

APPENDIX C

The Jewish “Double” as a Lock on Chronology

To those of us who have the privilege of living since 1878, there exists a chronological “tool” which serves as a virtual lock on the entire Biblical chronology. It is as if the Lord pre-programmed a fail-safe formula for us at the end of the age who would be subjected to all kinds of chronological information (Biblical and secular) which might tend to sway our confidence in any given chronology. The prophecy of the Jewish “Double” (Jeremiah 16; Zechariah 9; Isaiah 40), however, is so broad in its scope that it **locks in all dates** between the death of Jacob and the establishment of Petah Tikvah in 1878. With the Zechariah 9:9-12 prophecy marking the crucifixion year (33 AD) as the center of the “double,” and with Jacob’s death (1813 BC) and Petah Tikvah (1878 AD) marking its two extremes, **all dates between** these extremes are **confirmed** and cannot be moved so much as one year if they would affect 1813 BC, 33 AD, or 1878 AD. What more could we ask? With a simple prophecy visually fulfilled, we have answered all the complexities of whether or not our Biblical chronology is correct! We now can judge whether or not the “experts” are correct, even if we ourselves are not schooled in the complexities of historical dating.

A very nice corroboration of 1878 comes from an address given by Israeli Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, on the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish State. His words: “The state did not come into existence on that great day of May 14, 1948, nor was it the 650,000 Jews who lived in the country on that day who established it. Pioneering activities of three generations preceded the declaration of independence **beginning in 1878** when the first Hebrew settlement in the country, Petah Tikvah, was founded.”

APPENDIX D

606 and 536 - Another Lock

Just as the Jewish Double locks in most of the chronology, the prophecy of the “Times of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24) serves as a locking corroboration to the chronology following the dethronement of Zedekiah (Ezekiel 21:25-27). This is true, of course, only to those of us living since 1914. The dates of 606 and 536 (as the close of the 70-year desolation) were imperative parts of the chronology when it was first presented. Based upon their supposed accuracy, Brother Russell, with loud voice and strong faith, pointed to the autumn of 1914. All the world was aware of his predictions. Now, historians point just as strongly **backward** to this date. How much eyesight do we need to see that **history confirmed prophecy**? Sometimes the faith of the predictors now seems weaker than the surety of the historians! The point is clear: no matter now who may question 606, 536, and the 70-year desolation of the land, the Lord Himself has shown it to be correct, and even secular historians shout approval unknowingly!

The import of these “seven times” (2520 years) of “Gentile Times” is augmented by the fact that the Lord used this most perfect of numbers as the basis of the prophecy. This is the **lowest number** into which every single digit divides without remainder. Additionally, the sum of all single digits (45) also divides into it without remainder. Further, any sub-total of the digits as added also divides evenly into 2520. With this amazing number used to predict the outbreak of World War I long before its advent, who can successfully question the 606 and 536 dates which gave it its basis?