 Seventy and Two

In the PS of the October 29, 2017, report, I noted:

A brother upon reading the above noted that Jeremiah 29:10 states, “When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.” Of course that seventieth year is on the other side of sixty-nine. So what could this mean for me, for us? I do not like the idea of waiting seventy years; but if that is what has to happen, ANYTHING is worth waiting for Yahweh to visit us and fulfill His good word to us, . . .! We will wait and see.

Let us consider for a moment that this is indeed what takes place. So, is there anything in the Scriptures that would confirm or support this possibility? Indeed. In Numbers 11:16-29 we read what took place when the people complained after leaving Egypt, and they wanted meat. In verses 16-17 we read Yahweh’s answer:

Yahweh therefore said to Moses, “Gather for Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and their officers and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put Him upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you will not bear it all alone.”

Then verses 24-25 tell us:

So Moses went out and told the people the words of Yahweh. Also, he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stationed them around the tent. Then Yahweh came down in the cloud and spoke to him; and He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed Him upon the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do it again.

So, the seventy prophesied, but did not do so again. And then something followed that makes absolutely no practical sense. Even so, what have you learned about the Scriptures? The first priority of the Scripters is prophecy: prophecy, moral virtue, and then history. And what you are going to now see is indeed prophecy, because from a natural standpoint it does not compute. In verse 26 we next read:

But two men had remained in the camp; the name of one was Eldad and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them (now they were among those who had been registered, but had not gone out to the tent), and they prophesied in the camp.

Hold it! We just read in verse 24 that Moses “gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stationed them around the tent.” Yet now we read: “But two men had
remained in the camp.” How can the seventy gather around the tent, and there still be two who remained in the camp? The answer? Prophecy!

And continuing in this prophecy, in verses 27-29 we read:

So a young man ran and told Moses and said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” Then Joshua the son of Nun, the attendant of Moses from his youth, said, “Moses, my lord, restrain them.” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all Yahweh’s people were prophets, that Yahweh would put His Spirit upon them!”

So, what do we find prophesied here? Relative to prophecy and the continuation thereof, it is a 70 and 2 pattern, with the latter 2 being ongoing, and the desire that Yahweh would place His Spirit upon all of His people.

What could this mean today? If as presented in the PS that the completion of the seventieth year is the time we the Bride have been waiting for, then Yahweh will declare: “I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, . . . and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile“ (Jeremiah 29:14). This is right in line with the assessment of the fulfilling Bride today:

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb” (Revelation 7:9-10).

And now we see in this living parable that there is a 70 and 2 pattern that will bring about a much longed for and much needed period of two years where Yahweh’s people will proclaim real and lasting truth and He will put His Spirit upon them—the latter rain!

Let us be more specific now. As I write this I am 69 years of age, which has been carried out as three very specific periods of 23 years each. Now, if Yahweh waits until it is on the other side of 70 years (as prophesied in Jeremiah 29:10), then yes, the Spirit would come upon us as testified by Eldad and Medad. This is the Spirit that is fulfilled when on the other side of the 70. This would in fact be the latter rain ministry period of the two years remaining in the covenant with the many. So we see a very clear testimony, even in a Bible contradiction—that the pattern of the latter rain could be fulfilled via a 70-and-2-year period.

And briefly, the meaning of the names of these two men upon whom the Spirit rested and they prophesied, are quite hopeful as well. Eldad means “God has loved,” and Medad means “beloved.” One cannot help but consider these names as being relevant to a bride.

And if this evidence was not already sufficient, let me provide yet another testimony concerning this. Around 1990 when I was operating Sonshine House Ministries, for
about three years I had been saving in order to buy some property at Forney, Texas, in order to build an apartment facility for the needy. I had a weekday radio program called “The Corners of Your Field,” as well as a large thrift store. These generated the finances needed to buy the land which was $70,000. Surprisingly, I had actually saved that much money in those three or so years, and went back to the landowner to purchase it. But to my surprise, he now would not sell it to me. There was a neighboring property owner who opposed the purchase.

There was nothing I could do at that point, and equally surprising the two things that provided the $70,000 now began to absorb it. We eventually closed what had become two thrift stores, and I began yet another business, a pallet business, associated with the ministry which was successful.

But just a few days before writing this report you are now reading, it suddenly dawned on me what was obviously taking place in all of that. You see, the land was $70,000, and what we in fact saved was $72,000. So, here again was a $70,000 and $2,000, or a 70 and 2. So, why would Yahweh perform this? Why did He give me the large sum of money and then take it away? Well, I will ask you a question: Why did Yahweh give the first Remnant the Spirit in full measure and wonderful uninterrupted success for a year and a half, and then take it all away? That work was totally dispersed! It too came to a sorrowful end! The answer? Because it too had to die and be sown into death so that the fulfilling second Remnant could come and succeed—fulfilling what was promised to the former. (And might I say here, this is the same pattern regarding Yahshua’s first coming that led to death, versus His second coming where He reigns.)

Do you now see why Yahweh amazingly provided the first $70,000 and $2,000, or the first 70 and 2, in order to provide the latter 70 years and 2 years today? The former was provided to afford a place for the natural poor and needy; but the true and much needed fulfillment would in fact look to the 70 years and 2 years which would give us the ability today to purchase/receive the kingdom for the spiritual poor and needy. I finished every radio program at that time with this line: “This is Gary Naler, will you give the corners of your field?” It was based on Leviticus 23:22—“When you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field nor gather the gleaning of your harvest; you are to leave them for the needy and the stranger.” Today, before the coming of Immanuel, we need to glean a bride, a Ruth, for Yahshua from the four corners of the earth (Revelation 7:1-3).

In around 1990 Yahweh sowed $70,000 for the natural home for the needy, so that today after 70 years we can receive the home for the fulfilling Bride. And the $2,000 that would have been remaining, looks to the 2 years of the remaining covenant with the many. May our long-awaited hope be fulfilled. We reap what we sow, and around twenty-seven years ago Yahweh sowed a seed that hopefully will find much-needed fulfillment today.

Blessed be His name forever,

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