

## APPENDIX (A)

### Calculation of The Seven Times of Punishment

In the Holy Scriptures there are many prophetic time lengths, but there is one which has a specific relationship to the National punishment of Israel for disobedience. It is found in the twenty sixth chapter of Leviticus where in verse 18, 21, 24 and 28 the God of Israel promised to punish His people "SEVEN TIMES".

The exact length of that "seven times" period can be determined by using the Bible to explain its terminology. In chapter twelve of Revelations verse 14 the following terminology is used: "a time and times and a half time." This would be  $1 + 2 + \frac{1}{2}$  which =  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  times. There is another witness to this calculation of  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  times in the same chapter verse 6, where the same period of time is spoken of as "one thousand two hundred and three score days" (1260) and then another witness is in chapter eleven verse 2 where the terminology is "forty and two months" (42).

With these three figures in mind (i.e.:  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  times, 1260 days and 42 months) lets turn to Ezekiel chapter 4 verse 6, where we are told God's prophetic scale is one day for one year. (1 day = 1 year).

This Israel month was 30 days so 42 months would equal 1260 days which would equal  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  years. This would mean "seven times" would equal seven prophetic years consisting of 2520 prophetic days. Using Ezekiel 4:6 of one day equaling one year this would mean "seven times" is 2520 years.

This calculation can be further checked by calculating forward 2520 years from the beginning time of Israel's punishment to determine if anything eventful occurred.

The punishment to come upon Israel was God putting an end to the Kingdom or "cause to cease the Kingdom of the house of Israel" (Hosea 1:4). The destruction of that Kingdom and the deportation of the Israel people from Canaan is recorded in II Kings 16, 17 and 18. II Kings 17:6 tells us that Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, "took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes." Verse 18 teaches that the conquest was so complete that "there was none left but the tribe of Judah only."

This conquest of the House of Israel took about 25 years to complete. As near as can be determined the first campaign against Israel began in 745 B.C. To add 2520 to this date would be to calculate 745 as a minus since it is B.C. and to add to it 2520 years which comes up as 1775. Since there is no "0" year at the beginning of the A.D. period the corrected number is 1776. In simple words 2520 years from 745 B.C. is 1776.

Something eventful did happen in 1776, on July 4<sup>th</sup> – A NATION WAS BORN IN A DAY just as Isaiah 66:7-9 had prophesied "Before she travailed she brought forth; before he pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth and not cause to bring forth? Saith the Lord: Shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? Saith thy God."

Even the name of this restored Kingdom reveals her identity. "AMER" (or amel) means "heaven" and "RICA" (or reich) means "kingdom": or "dominion". AMERICA or Heavenly Kingdom.