8 BC – THE ANNUNCIATION OF MARY

Songs 6:9

"But my dove, my perfect one, is unique.

The only daughter of her mother

the favorite of the one who bore her -

The maidens saw her and called her 'Blessed'

the queens and concubines praised her."

The verse speaks of a woman who is perfect, unique, and 'blessed' among woman. We know this to be Mary the mother of Jesus to whom the Angel of the Lord spoke. According to the Scripture we read:

'And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: **blessed art thou among women**. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?' And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.' (Luke 1:26-38)

The angel appeared to Mary <u>in the sixth month</u>. Mary became with child – when exactly we do not know – it may have been at that moment or sometime after the annunciation of the angel. For sure we know the Lord Jesus must have been born the following year because the annunciation happened in the sixth month. Gestation would not have permitted Jesus to be born that year.

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This is important because it means the next verse in the Song of Songs matches the year following the annunciation to Mary – which is the birth of the Christ. So the Spirit is teaching us that each verse corresponds to a new year in the calendar. We can follow the prophecy of the Spirit along – right through the life of Christ – into Isaiah and Jeremiah – verse by verse, right up to the present year and beyond.

SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

PART ONE

Songs 6:9 is 17,624th verse in the Bible.

17,624 = 8 x 2203 [328th prime]

The number 8 means 'New Man' or 'Holy Man'.

This is the year Jesus left Heaven's glory and was incarnated into Mary's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The number 328 means 'Conspirators Assassinate King'.

When Jesus left Heaven He already knew His life on earth would end on a Cross.

He would die by conspirators in a plot (Judas and priests).

The 2203rd verse of the Prophets starting with Isaiah 1 v 1 is Jeremiah 36 v 15:

"They said to him 'Sit down, please, and read it to us"

The officials in the secretary's room in the royal palace were told that Baruch had read the scroll to the people. So they said 'Bring the scroll from which you have read to the people and come'. Then they said 'sit down please and read'.

"Sit down, please"

Jesus was incarnated, come down from his lofty place, to be found in the form of a man, so that he could:

"read it to us"

Tell us the mystery of what was written in the Scroll – the Scriptures.

PART TWO

Songs 6 is the 677th chapter in the Bible. The spiritual number 677 means 'Bonded to One Another'.

The number **677** is the **123**rd prime. The spiritual number **123** means 'Devoted to the LORD'

Jesus incarnated, came down from his lofty throne, to die a death by the hands of conspirators. His life was perfectly devoted to the LORD. His death was not in vain. Through his sacrifice on the Cross human souls who believe in him are forgiven their sin and by God's grace are bonded to him and to one another.

SCRIPTURE PROPHECY LINKING

Songs 6 verse 9:

My dove, my perfect is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

This is the Annunciation of Mary. How do we know for sure?

The key events in the life of Mary and in her child Jesus Christ are prophetically contained in this verse.

We'll show you how. There are sixteen Hebrew words.

Here is the list with the Gematria (sum of the value of the Hebrew letters beside each word):

| אחת | 409 | Is one |
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| היא | 16 | she |
| יונתי | 476 | my dove |
| תמתי | 850 | my undefiled |
| אחת | 409 | is one |
| היא | 16 | she |
| לאמה | 76 | of her mother |
| ברה | 207 | the choice |
| היא | 16 | who |
| ליולדתה | 485 | of her that bare |
| ראוה | 212 | saw |
| בנות | 458 | the daughters |
| ויאשרוה | 528 | and blessed |
| מלכות | 496 | the queens |
| ופילגשים | 479 | the concubines |
| ויהללוה | 92 | they praised her |
| | | |

Let's use the Gematria as a prophetic compass. The Gematria of the 1st word is **409**. The **409**th chapter in the Bible is **Ezra 6**. Since the word **מתא** is the first verse in **Songs 6:9** the compass takes us to:

Ezra 6 v 1

Then Darius the King made a decree, and search was made in the house of the scrolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon.

<u>1st Key Event in Life of Mary</u>: Augustus made a 'Decree' - Let there be a 'Search' [Census] in the 'House of the Scrolls' [Judea] - (Note: the purpose of the census was so Augustus could levy a pole tax and lay up 'treasures' in 'Babylon' [Rome])

Second word: 16th chapter is **Genesis 16**. Now look at the **2**nd verse of that chapter:

Genesis 16 v 2

And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

<u>2nd Key Event in Life of Mary</u>: 'Sarai said to Abram: Behold now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing.' Sarai was hopeful to be the mother of the Seed of the Woman, the Messiah. She made herself available to God to bear his child by miraculous birth – which explains her childlessness, she wasn't sleeping with Abram.

After some time of not bearing a child, Sarai said 'I pray thee'. Of course, Sarai did not pray to Abraham, she prayed to the LORD: 'go into my maid': O LORD, choose to be incarnated as a child in the womb of another woman, her maid. Sarai was a prophetess – the mother of all prophetesses. Mary the prophetess became the answer to Sarai's prayer – she was 'Sarai's maid'. Abram heard Sarai's prayer. But it was not answered by God until the Angel of the LORD appeared to Mary.

Needless to say when Abram went into Hagar in the normal way the son born in the normal way, Ishmael, was not the promised Messiah. Isaac too was the son of Abram not the son of God.

3rd word: 476th chapter is Job 40

Job 40 v 3

Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said: 'There is a man child conceived'.

<u>Big prophecy</u>: Christ will not be born in the day-time; he will be delivered at night. Was it fulfilled? Yes. The shepherds were watching their flocks by night.

In another sense the 'Day' perished when Christ was born – his appearance would bring the end of the Old Covenant (at his death) - and his disappearance would bring the institution of the New Covenant (also at his death). Christ died in the dark, due to the supernatural darkness over the earth for three hours.

The first light of the New Day began in the early hours of the morning when he rose from the dead.

4th word: 850th chapter is Ezekiel 48

Ezekiel 48 v 4

And by the border of Naphtali: from the east side unto the west side a portion for Manasseh.

<u>Big clue</u>: Christ will not belong to any tribe. Naphtali is (roughly) Galilee. The portion of Manasseh will go up to the border, i.e. won't possess Naphtali, or the Lord Jesus, who will grow up there.

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Christ will be the Savior of the World. The line of the patriarchs (up to Mary) are the means to achieve this. This precious child, born of Mary, raised and loved by Mary, won't belong to Mary. He will belong to God.

5th word: 409th chapter is **Ezra 6** (again)

Ezra 6 v 5

And also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, everyone to his place, and place them in the house of God.

<u>Big prophecy</u>: The gold vessels which were taken out of the Temple of Solomon to Babylon during the first exile will re-appear at the birth of Christ. This is exactly what happened. The Magi brought gifts of gold to the Christ child. They weren't coins. They were the gold vessels taken from the Temple of Solomon by Nebuchadnezzar. If you read Ezra 6 you will see the search of Darius the Mede was conducted in the temple of the scrolls in the citadel of Ecbatana in the province of Media. The Maji were the holy men of Media.

6th word: 16th chapter is **Genesis 16** (again)

Genesis 16 v 6

But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleases thee. When Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

<u>Big clue</u>: Mary would be 'dealt hardly with' in prophecy. No sooner was Christ born, but Mary and Joseph had to flee to Egypt - leave the holy land - 'flee from her face' - and when they returned keep a low profile.

7th word: 76th chapter is Exodus 26

Exodus 26 v 7

Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

Big prophecy: From Mary's perspective 'Thou' is Christ, and 'mine altar' is his sacrificial death.

#1 Christ will not die in the second Temple (where the altar of sacrifice is located – which had steps).

#2 He will die outside the Temple so that his death does not 'defile' it.

#3 He will die naked – his nakedness will be 'discovered'

#4 His 'altar' - his place of death - will be on level ground – no steps.

#5 He will 'go up' - be suspended in the air - but not by climbing steps. It is picture language to visualize being raised by others into the air. Jesus would explain this: 'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert'.

8th word: 207th chapter is Joshua 20

Joshua 20 v 8

And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

<u>Big clue</u>: The three cities are the cities of refuge on 'the other side of the Jordan'. Cities of refuge were places for men accused of manslaughter to flee the avenger of blood. They were gained freedom from the cities of refuge, their incarceration, at the death of the high priest. Thus, the death of Christ set the captives free.

All are guilty before God of breaking the Law. Without a refuge all are pursued by the avenger of the Law. But Christ will be a refuge for those who 'enter in' to him - by faith in his blood. Christians who are saved out of the Jews will live 'on the other side of the Jordan' - they will be rejected by their own people for the sake of Christ. The guilt for the manslaughter of Christ is upon all Jews because the high priest who condemned Christ to death acted as the legal representative of all Jews.

9th word: 16th chapter is Genesis 16 (again)

Genesis 16 v 9

And the Angel of the LORD said to her: Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

<u>Big prophecy</u>: Knowing according to the 7th word that the Jews were going to kill her child, Mary was under instructions not to flee the Holy Land permanently, but return and submit to the consequences. Mary's sacrifice of her child is something very precious to the LORD. Without her obedience he would not have been able to exercise his own obedience: live under the Law, prove himself to be a sinless sacrifice, and show himself to Israel. If Mary had stayed in Egypt or moved permanently to some other land like Syria, salvation of the world would not have happened. A number of prophetic events occurred in the life of Christ while he was still in his parent's care. If Mary and Joseph had not followed the Spirit, prophecy would have been broken and salvation of the world lost. An example is the appearance of Jesus in the Temple (See our paper <u>9 AD</u>).

10th word: 485th chapter is Psalm 7

Psalm 7 v 10

My defence is of God, who saves the upright in heart.

<u>Big Clue</u>: Mary was disgraced by her premarital pregnancy: her son would be whispered to be illegitimate. Later the highest religious authorities in the land would declare her son to be demon possessed and a blasphemer.

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Mary was only human: she was not filled with the Holy Spirit from conception like her son Jesus. Mary faced doubts: 'How will this be?' Mary found herself at a young age in a drama she did not concoct. Mary's strength was her prophetess spirit (that is why she was 'perfect' for the task). Her hope was in God – she was not overcome by the terrible things she experienced including seeing Jesus die the way he did.

11th word: 212nd chapter is Judges 1

Judges 1 v 11

And from there he went against the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjath Sepher:

Background to Understand this prophecy

The word 'Kirjath Sepher' means the 'city of the scrolls'. This is a fascinating link back to the 1st word – where **Darius** made a search in the 'house of the scrolls'.

Kirjath Sepher (Joshua 21:15) was one of the cities of refuge for the priests located in Judah very near Hebron. The city was within the boundaries of the territory of Caleb. This place was also known as '**Kirjath Seneh**' (Joshua 15:49) which means 'city of thorn bush'. The same kind of bush that burned without burning up that God addressed Moses from (Exodus 3:3). The bush in Exodus 3:3 is the common 'shittim' or acacia tree. The word 'seneh' refers to a thorny bush, of which acacia is one kind.

"Debir" is the Canaanite name for the same city. It was the capital of the King of Eglon and it was one of the places where dwelt the sons of Anak, the giants. When Joshua conquered the Promised Land he slew the King of Eglon and the giants who lived in Debir. The Gematria of Debir is 216. The spiritual number 216 means 'Brotherly Love Gone'.

Debir means 'the place of the word'. The root of **Debir** is 'dabar' which occurs over 2,500 times in the Old Testament. It is used to indicate the 'order' of Melchizedek, the 'inner sanctuary' of the Holy of Holies, the Ten 'Commandments', and the titles of two of the Books in the Torah: 'wayya-dabar' ['And He Spoke' ~ the Book of Numbers], and 'ha-dabar-im' ['The Words' ~ the original title of the Book of Deuteronomy].¹

The verse in Judges 1 v 11 refers to the conquest of **Debir**.

Judges 1 v 12:

And Caleb said, He that smites Kirjath Sepher, and takes it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.

¹ Abarim Hebrew Dictionary: "The verb <u>dabar</u> should be distinguished from אמר (<u>amar</u>), to say or talk, or rather the activity that brings about strings of these: אמר (<u>omer</u>) 'word,' such as those found in dictionaries. The verb <u>amar</u> brings the focus on what is spoken, but <u>dabar</u> brings the focus on the actual speaking. The verb <u>amar</u> always comes with what was said (i.e.: and then he said, "fine morning, ain't it?"), while <u>dabar</u> may occur without content (i.e.: and, after clearing his throat, he spoke.)

The implication is Christ will be resisted by priests who occupy **Debir** – the 'house of the scrolls'. By their interpretation of the Word of God, these priests reject Christ as Messiah. But the Canaanite possession of **Debir** will not persist – **Christ** will destroy their interpretations by rising from the dead and validate himself as the Messiah. In so doing **Christ** will win a bride, the daughter of **Caleb**: **Achsah**. The word '**Achsah**' means 'ankle chain'. The Gematria of '**Achsah**' is **155**. The spiritual number **155** means 'Honor Relatives'.

Judges 1 v 15:

And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou? And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

Caleb had given **Achsah** a "**south land**" – a desert land - as her inheritance. She asked for water. The '**springs of water**' are the living waters – the spiritual life of God inside the believer who accepts Jesus as Savior. **Achsah** represents those who will believe in Jesus. They inherit a 'desert land' – rejection from Jewish society – but they also inherit 'springs of water' – the gift of the Holy Spirit.

<u>Big prophecy</u>: **Christ** will enter **Debir** – the place of the word - the '<u>Holy of Holies</u>'? 'He went against the inhabitants of Debir' – He met the resistance of the Canaanite priests of the '<u>city of scrolls</u>'. He took the '<u>city of thorns</u>' - He died and shed his blood. And when he was raised from the dead, he took **Achsah** to be his promised betrothed, the bride of Christ.

This is happy news to Mary. The Spirit promises her son will have a wife.

12th word: 458th chapter is Job 22

Job 22 v 12

Is not God in the height of heaven? Behold the height of the stars, how high they are!

<u>Big prophecy</u>: Although Christ rises from the dead, He will not immediately usher in the Millennium on earth. After Christ rises from the dead, He will ascend above the height of the stars, to the throne of God. From there he will administer the unfolding of time in history in such a way that all prophecy is fulfilled that must be fulfilled before he returns.

13th word: 528th chapter is Psalm 50

Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

<u>Big prophecy</u>: Messiah Jesus won a victory over the Canaanite priests of Debir. The war is not finished until all the Canaanite priests are destroyed.

Cattle represent the Gentile nations. Bulls represent the Kings of the Gentiles. Goats represent the descendants of the Jewish people. The blood of the goats suggests at some point the Kings of the Gentiles will all have Jewish blood! This will be fulfilled when the Antichrist takes over the world and installs as ten kings as rulers of all Gentile lands. This author does not subscribe to the theory there is Jewish blood in any of the current royal lines of Europe or any other Gentile nations. All those monarchies will be destroyed and the Antichrist will set up new monarchies with men who share his blood line. The Anti-Christ will be half-Jewish.

This prophecy speaks of the judgment of Kings of the Gentiles appointed by Antichrist. These are the seven seal judgments of the Book of Revelations (see our paper: <u>The Seven Seals</u>).

14th word: 496th chapter is Psalm 18

Psalm 18 v 14

Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings and discomfited them.

<u>Big prophecy</u>: After the judgment of the Gentile Kings appointed by Antichrist, the Great Tribulation will commence. **He sent out his arrows:** The Two Witnesses will give the descendants of the Jews a last chance to believe in Messiah Jesus. **And scattered them:** at the mid-point of the Great Tribulation the Jews who reject the Antichrist will flee to the desert. Many will not escape and will suffer martyrdom to keep their faith. But the 144,000 will take the message to the Gentiles not to accept the mark of the beast.

He shot out lightnings: In the second half of the Great Tribulation the judgment of God will fall on the Jews who rejected Christ and accepted the mark of the Beast and discomfited them.

Jesus will win final and absolute victory. All the Canaanite priests will be destroyed forever.

15th word: 479th chapter is Psalm 1

Psalm 2 v 9 [note: since Psalm 1 only has six verses, we must count 9 more and arrive at Psalm 2 v 9]

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

<u>Big prophecy</u>: Christ Jesus will now exercise judgment on the nations who survived the Great Tribulation. This is the judgment of the sheep and the goats.

Nations who accepted the preaching of the 144,000 and did not take the mark of the beast will be allowed to enter the Millennium. In the Millennium they will be kept in obedience by force. Any defiance will be put down: Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron.

Nations who took the mark of the beast in the Great Tribulation will be destroyed on the spot: thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.