

3 Major Mysteries That Ushered in Modern Prophetic Events

In his latest book, *The Oracle*, Jonathan Cahn draws from current events, history and the Old Testament to draw out modern-day prophecies about the nation of Israel. Three particular events in Israel's past not only changed Judeo-Christian history but, as Cahn makes the case, they also revealed how God intends to restore Israel.

Discovery No. 1: The Book of Ezekiel at Masada

Masada was a mountain fortress in Israel. It's also where, in the year A.D. 70, refugees, soldiers and Jewish revolutionaries fled as the Roman army lay siege on their nation.

When the Roman army came to attack Masada, the Jewish people made a tragic decision. Rather than be taken captive, they decided to take their own lives and die as free men. When the Roman soldiers reached the top of the fortress, they found their opponents dead.

Masada became a symbol of Israel's last stand. It became a symbol of the human struggle between oppression and liberty.

But in the mid-1960s, Israeli archaeologist Yigael Yadin led a team to Masada to dig up the graves hidden in the sands. What they found was an ancient prophecy from the book of Ezekiel. It said:

"O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves and bring you into the land of Israel" (Ezek. 37:12b).

"When the Jewish people were led captive into the nations,

when it looked as if they would be wiped off the face of the earth, when there was no hope, God had embedded His promise into the sands of their ancient grave,” Cahn says.

Hidden in the nation’s grave was the prophecy of its resurrection—of its dry bones being breathed back to life.

Discovery No. 2: The Dead Sea Scrolls

In 1948, the same year in which the United Nations named the Jewish state Israel, a set of ancient scrolls was discovered in a cave east of Jerusalem. They were the second-oldest manuscripts of the Old Testament, which proved that the Bible was an accurate text of historical significance.

“It was that scroll that contained some of the most powerful words of comfort ever given to Israel and some of the most beautiful prophecies of its future restoration. Several of these would come true in the 20th century with the gathering of the Jewish people back to the land,” says Cahn in his *New York Times*’ bestseller, *The Oracle*.

The discovery also shows that before God creates, He begins with a word. We see this in Scripture. It was the word that brought creation into existence. Before Abraham birthed a nation as numerous as the stars, God spoke to him about it. When the Jewish people mourned their exile, God sent them prophecies of their nation’s restoration. Years later, the word was fulfilled.

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls shows that when God restores a nation, He restores the word. The restoration of Israel brought about the restoration of God’s Word.

Not only does what God decree come to pass, but what comes to pass can be restored through what God decrees.

Discovery No. 3: The Lost City

Expounding upon historical events in *The Oracle*, Cahn reveals

how a British archaeologist unveiled a site that for generations had been lost.

General Sir Charles Warren was one of the earliest European archaeologists of the Holy Land. In the 1860s, he and his team uncovered an ancient city hidden in the dust for 2,000 years.

That city was Jerusalem.

For ages everyone thought the biblical city of Jerusalem was inside the walls we see today. But the truth is, only some of it was. What Warren found was the core city of David and Solomon, Isaiah and Jeremiah. And while crawling through one of Jerusalem's rock chambers, he stumbled upon a shaft.

The shaft was linked with Jerusalem's ancient water system. This is significant because it was through the city's water system that Israel first came into possession of Jerusalem. Warren's discovery meant the restoring of the original connection. It foreshadowed the city's restoration, that it would soon again become a living city filled with the children of Israel. {eoa}

*This article is adapted from The Oracle by **Jonathan Cahn**. Cahn caused a worldwide stir with the release of his explosive first book, The Harbinger, which became an instant New York Times' bestseller and brought him to national and international prominence. His next three books were also New York Times' bestsellers, The Mystery of the Shemitah, The Book of Mysteries and his highest-debuting book, The Paradigm. Long before writing these books, he was known for opening the deep mysteries of Scripture and bringing forth messages of prophetic import. He leads Hope of the World, an international outreach of the Word, teachings and compassion projects for the needy around the world. He also leads the Jerusalem Center/Beth Israel, made up of people of all backgrounds, just outside New York City in Wayne, New Jersey. Called the prophetic voice of this generation, Cahn is a much-sought-*

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