

2012 in Prophecy!

The year 2012 is only 3 ½ years from now! It is a year fraught with meaning and prophetic importance. The course of world events and global troubles seems to have suddenly picked up speed, accelerated, and the die is cast, plunging us toward a date with destiny and a great upheaval and cosmic reckoning. What can we expect? What lies ahead? What can we do about it?

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The year 2012 is only a little more than three years from this fall! As world troubles seem to escalate on every side, mankind is poised on the brink of famine, soaring food prices, shortages, incredible violence and the growing threat of world war.

How near is the end of this age – and the time all of the Bible prophets foretold? Is “doomsday” around the corner?

The Mayan Calendar

There has been a great deal of talk about the supposed doomsday prediction of December 21, 2012 as it is reflected in the Mayan long calendar. Most of the ancient Mayan codices were burned by Spanish monks in 1521 as works of the devil. A few survived including the so called Dresden Codex. This 74-page codex written on tree bark and apparently from the famous Mayan temple and observatory at Chichen Itza was sent by Cortes to Emperor Charles V in 1519. It found its way to the Royal Library at the Court of Saxony in Dresden where it was purchased from a private collector by Johann Christian Goetze. While it was damaged by the fire bombing of Dresden during WWII, much has survived.

From the Dresden Codex, which was written between 1200 and 1250 AD, numerous astronomical and calendar data points were found including information on eclipses, the transit of the planet Venus as well as information on the motion of the moon, stars and the sun. It has been determined by research scholars that the Mayan long count calendar ends on 13.0.0.0.0 which equates to our date of December 21, 2012 at 10AM GMT. On that day it has been surmised the “end” will come.

According to the Mayan calendar, we are now living in the Mayan “end times.” The Great Cycle of the Mayan Long Count calendar ends at the winter solstice in 2012 A.D., just over four years from now (September 2008).

In Mayan mythology, the winter solstice sun corresponds to the deity known as One Hunahpu, or “First Father.” The dark rift of the Milky Way, in Mayan cosmology, is known as the “Black Road,” the mouth of the Cosmic Monster, and the birth canal of the Cosmic Mother.

The Mayan calendar has a Great Cycle, ending 13 “bactuns” or a period of 5,125 years. To the ancient Mayans, this conjunction of the sun and Milky Way center or mid-point will occur on the winter solstice, December 21, in 2012 A.D. This date represents a major transition point, *the creation of a new World Age*.

The Mayan Long Count calendar is strikingly different from the Roman calendar, or any other for that matter. A “month” is 20 days, and *18 months is a year of 360 days*. Twenty 360 day years comprise a “katun,” and a “baktun” is 20 katun, equaling 144,000 days.

The number 144,000 is very interesting, as it is the number of the “firstfruits” redeemed to God at the coming of the Messiah (Rev.14:1-4).

Authorities agree that the Mayan Long Count calendar began August 11, 3114 B.C. (Gregorian calendar). Why it begins at this date is anybody’s guess. This would have been during the life of the prophet Enoch, who was born in 3545 B.C. He lived for 365 years before he “was taken,” in 3180 B.C. Methuselah was born in 3480 B.C. and lived for 969 years. So the Mayan calendar begins 76 years after Enoch disappeared (was taken to a place of safety from his many enemies), and 376 years after Methuselah was born.

In Mayan chronology, 3,114 B.C. is written as 13.0.0.0.0. When the cycle or age is complete, in December 2012 A.D., the date will once again be written 13.0.0.0.0 – a complete cycle of 13 baktuns. That date will also complete the end of a katun cycle (of 20 years). The last katun of this Age began in 1992 and will finish in 2012. The Mayan “glyph” of this katun is “storm” followed by “sun” – a period of darkness, followed by one of light.

Note that in esoteric tradition, the number “13” represents Christ, the Messiah! There were twelve disciples; Jesus as the Christ was “13.” The number “13” also denotes superabundance – the “baker’s dozen.”

Is there any significance to this? The Mayan calendar is obviously pre-Flood because it is based on a 360-day year which was pre-Flood. Enoch was a scribe of the Lord, who wrote the book of Enoch, which contains much celestial and calendrical material, as well as prophetic warnings and exhortations. It may well be that the Mayan calendar was originally inspired and contains material going back to the pre-Flood patriarchs.

The Long Count calendar began in 3114 B.C. – during the time of Enoch – and its termination date is 2012 A.D., when the cycle will be completed, and a new cycle begins.

This fact certainly seems to be significant when weighed with all the Biblical evidence regarding the prophecies of the “End of Days.” Read our article, “2012 and the Countdown to Armageddon and the Coming of the Messiah.”

The origins of the Mayan calendar are obscured by the mists of time. The Mayas themselves were adept skywatchers. Their classical period is thought to be from 200-900 A.D. However, large ruins with Mayan features have been found dating back to before the time of Christ, before the present era began. The Mayans attributed the origin of their incredibly complex calendar system to a people who existed before them, whose origin was lost in the dim past.

Researchers believe that the Mayan calendar actually hinges upon its calculated end point. What is so important about the winter solstice of 2012? The Milky Way seems to have played an important part in Mayan mythology. The Mayan Sacred Tree appears to be the crossing point of the sun’s path, the ecliptic, with the Milky Way. The conjunction of the sun with the Milky Way at the winter solstice in 2012 A.D. appears to have had apocalyptic significance. The crossing of the Milky Way with the ecliptic represents a doorway – pointing both to the sacred source and origin – the finishing of the old and the beginning of a new birth. Thus the world, in 2012, is pictured as being at a celestial “crossroads.”

To the Mesoamerican Mayas, the approach of the end of a World Age – the time when the winter solstice “Doorway” opened up the Sacred Tree to the Center of the Milky Way and the Heart of the Sky – was a very significant and epochal time. The Mayan Long Count was also known to the Yucatan Maya as a “prophecy cycle.”

A New Age Dawning

Students of the Mayan calendar see this as confirmation that we are indeed living in the twilight of this present age and approaching the beginning of a New Age – the end of one prophetic cycle and the beginning of a new cycle. The Mayans stated that “time would collapse” at the end of their calendar cycle.

The “collapsing of time” is a mysterious phrase. How would time itself “collapse”? This could refer to ANOTHER GREAT CHANGE IN THE CALENDAR ITSELF!

We read in the book of Acts, the apostle Peter’s words of ultimate warning to this END TIME generation, in which we live. He asserted, “REPENT THEREFORE AND BE CONVERTED, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ [Yeshua Ha Moshiach], who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive UNTIL THE TIMES OF RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began” (Acts 3:19-21).

Peter refers to it as “the time of *universal restoration* that God announced long ago through his holy prophets” (Acts 3:21, NRSV).

At the end of this age, there will be a “time of refreshing” and “restitution of *all things*” – which would include the original Calendar itself! Time itself will return to its former and original order. This suggests that once again the orbit of the earth itself will be changed, as the prophet Isaiah implies (Isa.24:1, 18-20)!

The present day calendar, with all its complexities, and confusing fractions seems to reveal a time of great disorder in the cosmos. But it will be replaced with the original true, pure, calendar, where the lunar year and the solar year are in balance and agreement, and all the universe is once again in harmony and order – called the “restoration of *all things*” – including time, the planets, their orbits, and the calendar itself!

A “new age” is on the horizon. A “new world order” is indeed coming – it is right around the corner! But before that new age appears, in the person of the Messiah who is soon to come to restore order and truth to the world, there is coming a time of universal chaos, disruption, upheaval, and destruction, such as the world has never before witnessed – even in the days of the original Exodus from Egypt and the Flood of Noah!

Yeshua the Messiah declared it plainly, as did the prophets, from Enoch to Malachi. He declared, “And there will be GREAT earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be FEARFUL sights and GREAT signs *from heaven* [disruption in the cosmos]” (Luke 21:11). “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the *powers of heaven will be shaken*” (Luke 21:25-26).

The prophet Haggai prophesied, “For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will *SHAKE HEAVEN AND EARTH, the sea and dry land*; and I will *shake all nations*, and they shall come to the Desire of all nations, and I will fill this [end-time] Temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts” (Haggai 2:6-7).

The Enigmatic “65 Years”

Another very interesting prophecy is found in the seventh chapter of Isaiah. God tells the prophet, “In *sixty five years, Ephraim will be broken* [lit., “shattered”], so that it will not be a people” (Isa.7:8, NKJV). I have often wondered if this verse has a message for the end-times, our day. What is this mysterious “sixty five” years? When would it be counted from?

Interestingly, look what happens if we count the 65 years from the birth of the state of Israel, founded in 1947-48. In this case, the 65 years would end in 2012-2013 A.D.! – just 4 or 5 years from now! Could 2012/2013 be the time and date of Ephraim’s – modern America’s – military and economic collapse and final assimilation into the “New World Order” of end-time “Babylon”?

2012 and the Antichrist

For several years now I have been wondering about 2012 which appears to be a very fundamental date in terms of prophecy and the outcome of world events and the “*end of days*”. Could this be the year when the “Antichrist arises and takes power”?

Some are beginning to speculate that 2012 is the year that the Antichrist arises. If that is so then that might be the middle of the last 7 years of this age, Daniel’s 70th week, or the beginning of Daniel’s 70th week. Which means that after that year 2012 we would have 3 ½ years to go or perhaps 7 years to go before Christ comes, or somewhere in between because God may cut the days short. What is interesting, The Cutting Edge Ministries says that suddenly both Christians and New Age leaders are teaching that the year 2012 might be the year that Antichrist rises. Well, it could be, or it could even be the year that Messiah comes, but I don’t see things working out that fast. There are still too many things to be done. More likely that is a significant date of the end of this age, before the final and 70th week of Daniel’s prophecy that could be the rising up of the Antichrist.

2012 was consistently one of the possible years in which New Age leaders said that their Christ might arrive (the false *replacement* Christ). Says “Cutting Edge.com,” “Until 1998 one of the guru’s of the New Age was Ruth Montgomery a prolific writer within the New Age Movement, who said that their *guiding spirits* were telling them that a New World Order was going to be established in the year 2000.

All of her books were channeled through her by a demon named ‘Master D.K.’ This method of writing is called ‘**Automatic Writing**’ because the demon takes total control of all bodily functions of the human host and then begins to write or ‘channel’ his communication through that host. The person through whom this channeling was occurring would never know what was being written through their hand or through their fingers on the typewriter, until they were snapped back into reality; at that point they could read what the demonic entity had written through them.

Suddenly, in 1998 these demons started channeling a different story. Since world events were progressing so much slower than the ‘Hierarchy’ had anticipated, the year for the New Age Christ to arise had slipped to 2012. The Mayan Calendar changes to a New Age, an age in which a Messiah is supposed to arise on the exact date and time of December 21, 2012 and at the ending of time. It is December 21, 2012 at 22:00 PM which marks the Official Return of Second Coming of the Christ, Imam Mahdi, Buddha, Maitreya, Kalki Avatar, Great Tao, and Messiah!”

An official write-up from a New Age website:

A New Age website proclaims: “It is my great honor and privilege as Master Quetzalcoatl to return to Earth in this overt fashion to spearhead so to speak and bring to your attention the I AM University End of the Mayan Calendar and Countdown Project! As you might know, I Am Quetzalcoatl, Grand Master of the Mayan days ...You all know that the Mayan calendar as has been channeled and introduced to the Earth in the

Ancient Days from Higher Cosmic Sources, ends in the year 2012 – on December 21st at 21:21:59 to be precise. This exact date and time marks the Official Ending of the Kali Yuga or Dark Age and the Official Birth of the Age of the Christ / Buddha / Krishna / Mohammed / Moses, and God!”

Those words could well be a “prophecy” or prediction of the coming of the *false Christ* – the *Antichrist* – who will “impersonate” the true Christ – and the world will embrace him, thinking they are going to be saved from all their woes and sufferings by this impostor, this pretender.

This is a *very possible* scenario and means that the Antichrist could be revealed and assume power only four years from this very year 2008!

This “Messiah” is going to claim to be the “Christ Consciousness Spirit” that inhabited all the original founders of all the major religions since the dawn of Civilization. This New Age Antichrist plans to make the same claim, but in addition he claims to be God as well and uses the name that Christ defined himself as – the “I AM.”

Other 2012 Anomalies

Along this same line, another interesting item from *The Independent, Business News*, March 11, 2007, states: “Cashless Society by 2012, says Visa chief”. “Paying for goods with notes and coins could be consigned to history within five years, according to the chief executive of Visa Europe. Peter Ayliffe said that, by 2012, using credit and debit cards should be cheaper and more convenient than cash. . Some retailers would soon start surcharging customers if they choose to buy products with cash, because of the greater cost of processing these payments...Visa Europe briefed the British Retail Consortium last month on new ‘contact less’ cards that can be waved in front of a scanner to make small payments.”

According to some astronomers, our solar system will intersect with the Galactic Equator on December 21, 2012, something that only happens about every 26,000 years. This alignment with the center of the galaxy allows for maximum mass and therefore maximum gravity.

NASA also predicts a terrific solar storm will strike the earth in 2012 – some 30-50 percent greater than any thing before it.

The apocalyptic date of December 21, 2012 is also supposedly found in Aztec writings, the Hopi Indian mythology, the I-Ching, Egyptian hieroglyphs, Roman oracles, the writings of Seneca elders, and from the chief shaman of the Cherokee tribe in North Carolina.

Mathematician Sergey Smelyakov, of Khartov University, has taken the constant Phi (1.6180339), called the “Golden Mean,” or the “Fibonacci sequence,” and applied it to the solar activity and planetary orbits and, supposedly, found out that everything

“spiraled in on itself on December 21, 2012, implying a time implosion or point of bifurcation.”

Many points of prophecy seem to be converging on the year 2012! We must keep our eyes peeled, and stay alert, and WATCHING the signs of the times unfold themselves before our very eyes!

Daniel's End-Time Warning

Daniel himself heard an angel from heaven ask, “How long shall it be to the END of these wonders?” (Dan.12:6).

He was told: “. . . it shall be for a time, times, and half a time [or three and one-half years]; and when they have made an end of shattering and crushing the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished” (v.7).

When Christ, the Messiah, intervenes to save His people from total extermination and extinction—annihilation—then all these things will be finished—completed. As John said in Revelation, “there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets” (Rev.10:6-7, NKJV).

Daniel also speaks of a “final week” of prophecy, leading up to the coming of the Lord (Dan.9:27). Speaking of the time of the end, he writes, “And he [an end-time world leader or “prince”, potentate, tyrant] shall enter into a strong and firm covenant with the many for ONE WEEK [SEVEN YEARS]. And in the MIDST of the week he shall cause the remaining sacrifice and offering to cease [for the remaining three and one half years]; and upon the wing or pinnacle of abominations [shall come] one who makes desolate, until the full determined END is poured out on the desolater” (APB).

Three and one half “times” or “years” equals 1260 days, in prophetic Biblical language (see Rev.12:6, 14). These two verses equate 1260 with 3 ½ -- so the whole 7 year period under discussion would be twice that or 2520 days!

But in the 12th chapter of Daniel, we also read: “And from the time that the continual burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days” (Dan.12:11). This is an extra 30 days! So we have:

1260	1st half of final 7 year period; at its end the daily sacrifice is taken away. Then another
1260	second half of the final 7 year “week”; then
<u> 30</u>	another “30” days
2550	or a total of 7 years plus 30 days.

What could this mean?

From the time of the daily sacrifice taken away and the Abomination of Desolation set up, there shall be an additional 1290 days, after the first half of the week totaling 1260 days. Thus we have 1260 days, 1260 days, plus 30 days which equals 2,550 days.

Did you know that *this very year* 2008 according to the Jewish calendar, from this year's Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah) until Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) in 2015 is *exactly 2,550 days!*

Could this mean that this prophecy will be fulfilled/completed in 2015?

But then Daniel is told: "Blessed, happy, fortunate, spiritually prosperous, and to be envied is he who waits expectantly and earnestly (who endures without wavering beyond the period of tribulation] and comes to the 1,335 days!" (Dan.12:12).

Could this pinpoint the time or date of the Messiah's return and arrival?

Yet Another Prophecy

But there is even more! In the book of Ezekiel we read that the prophet was told to lie upon his side for 390 days as a sign to Israel. "And you, son of man, take a tile and lay it before you, and make upon it a drawing of a city, even Jerusalem.

"And put SIEGE works against it, build a siege wall against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it and set battering rams against it round about.

"Moreover, take a plate of iron and place it for an iron wall between you and the city; and set your face toward it and it shall be besieged, and you shall press the siege against it. This is a SIGN to the house of Israel!

"Then [bound as you are] lie upon your left [and north] side to bear symbolically the iniquity of the house of the TEN TRIBES of Israel upon that side. According to the number of days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity.

"For I have laid upon you the *years of their iniquity, according to the number of days*, 390 days [representing 390 years]; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel" (Ezekiel 4:1-5). This is talking about the times of Israel's punishment!

In Leviticus 26, God says to Israel, if they disobey Him and break His covenant, reject His Torah, His laws and way of life: "I will chastise and discipline you *seven times more* for your sins" (Lev.26:18); "I will bring seven times more plagues upon you" (v.21); "I will smite you seven times for your sins" (v.24); "I also will chastise you seven times for your sins" (v.28). Notice! So if you take 390 years of punishment God decreed on Israel, and multiply it by "7" times, you come to 2,730 years. $390 \times 7 = \underline{2,730}$ years.

Notice!

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 2730 \text{ years} \\
 \underline{-722-21 \text{ B.C.}} \\
 2008-09 \\
 \underline{\quad +1} \text{ (because no year zero)} \\
 2009-2010 \text{ A.D.}!
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Israel was besieged by ancient Assyria beginning in 721-22 BC. If you subtract (that is, go forward) 2,730 years from that date inclusively, guess what? It brings you to 2008-2009, *this very year!*

If you add Daniel's final 7 years to 2008-2009, it brings us to 2015-2016!!!

On the other hand, notice this! In 718 B.C. the *siege ended*, with Israel being deported from the land and carried off into captivity. If you count from 718 B.C., then, the final year of the 3-year siege, then it brings us to 2012!!!

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But if you count inclusively of the year 718 B.C., the answer would be the year 2012 A.D. – just four years from now! Could that year be the MID-POINT of the final WEEK of years – the MID-POINT of the last week when the Great Tribulation begins?

Could 2012 be the year of the “end-time” captivity, after 3 years of economic besiegement, of end-time Israel? Could the year 2012-2013 be the year of the final beginning of the 3 ½ years of Great Tribulation?

This is something to meditate and think upon.

If this should be true, it means that the Great Tribulation would start in the year 2012, four years from this year of 2008, and Daniel's 70th week would start next year in 2009. The coming Great Tribulation and the second coming of Christ are pinpointed between 2012 and 2017. We can't know the exact day, or year. But it is interesting to look at these figures and Biblical prophecies that God gave us for a reason--to give us a clue as to how much time we have left before the end of the age. Put this together with the world news, if we are wise and “understanding the times” as the sons of Issachar did, by studying astronomy and the Bible signs then we can come to certain approximations.

As we earnestly and prayerfully study the Bible, God's Word, and pray for understanding and wisdom, discernment and enlightenment, the results become stark and transparent: *No matter how you slice it, there are not very many days left!*