl* in Jerusalem that depicted in particular, a prophetic motif of the *Fig Tree* pertinent to the parable of Jesus Christ. The 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary means that Israel has now matured.

## The Start-Up Nation

Israel's *Independence Day* culminated with a torch-lighting ceremony of a Menorah motif on the evening of Sabbath as it was back in 1948 also on the eve of the Sabbath. There were many events showcasing Israel's accomplishment in all sectors of its society. As part of the show on Jerusalem's *Mount Herzl*, Intel's *Shooting Star* drones called 'quadcopters' were used that integrated sensors, computing, communication and cloud technologies. What was amazing to behold was that during the night celebration, several light motifs were displayed using this Intel 'quadcopters' that were synchronized to light and music and displayed in the sky above Jerusalem. The drones were equipped with LED bulbs and were able create more than 4 billion color combinations. One of the motifs displayed was the *Fig Tree*.

The drones lit-up the Jerusalem skies with light images of the *Star of David*, the peace dove, the walls of Jerusalem, etc. Such items showcased the tech industry Israel has mastered as it is now referred to as the 'Start-Up Nation'. With Israel's corner on the market in *Cyber Security* and *High Tech*, it will be no wonder why during the *Tribulation Period*, the false Messiah AntiChrist and False Prophet will not have that hard of a time interfacing all peoples with the universal grid pegged to the *Mark of the Beast* as well as animating the *Image of the Beast*, etc. As to the *Fig Tree* motif, Jesus' inferred Israel as being the *Fig Tree*. Many would not agree with such a metaphor. However, in the Biblical context, it does support how such a motif was to be 'cut down' and the Gentiles 'grafted' in, etc. Jesus taught that He came looking for 'fruit' but found none.

Then there was a curse pronounced and it would appear that the narrative of the *Parable of the Fig Tree* did refer to national Israel for the 'cutting down' and curse did come to pass historically; precisely on the 70<sup>th</sup> year AD. However, the reversal of the curse upon Israel and the re-grafting was to occur. Jesus admonished Israel 'to learn the Parable of the Fig Tree'. For in its 'DNA' or 'code', one will find the prophetic roadmap to Israel's ultimate redemption. Thus, the *Parable of the Fig Tree* was likewise to have occurred with a budding, in sequence that many believe was pegged to the rebirth of the nation in 1948. Amazingly, 1948 years ago was precisely the anniversary of 70 AD when the 'cutting' occurred. Prior to that, in 32 AD is when spiritual provision was made to have the Gentiles be grafted in.

If Israel is indeed as the *Fig Tree*, as the Menorah 'almond tree nation', perhaps this 70<sup>th</sup> year marker will be prophetic in that the 'Fig Tree Nation' has matured. What does this mean? Could it mean that the grafting-in of the Gentiles is about to conclude and Israel is about to enter Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> *Week of Years*. The 70<sup>th</sup> year celebration ceremony at one point had an Israeli IDF soldier light-up a Menorah on the ground that was depicted as a 'tree' with roots and the menorah stems as branches, etc. It should be noted that indeed, the Menorah represents a tree. As to the type of tree, it is an almond tree. The almond tree blooms in early February and has its harvest in late August and mainly in September. Some go as far as to suggest that it is the representation of the *Tree of Life*, etc. There is a strong connection that the 'Forbidden Fruit' eaten by Eve and Adam was perhaps the *Fig* as they subsequently then sowed themselves *fig leaves* to cover their nakedness that they then realized due to their 'illumination'.

## **The Prince of Persia**

The *Parable of the Fig Tree* was given in the context of what the Jewish Disciples of Jesus asked Him concerning Israel's eventual and future restoration. Their question and context was Israel in light of the coming restored Kingdom. The Kingdom will come and perhaps the 70-year milestone is going to be profoundly significant for Israel in this respect. Until then, threats to Israel's existence and its people have come around again as they did during King Hezekiah's day. Is it any wonder that out of all the Kings of Judah, the archeological findings mainly point to Hezekiah's *Signet* for example that was recently discovered? Iranian religious and military officials have been making serious threats following the April 9 strike on the T-4 Air Base, near Palmyra in central Syria. As mentioned, the strike killed at least 7 members of the *Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corp* IRGC, including the head of its drone program, Col. Mehdi Dehghan.

Subsequently, Iranian General Hossein Salami tweeted very interesting threats against Israel. Some would say the rhetoric was prophetic that mirrors the same spirit, that being the *Spirit of AntiChrist* against Israel of what *Rabshakeh* said against King Hezekiah and people of Judah. He also made a menacing speech in which the same rhetoric was amazingly similar and perhaps even prophetic in comparison to *Rabshakeh's* as well. Is it any coincidence, Biblically speaking, that General Hossain Salami, threatened Israel in an address in Tehran, on April 20, 2018, the same day Israel celebrated its 70-year anniversary? What was not reported or written about is that during this day, Prime Minister Netanyahu took the Cabinet to the *Hall of Independence* in Tel Aviv where David Ben Gurion first declared Israeli independence 70 years ago.

It is rather ironic or 'iranic' in how another Persian, King Cyrus had supported and freed the Jews after 70 years of captivity to return to Judah to commence rebuilding the city and then the Temple eventually. Nonetheless, Israel's 'red line' is Iran's military encroachment into Syria that is only a staging ground to invade Israel from and it will happen. The strikes by Israel upon Iranian targets in Syria have only embolden the Muslims against Israel. As noted, it was the first time Israel and Iran have had a direct military confrontation in Syria. Israel took opportunity of the prior chemical attack to strike Iranian targets. The Israeli aim is to keep Iran in check but it has just disturbed the Muslim 'bee hive'. Conspiratorially, Israel and the Kurds are the only people that stand to lose in having the USA pull out of Syria. It would upset the 'Balance of Power'.

It is not beyond the realm of possibility that such would have induced the chemical attack to ensure the USA does not leave Syria. According to Israeli Intelligence, there are now 5 bases that Israel believes to be controlled by Iran. These are the Damascus International Airport, the Sayqal Air Base, the T-4 Air Base, an Aleppo Airfield and a base in Deir Ezzor. As the Iranian menace is going to be increased and the Iranian Muslim resolve will intensify, it will call for drastic action on the part of Israel that eventually could be in the form of a nuclear strike in Syria. Once Iran possesses a nuclear weapon, it will use it on Israel, as that is their public stated goal and prerogative. As Israel has a history of preemptive strikes, it will not allow any such threat to originate from Syria, thus a possible nuclear detonation in Damascus might ensue. The fear of a chemical and/or biological attack by Iran against Israel is of utmost concern for Israel.

The following is from Abas Aslani (@AbasAslani) [April 20, 2018](#) [#Iran](#)'s [#IRGC](#) Vice-Commander Salami threatening Israel as Rabshakeh did during the days of Hezekiah.

**Rabshakeh**

**Rab-saris, Chief of the Officers**

Sennacherib King of Assyria  
2 Kings 18:17 to 2 Kings 19:37

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*And the king of Assyria sent the Tartan, the Rab-saris and the Rabshakeh with a great army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem... And when they called for the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder. And the Rabshakeh said to them, Say to Hezekiah,*

*Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: On what do you rest this trust of yours? Do you think that mere words are strategy and power for war?*

*In whom do you now trust, that you have rebelled against me? Behold, you are trusting now in Egypt, that broken reed of a staff, which will pierce the hand of any man who leans on it. Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him.*

*But if you say to me, We trust in the LORD our God, is it not he whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed, saying to Judah and to Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?*

*Come now, make a wager with my master the king of Assyria: I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them.*

*How then can you repulse a single captain among the least of my master's servants, when you trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?*

*Moreover, is it without the LORD that I have come up against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.*

**Hossein Salami and Abdolrahim Mousavi  
Commanders of Iranian Military**

Revolutionary Guards Corps  
Tweeter

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*Israel[i] airbases are within reach and Iran's hands are on the trigger and missiles are ready.*

*Wherever you are in the occupied land, you'll be under fire from us, from east and west.*

*You became arrogant. If there's a war, the result will be your complete elimination,*

*Your soldiers and civilians will flee, and you won't survive.*

*And you'll have nowhere to run, except to fall into the sea."*

*Don't trust in your airbases; they're within reach.*

*Don't have hope in [#US](#) & [#UK](#); when they arrive, you're not there...*

*Smallest goal will be your can't bear.*

*When you escape, you'll have no way but to the sea.*

*Hands are on the trigger & missiles are ready & will be launched at any moment that enemy has a sinister plot...*

*North & west of [#Israel](#) are at the intersection of fire; you will not escape.*

*You live in the dragon's mouth.*

## The Spiritual Opposition

It should be noted that many who believe the Isaiah 17 prophecy of Damascus being destroyed overnight do not factor in or mention ever that also in such a case, many northern Israeli towns will also be devastated by such a possible nuclear detonation. The verses speak of severe damage also being inflicted upon Israel or 'Jacob'. Thus, it will not be a clean slate as the language speaks of the 'fading glory of Jacob', etc. Unless, the verses are synonymous with Damascus as being that of a type of 'Jacob'. Such could be alluding to a metaphorical spiritual condition or a future date entirely not related to the current geo-political events of the current headlines.

Since the Israeli attack on Iranian positions within Syria, other prominent Iranian military and diplomatic leaders have also made threats against Israel. Spokesman like Iran's Foreign Minister said the country's retaliation against Israel will come 'sooner or later' and that Jerusalem will 'regret its misdeeds.' Others have stated, 'At the moment when the enemy decides to act against us, we will fire at them. We have learned ways to overcome our enemies. We can hit our enemies' vital interests wherever we wish.' *Commander-in-Chief* of the Iranian Army, General Abdolrahim Mousavi continued his threats against Israel warning Israel that, 'only 25 years remain until the destruction of the Zionist entity. But that does not mean that the IRGC will not take the initiative to attack the enemy.'

Israel's defense establishment and its various intelligence services believes that an Iranian revenge attack is coming. What is the big deal? This would be a departure from previous clashes between Israel and Iran, in which Tehran's reprisals were carried out through its proxies, most notably the *Hezbollah* terrorist organization. For the 1st time since Cyrus, Iran (Persia) and Israel will directly engage in direct conflict. Now as then the modern-day enemies of Israel still taunt YHVH's Earthly People. Judah now as then was and is what is left of the remaining Southern Kingdom. YHVH did promise that He would leave but 1 tribe to make good on His Promises to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and King David, etc. The contention is a spiritual one as noted. It is over the Jews being in the *Promised Land*, and to the legitimacy of the Jewish claim to the *Temple Mount* that Muslims seek to usurp. Such issues are yet to be resolved. Until that time, the Muslims will continue to blaspheme YHVH the *Creator* and GOD of Israel in the *Spirit of AntiChrist*.

Aside from Iran, similar Biblical threats have also come from within other Islamic bodies that denies the Jews their ancient heritage and *Birthright*. The modern 'Philistines' continue to make false assertions against the Jews through the U.N. Such Muslims claim that Judah never existed nor was ever associated with the *Temple Mount*. These claims are insane and suspend reality, as this *Last Generation* seems to choose instead. If such claim the Jerusalem was never the capital of the Jews nor a Solomon's Temple exist in the *Promised Land*, then neither did the sons of Mohammed for that matter. Such Islamic revisionism also negate all of the New Testament accounts of how Jesus preached and taught at the Temple. This is what the *Spirit of AntiChrist* does and seeks to rewrite history through the control of the U.N. and other international bodies.

## The Fig Tree Nation

All the nations, to include the USA will at some point not be around or be able to support nor help Israel during such military campaigns that will see Iran cross into Israel along with the other Russian-led Muslim nations. This is prophetic by design of YHVH. The Israel-Iran contention will culminate and only be finally resolved during the *Ezekiel 38 War* in which there is no nation to come to Israel's defense, but YHVH Himself.

However, there will be a Temple as in the day of King Hezekiah, the 3rd Temple. It took a King like Hezekiah to come to the Temple before YHVH with the evil edicts of the fierce King of Assyria to plead for mercy and protection. This is what modern Israel as a nation still has to do. However, the 3rd Temple will be a start and many Israelis are sensing this need now. Too often, Israel has relied on a political solution and alliance with superpowers like the USA to this present day.

In Hezekiah's day, it was Egypt for example. However, Hezekiah is an example of a King that changed or repented, given the opportunity. The Bible records that YHVH defended His city and dispatched an Angel that slew over 180,000 of Senna-Cherib's army. Ironically, this history will be repeating itself. It is a foreshadowing of the *Ezekiel 38 War* as the armies of Israel's enemies; Iran, Russia, Turkey, etc., will fall down on the 'Mountains of Israel', slain as it were by the *Destroying Angel* of old. The Bible clearly states that YHVH will do this for 'My People' to not only show Israel but the Nations of the world that YHVH is GOD alone, not Allah, not Buddha not Krishna, etc. The sons of Senna-Cherib today are the Iranians with their *Prince of Persia* or demonic *Fallen Angel* stronghold in 'heavenly places' that seeks to dominate the *Earthly Zion*.

This quest is at the heart of the hatred for YHVH's People then as now. Such enemies of both the Earthly People, the Jews and the Heavenly People of YHVH, the followers of Jesus Christ are opposed by the same *Spirit of AntiChrist* and 'spirit of Senna-Cherib' that contends for the *Birthright* of the *Promised Land*. Senna-Cherib sent envoys to Judah. This is prophetically reoccurring now in these *Last Days*. They spoke-up in Hebrew then as they do now in English through *Tweeter* even so that all could be terrified and cast doubt on the words of YHVH, 'Has YHVH really said?' This taunting echoes the whispers of the original and first taunting of an 'enemy' or *Advisory*, Lucifer to Eve in the *Garden of Eden*. Sadly, a similar surrounding of Jerusalem will occur and a 'Senna-Cherib' will arise against Judah, the AntiChrist.

However, soon, YHVH will once again fight for 'His People'. It was YHVH who encouraged Hezekiah and all of Judah to 'be strong and courageous' and stand against this *Spirit of AntiChrist*. It will be the cause to have Israel see 1<sup>st</sup> hand the saving work of their GOD, YHVH on their behalf as in the days of Hezekiah. Given the context and timing of Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, is she now 'matured' as the once 'cursed Fig Tree'. Is it now enough to continue where YHVH left off with her? Is Israel at the point of entering the *70<sup>th</sup> Week of Years* remaining to usher in the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus, their true King and deliverer? Is the *Church Age* 'grafting-in' of the Gentiles to the stump of Israel about to be completed?

If the *Fig Tree* motif used during the celebrations, the taunting of Israel's enemies against her, the 70-year numerical correlation and the increasing awareness for the need to rebuild the 3rd Temple are any indicators that Biblical history is at a point of a major prophetic convergence, then perhaps.

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