

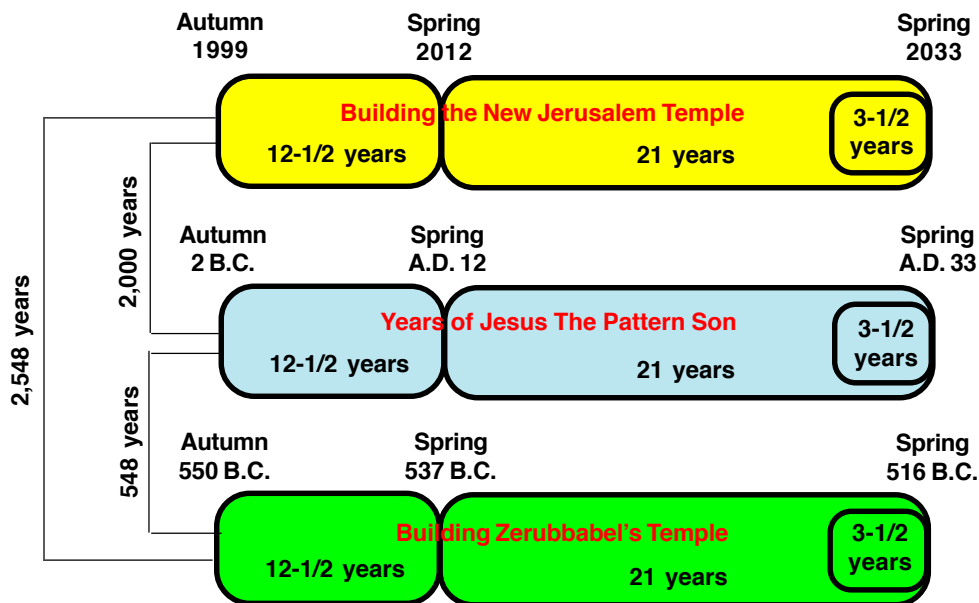
Building a New Temple!

What Did Isaiah See?

In previous studies we have been looking at the dates 1999 and 2033 as they relate to the construction of a new Temple. These dates parallel the construction of the Second Temple under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua. This article will be an extension of those studies, revealing an astonishing parallel that confirms the establishing of Divine Government in the earth in the spring of 2033.

Today our study will be primarily from the book of Isaiah, the golden-tongued prophet of God who saw our day in prophecy. Today we have the privilege of living and seeing these things that Isaiah saw afar off, and who wrote them down under the inspiration of God. The story is an exciting one!

Let's begin with the graphic from the previous study – the 2,548 years between the building of Zerubbabel's Temple and the building of the New Jerusalem Temple – an exact parallel, type and antitype.



In the autumn of 550 B.C. Daniel was given a vision of the Ram (Cyrus). The vision prophesied the overthrow of Babylon by Cyrus (who represented Jesus). 2,548 years after this, in the autumn of A.D. 1999, Jesus received authority as King on David's Throne – the Little Stone was cut out of the mountain.

12-1/2 years later, in the spring of 537 B.C. the foundation of the Temple, and the altar, were finished. Again we count 2,548 years and it brings us to the spring of A.D. 2012. Will this see the antitypical fulfillment – the bringing together of Jesus

and his Bride as the foundation and altar of the New Jerusalem Temple?

In the type, 17 years later, in the autumn of 520 B.C. work began on the rest of the Temple – corresponding to the work beginning again on the construction of the New Jerusalem Temple: the bringing of Israel back into covenant relationship with God, and being the earthly center for Divine Government.

3-1/2 years later, in the spring of 516 B.C. Zerubbabel’s Temple was finished and dedicated. Thus it appears that 2,548 years after the typical Temple was completed, the antitypical Temple will be completed and dedicated – functioning as Divine Government for the entire world.

Surely, the glory of this later Temple will be greater than the glory of Solomon’s Temple, just as God told Zerubbabel.

The prophet Isaiah also saw this same Temple in vision. He wrote it this way. Notice that the portions underlined in red each add to 2,548. This happens three times within this one text, and they are intertwined and overlapped to give us the message that this is important. It is a time prophecy, suggesting that there will be 2,548 years between the building of Zerubbabel’s Temple (the type) and the New Jerusalem Temple (the antitype). Isaiah 2:

“In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s Temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths.’ The Law will go out from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

This is a magnificent display of the Gematria of the prophecy. It is amazing that the number 2,548 should even be there at all, but that it should intertwine and overlap three times in this one prophecy is absolutely fantastic! This number – 2,548 – is the number of years between the type (building Zerubbabel’s Temple) and the antitype (building the New Jerusalem Temple).

That Temple will be composed of Christ and his Bride, and God and His Bride (Israel). The completion of that Temple will be 2,548 years from the completion of Zerubbabel’s Temple. It will not be a physical building. It will be Divine Government.

The Apostle John saw this same Temple in vision. He was comparing the Temple that he saw with the old physical temple which began to be built in the days of Zerubbabel. He wrote:

“I did not see a temple in the city (old physical temple), because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple (New Jerusalem Temple). The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought unto it.”
(Revelation 21:22)

Amazingly, John did not know that he was giving us a description of the time span between the completion of Zerubbabel’s Temple and the completion of the New Jerusalem Temple, but there it is in the Gematria value of his comparison of the old physical temple to the New Jerusalem Temple. The portion underlined in red has a total Gematria value of 2548. There is precisely 2,548 years between the completion of Zerubbabel’s Temple (in the spring of 516 B.C.) to the completion of the New Jerusalem Temple in the spring of 2033 (which is the Hebrew year 5793).

Isaiah’s prophecy of this same event also gives us the Hebrew year in which this will happen. Isaiah’s description of the New Jerusalem Temple is so similar to John’s description that one would think they collaborated. Here is what Isaiah wrote:

“The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end. Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot that I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor. The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the Lord; in its time I will do this swiftly.” (Isaiah 60:20)

The portion underlined in red adds to 5793. John gave us the span of time between Zerubbabel’s Temple and the New Jerusalem Temple (2,548 years) and Isaiah gave us the date when this will be accomplished and the New Jerusalem Temple will be completed – the Hebrew year 5793. But obviously they both used the same word imagery to describe this new Temple. This is amazing! The numbers have been there from the time these texts were written, but we had no way of finding them until a computer program was written that could search for them.

The graphic below illustrates this magnificent reality.



This amazing number – 2,548 – describes the length of time from type to antitype; and the number 5793 identifies the date when it will be accomplished.

(The construction of the foundation and the altar was completed 21 years before the whole structure was finished – it is a type of the marriage union of Jesus and his Bride. The erecting of the building is the re-marriage of God to Israel.)

But for Israel to be exalted to this kind of relationship, she must again be married to God in a binding covenant. When God gave Moses the Law on Mt. Sinai, the people of Israel entered into a marriage covenant with God. But they soon violated that covenant and fell into worship of other gods. Israel was an unfaithful wife, and was finally divorced in the spring of A.D. 33 when Jesus hung on the cross and said: *“It is finished.”* But the prophecies clearly state that Israel will be married to God again in a binding covenant that will last forever.

In Isaiah’s 54th chapter he prophesies of the future re-marriage of God and Israel. The language is of caring love for one who had been divorced and desolate.

“ ‘You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband – the Lord Almighty is his name – the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. The Lord will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit – a wife who married young, only to be rejected.’ says your God. ‘For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,’ says the Lord your Redeemer.... I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,’ says the Lord, who has compassion on you. ‘O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with sapphires. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your sons will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children’s peace. In righteousness you will be established.’”

This is a remarkable prophecy, and hidden within the text is the date when this relationship begins – the Hebrew year 5793 (which is the Gregorian year 2033). As if once were not enough, the date 5793 is hidden twice in the Hebrew text. The two portions that are underlined in red each bear a Gematria value of 5793.

In chapters 59 and 60 Isaiah again describes the beauty of this finished Temple – not a temple made by the hands of man, but a glorious Temple designed by God. In 60:7, after describing the wealth of this kingdom, and its fame among the nations of earth, he says: ***“And I will adorn my glorious Temple,”*** – God’s house, comprised of the heavenly glory of Jesus and his Bride, and of its earthly glory – Israel.

In 59:21 through 60:3 God shows the glory of this restored and faithful Israel, when they have once again entered into a marriage covenant with Him. And the dates for this event are beautifully imbedded into the Hebrew text, overlapping and intertwined and giving us the positive assurance of its appointed time.

“ ‘As for me, this day is my covenant with them,’ says the Lord. ‘My spirit, who is on you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will not depart from your mouth, or from the mouths of your children, or from the mouths of your descendants, from this time on and forever,’ says the Lord. ‘Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.’”

In this magnificent statement of the Almighty God, as was dictated to Isaiah, He has hidden within the text the Hebrew date when this will be fulfilled (5793), as well as the number of years between the completion of Zerubbabel’s Temple and the completion of this glorious new Temple (2548). The portion underlined in red defines the Hebrew year 5793. But there are two, so I have underlined the second 5793 in blue. They overlap in the text, emphasizing their importance. The portion underlined in black has a Gematria value of 2548, giving us the time span from the type to the antitype. We cannot lightly dismiss this kind of evidence. It has the fingerprints of God all over it.

Finally, in chapter 62, Isaiah grows eloquent in his description of God’s re-marriage to Israel.

“For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like blazing torch. The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord’s hand, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. No longer will they call you Deserted or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hepzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. As a young man marries a maiden, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.”

The underlined portion of the above scripture has a Gematria count of 2548, bringing us from the type to the antitype. However, this is talking about a wedding. So why the 2548? It is because the re-marriage of God to Israel is the final act in the building of the New Jerusalem Temple. Israel then serves as ambassadors of Divine Government to all the world.

When I have quoted this scripture as evidence of God’s coming re-marriage to Israel, I have been met with objection that this is not speaking of God’s marriage, but it is talking about the marriage of Jesus and his Bride. But look at the text! It says she would no longer be called Deserted. When did Jesus ever desert his bride? He didn’t. He promised he would be with her always, even to the end of the age. Jesus said, *“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”* But God did indeed forsake Israel and left her land desolate. This is why Isaiah prophesied that the land would no more be desolate and their people deserted. It is Israel for whom this re-marriage is promised.

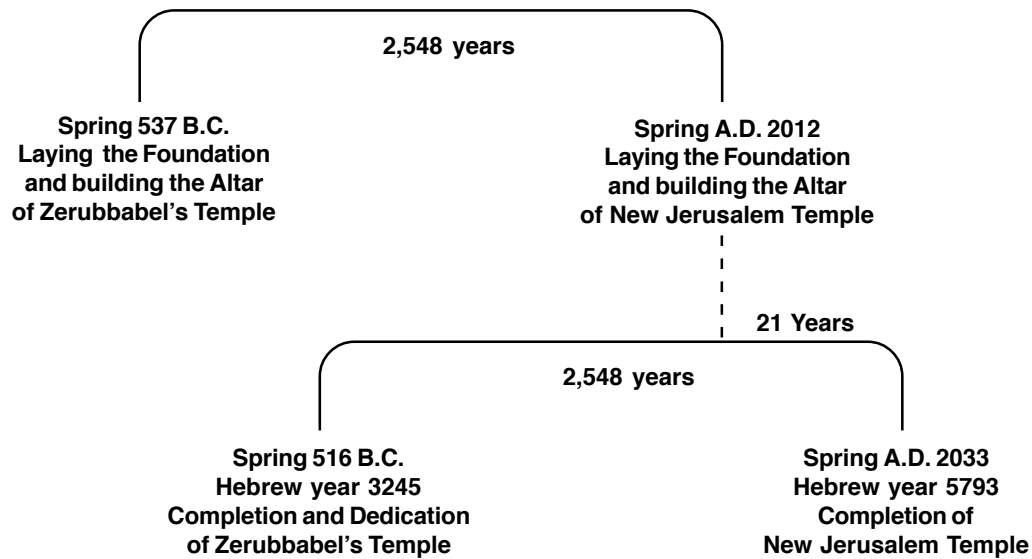
Further in this chapter, in verses 11 and 12 Isaiah confirms that this re-union is between God and Israel.

“Raise a banner for the people. The Lord has made a proclamation to the ends of the earth: ‘Say to the daughter of Zion, see, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.’ They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, a City No Longer Deserted.”

The portion underlined in black has a Gematria count of 2548, giving us the span of time until its accomplishment. Interestingly, the portion underlined in green has a total count of 2033, the Gregorian date when this will be fulfilled.

The type was given to us in the construction of Zerubbabel’s Temple. Work

began in the spring of 537 B.C., and they laid the foundation and built the altar. But the building was not completed and dedicated until the spring of 516 B.C.



What will the completion of the New Jerusalem Temple mean for mankind? First and foremost, it will mean peace! Isaiah had prophesied of its King, *“Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.”*

That’s a magnificent promise. Can you imagine a government that will establish and uphold justice and righteousness – forever? But first the new Ruler will have to overthrow man’s cruel, wicked, and selfish governments. This He is now in the process of accomplishing. That huge metal image which Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream must be brought down and ground to powder and blown away by the wind, and then the Little Stone will grow and fill the whole earth with Divine Government.

“The mountain of the Lord’s Temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house (Temple) of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between nations and settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.” (Isaiah 2)