
The Last 70 Years

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We've often correlated the **70** years from the founding of the nation of Israel in **5708 (1948 CE)** to the year the tzaddikim have predicted for the Moshiach and geula (final redemption) in **5778 (2018 CE)** and have explained why 1000 different ways in [The Divine Calendar](#) and our articles. But here we find in the Introduction to the Tikunei Zohar, Hebrew Hasulam #222, written by Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai nearly 1900 years ago a similar reference to the final **70** years:

"And this is the test that the Israelites will go through in the seventy years [70] of the last exile. Since a poor man is considered as dead and when his money or property is taken away from him, it is like they take his body and soul, as they are all at has the same weight. Whatever that he likes should be let go for the love to his master. At that time he connects to the word love ????, which is Bereshit, ??????, and it is like the world was created for him."

וְדָא אִיהוּ נְסִיוֹן דְּעִתִּידִין יִשְׂרָאֵל לְאַתְנַסָּאָה בְּשִׁבְעִין
שָׁנִין דְּגִלוּת בִּתְרָאָה, דְּעֵנִי חָשׁוּב כְּמַת, וְכֹאֲלוּ נְטָלִין
נַפְשֵׁיהּ, גּוֹפָא וְנַפְשָׁא וּמְמוֹנָא כְּלֵהוּ שְׁקוּלִין, בְּמָה דְּחַבִּיב
עָלֶיהָ מְסוּר לֵיהּ בְּרַחֲמֵי דְּמַאֲרִיָּה, וּבְהָהוּא זְמַנָּא
אֲתַקְשֵׁר בְּמַלְתָּ אֲהַב'ה דְּאִיהִי בְּרַאשֵׁי"ת, וְכֹאֲלוּ בֵּיה
בְּרָא עֲלֵמָא, וּמָאן דְּלֹא מְסַר נַפְשֵׁיהּ אוּ גּוֹפִיהּ אוּ
מְמוֹנֵיהּ בְּרַחֲמֵי דְּמַאֲרִיָּה בְּשַׁעַת הַשְּׂמֵד, כְּאֵלוּ אַחֲזַר
עֲלֵמָא לְתֵהוּ וּבֵהוּ, וּמָאן דְּמְסַר נַפְשֵׁיהּ וְגּוֹפִיהּ וּמְמוֹנֵיהּ
בְּשַׁעַת הַשְּׂמֵד בְּרַחֲמֵי דְּמַאֲרִיָּה, דָּא אֲתַקְרִי רַחֲמֵי
דְּמַאֲרִיָּה וְדָאִי, וּבְהָהוּא עֲלֵמָא לִית לְעִילָא מִיְנֵיהּ. וּבְגִין
דָּא קָרָא סְמִיךְ לֵיהּ וְהָאֲרִץ הִיְתֵהּ תֵּהוּ וּבֵהוּ (בראשית א ב).

Note, that Rabbi Shimon was writing this at the start of the last exile, which Rav Yedhua Halevi Ashlag determined to be **1948 years** long, analogous to the birth date of Israel in **1948 CE** and of Abraham in **1948 HC** as explained in [The Divine Calendar](#).

And before we reveal what else the Zohar has to say about the days of Mashiach and the geula, let's note the section of the Tikunei Zohar that contained the secret of the **70** years was **222** as in **6000 - 222 = 5778**.

In the Zohar portion of Naso, there is sub-portion dictated to Rabbi Shimon by the spirit of Moshe Rabbeinu (Ra'ya Meheimna). The first part of the discussion is about the Torah's test of drinking the specially prepared waters to determine whether a woman is unfaithful, and how if she was she will die from the bitter water and if not, she will give birth to a boy because of the sweetened water, and it segues right into:

89. "In the same manner, Israel will be tested in the last redemption. This is what is meant by: 'Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white' (Daniel 12:10), who are from the good side and who pass the test. 'But the wicked shall do wickedly' (Ibid.), because they are

from the Evil Side and by them, it will be fulfilled: "Neither shall they enter into the land of Israel' (Yechezkel 13:9). And He kills them."

So the exile is being presented to us as a test of faith. and in the very next section we are told that after the final redemption will be the tree-of-life reality (Binah) and that those that connect to the Zohar will be spared the final tests of faith because they understand (Binah = Understanding).

90. "But the wise shall understand' (Daniel 12:10), since they are from the side of Binah, which is the Tree of Life. For them, it was said, 'And they who are wise shine like the brightest of the firmament' (Ibid.) with your composition, which is the book of the Zorah, from the light of the supernal; Ima repentance, They do not require a test and, because the children of Israel in the future will taste from the Tree of Life, which is the book of the Zohar, they will leave exile with mercy. It will hold true about them that 'so Hashem did lead him, and there was no strange EL with him' (Devarim 32:12)"

To be continued with the Zohar's explanations of what specifically will happen at the end of days, at the end of the 70 years, when the final redemption hits...