

1783 (antes de) [s.d.]. Escrito de Gershom Mendes Seixas com um cálculo para a vinda do Messias baseado em Daniel 7, 25.

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Daniel VII. 25 &ca.
Explained fixing time
of Messiah Anno 1783
found among papers
of Rev. G. Seixas¹

In these our present time a certain German Learned Rabby (whose vast Capacity, and deep study may be gathered from the following Calculation) wrote a very curious, & elegant discourse concerning the precite theme when God may be pleased to send us the promised Messiah and in consequence of his explanation of the Sacred Prophecies touching that point, he imagined, with good ground, that the same may be fullfilled in the year of the [creation]² 5543. In order to please the Curious amongst us, who may not understand the originall, to have ordered the Same to be faithfully translated, humbly praying the Almighty to approach to us that long wished for Period. Amen.

It is proper to know that in the Sixteenth year of the Reign of King Menasses the son of Ezekiah begun the Jewish Captivity, which happened in A.º M. 3243, but our Sacred Temple was not destroyed untill 95 years after, which was in the year of the Creation 3338, the Babilonish Captivity lasted exactly 70 years; then we find that the consacration of the Second Temple was performed A.º M. 3408, said Temple remained unmolested 420 years, consequently it follows that it was destroyed in A.º M. 3828.

The Beginning of the 1. st Subjection was A.º	3243
but the first Temple Remained untouched	95 years viz ^t
The temple destroyed A.º	3338 (Menasseh 39)
Said Captivity lasted to the Seconde Temple	<u>70</u> (Amon 2)
	3408 (Josiah 31)
The Second Temple Remained years	420 (Joas 3)

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2 Suporte danificado.

consequently the destruction A.º

3828 (Jehoim 11
Jeboakim 3
Zedekiah 11.6

We must remember the year 3828 for

95 years

That number is the principal Root of the following Calculation, and on that we are to built the foundation of the true exposition of Daniel's Prophecies God said unto Daniel (chap. 7, v. 25 & chap. 12, v. 7) and they shall be given unto his hand until a Time and Times and the Dividing of Time, & it shall be for a Time, Times & a Half. In the Sacred Language Time comprehends 70 Semitot, which makes 490 years, accordingly Time, Times, and Half or the Division of Time may be understood to mean 490 (Time), 980 (Times), and 245 ($\frac{1}{2}$ Time), which put together exactly makes years 1715, the years that this present Captivity it is presumed may last, and the same having begun, as we have shewn, in the year 3828, it follows that our Redemption may be accomplished in the year 5543.

Explanation

70	Semitot
<u>7</u>	Years to Each Semitah
490	Years to each Time mentioned to Daniel
<u>3</u>	Times & a half
1470	
<u>245</u>	the half or Division of Time
1715	
<u>3828</u>	when the 2 ^d Temple was destroyed
5543	the year, in which probably our Redemption may happen.

Our Ancient Sages have a sentence in the Medras Echá, as follows: “Rabby Joshua the son of Halaftá said, whosever can know certainly how to compute the years that Israel committed Idolatry, may very well know, when the son of David, or the Messias, probably may come.”

Now Israel committed Idolatry 245 years, as many fully appear by the following computation, and the Sacred Text expressly said: “And I will add unto ye Seven Times or Seven fold for Every Sin”, consequently as we sinned, & served Idolatry 245 years, our Captivity may last 7 times 245 years, or 1715 years.

The Sacred Text likewise said: “Ks' Abed Tobedun Maher”, which signifies, that the land avoid be destroyed “Now Abed makes 7 times (maher)”, which in the Sacred Language amounts to years 245

<u>7</u>	times repeated
1715	years of Captivity
<u>3828</u>	the year it begun
5543	the year of our Redemption

The following is to proved that Israel served Idolatry 245 years, viz.^t

In the time of Jeroboam	years	22
Nadam		1
Bagnasah		24
Elah		1
Omry		11
Hahab		22
Apaiauh		1
Jehurum		12
Jehú		28
Jehoachaz		16
Joas		16
Menaseh		10
Jeroboam son to Joar		41
Pegsacá		2
Pecagh son to R.		20
Oseah son to Elá		<u>18</u>
Exactly		245 years

Our learned Author further adds following: “Let us enquire, and endeavour to find some reason why the Text in Daniel mentions, Time, Times and half a Time, & this is in two different places, when it could more properly be said at once 3 Times & a half.” The answer in his opinion is that the Prophecy concerns chiefly the determined time of the Entire End of the Kingdom of Edom, and for proof we learn that three times that Kingdom will declined in Power, & Strenght; the first after the destruction of the 2^d Temple, which was Time, or 490 years, for in the year 4318 was Established the Turkish Empire, who follow Mahomet & weakened very much the Edometish faith;

