

2012 and the End of Days

Obama, Antichrist, and APOLLYON RISING

“And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the shaft of the abyss. And he opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke arose out of the abyss like the smoke of a great furnace. . . Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power . . . And they had as king over them the angel [messenger] of the shaft of the abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon” (Rev.9:1-11). How close are we to the debut of the New World Order and End of Days?

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Notice that a “star” fell from heaven. A “star” is a symbol of an angel (Rev.1:20; Job 38:7). What great star or angel is this? Yeshua said to His disciples, “I saw SATAN fall like lightning from heaven” (Luke 10:18).

In the future, God told John in Revelation, there will be war in heaven, and the “dragon” – Satan the devil – will fight against the angelic armies of God but will not prevail, “nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon [angel] was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Rev.12:7-9). Losing the war for control of heaven, the serpent will be full of wrath and fury against mankind.

Warns the Word of God, “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time” (verse 12).

Is this the same as the angel of the “shaft of the abyss” who opens the bottomless pit or abyss and brings locusts upon the earth, “like horses prepared for battle” (Rev.9:7), sounding like “chariots with many horses running into battle” (v.9), with “tails like scorpions,” with “power to hurt men five months” (v.10)?

Their “king” is named Abaddon, in Hebrew, but Apollyon in Greek. Abaddon means “a destroying angel.” It means literally “a perishing,” “destruction.” It is from the root *abad* meaning “to wander away, lose oneself; by impl. To perish (caus. Destroy):--break, destroy, + not escape, fail, lose, (cause to, make) perish . . . be undone, utterly, be void of, have no way to flee.”

The Greek word *Apollyon* is “a destroyer, (i.e. Satan), the active participle of #622, *apollumi*, “from 575 and the base of 3639; to destroy fully (refl. To perish, or lose)—destroy, die, lose, mar, perish.”

This name can be applied both to Satan himself, as a great destroyer, and also to his chief instrument and agent on the earth, who follows his will and does his bidding, as his human counterpart – the one whom he indwells, inspires, and at times possesses, inhabits, and speaks through as his oracle.

Thus we find in history that “Apollo” – from this same derivation – was the “sun god,” and also a human being who was worshipped as such!

Apollo the Sun God

The *Apollyon* name is connected to the pagan deity *Apollon*, (i.e. the sun, or sun god). The Greeks worshipped Apollo, the sun god, who was known to the Egyptians as Osiris. Says Hislop, in *The Two Babylons*, “Then, at last, the great god, the central object of their worship, Osiris, Tammuz, Nimrod or Adonis, was revealed to them in the way most fitted to soothe their feelings and engage their blind affections” (p.67).

Says Hislop, “In Greece, Apollo, the Delian god, . . . was identical with Osiris” (p.151). In a footnote, he declares, “Horus was the war-god. Apollo was represented in the same way as the great god represented in Layard, with the bow and arrow, who was evidently the Babylonian war-god . . . Fuss tells us that Apollo was regarded as the inventor of the art of shooting with the bow . . .” (p.152).

Apollo, then, was another name for Nimrod, the “mighty hunter before the Lord,” himself a mighty hunter with bow and arrow. Hislop speaks of “Apollo, the sun god, who had his shrine at Soracte” (p.117).

“Nimrod was the actual Father of the gods, as being the first of deified mortals” (Hislop, *Two Babylons*, p.32). Nimrod, “the Horned one,” was symbolized as a “gigantic horned man-bull,” which also signified “a ruler or prince” (p.33). He was the son of Cush, “the great soothsayer or false prophet worshipped at Babylon” p.34). Nimrod, the seed of Cush, called ‘Nimrod the giant’ in the Septuagint version of Genesis, was “the

leader of the Giants that rebelled against heaven. Now Nimrod, as the son of Cush, was black, in other words, was a negro. ‘Can the Ethiopian change his skin?’ is in the original, ‘Can the Cushite’ do so? Keeping this, then, in mind, it will be seen that . . . we have . . . the real original of the black Adversary of mankind, with horns and hoofs. It was in a different character from that of the Adversary that Nimrod was originally worshipped; but among a people of a fair complexion, as the Anglo-Saxons, it was inevitable that if worshipped at all, it must generally be simply as an object of fear; and so *Kronos*, ‘the Horned one,’ who wore the ‘horns,’ as the emblem both of his physical might and sovereign power, has come to be, in popular superstition, the recognized representative of the Devil” (*Two Babylons*, p.34-35).

Hislop declares, “Nimrod, as the son of Cush, was a negro. Now, there was a tradition in Egypt, recorded by Plutarch, that ‘Osiris was black,’ which, in a land where the general complexion was dusky, must have implied something more than ordinary in its darkness. . . . But we have unequivocal evidence that Osiris, the son and husband of the great goddess-queen of Egypt, was also represented as a veritable negro. In Wilkinson may be found a representation of him with the unmistakable features of the genuine Cushite or negro” (p.43).

Thus Nimrod, who led the world into rebellion and apostasy after the Flood, was himself a black man – a Negro – by birth. Says Hislop of this early emancipator of mankind from the government of God, “The amazing extent of the worship of this man indicates something very extraordinary in his character; and there is ample reason to believe, that in his own day he was an *object of high popularity*. Though by setting up as king, Nimrod invaded the patriarchal system, and abridged the liberties of mankind, yet he was held by many to have conferred benefits upon them, that amply indemnified them for the loss of their liberties, and covered him with glory and renown” (p.50).

Nimrod was known as the great “Emancipator.” Says Hislop, “And according to the principles of depraved human nature, this too, no doubt, was one grand element in his fame; for men will readily rally around anyone who can give the least appearance of plausibility to any doctrine which will teach that they can be assured of happiness and heaven at last, though their hearts and natures are unchanged, and though they live without God in the world” (p.52).

It is clear, Hislop declared, that Nimrod led men “to believe that a real spiritual change of heart was unnecessary, and that so far as change was needful, they could be regenerated by mere external means. Looking at the subject in the light of the Bacchanalian orgies . . . it is evident that he led mankind to seek their chief good in sensual enjoyment, and showed them how they might enjoy the pleasures of sin, without any fear of the wrath of a holy God” (p.55).

Satan the devil has his arch conspirator, agent, and deceiver once again strutting across the world stage, pretending to be a “great emancipator,” a “great deliverer,” and whose arrogance knows no boundaries.

What does the evidence show us? Who is the *abaddon-apollyon* who is rising up in our midst, who is on a one way track to lead the modern world into slavery, tyranny, a new one world order, free from the chains and shackles (in the world's view) of the God of heaven, and His laws and commandments?

Who is the end-time 'Nimrod'? Who is this person?

What do the Scriptures reveal?

Enter, Stage Left – The “Mystery Man”

His law license was inactivated in 2002. Michelle Obama's law license was inactivated *by court order*. Michelle Obama, in a speech, years ago, boasted that her husband was born in Kenya!

According to the U.S. Census, there is only one Barack Hussein Obama – yet he has 17 Social Security numbers and over 80 aliases. The one he uses presently originated in Connecticut where he has never reported to have lived.

Since becoming President, all his personal records have been *sealed*.

Who is this “man of mystery” – man of intrigue? Who is this shadowy figure? No one has ever come forward from his past saying they knew him back “when.” Who attended school with him, or was his “friend.” Stephanopoulos of ABC news was a classmate of Obama at Columbia University, class of 1984 – yet said he never had one class with him. Did he ever really attend class? Was he really a student there? Why doesn't anyone remember him?

His Columbia records are “sealed,” too. Fox News contacted 400 Columbia University students from the period when Obama was supposed to be there – but no luck. Nobody but nobody remembered him. Wayne Allyn Root, a political science major at Columbia who graduated in 1983, like Obama, says, “I don't know of a single person at Columbia that knew him, and they all know me. I don't have a classmate who ever knew Barack Obama at Columbia. Ever! Nobody recalls him.”

Very interesting – and very strange. Is Barack Hussein Obama a complete fraud – the invisible man – the man who “wasn't there”?

The Obama Mysteries

The President of the United States is the most secretive, private person in modern history.

1. Occidental College records – not released
- 2.. Columbia College records -- not released
3. Columbia Thesis paper -- "not available"

4. Harvard College records – not released
5. Selective Service Registration – “not available”
6. Medical records – not released
7. Illinois State Senate schedule – not available
8. His Illinois State Senate records – not available
9. Law Practice client list – not released
10. Certified Copy of original Birth certificate – not released
11. Embossed signed paper Certification of Live Birth – not released
12. Record of baptism – not available
13. Why his wife, Michelle, can no longer practice law as an attorney? Insurance Fraud?
14. Why she has 22 assistants when other First Ladies had one?
15. Why he was getting “foreign student aid” as a college student?

Truly our President is a “man of mystery.”

Prince of Darkness

David Myers in *The Last Trumpet* points out that there is much more to Barack Obama than millions of Americans ever suspected. He writes:

“Who is this strange man known as Barack Obama, who now occupies the White House in our nation's capital? As time goes on, more and more is being learned about this strange man. Research indicates that he was born in Kogelo, Kenya. Shortly before he was born, his mother wanted to leave Kenya because she disapproved of the way Muslims treat women. Since she was ready to give birth, the airline reportedly refused to ticket her according to travel restrictions. Within four days after his birth, Obama's mother went to Hawaii and registered his birth at two different Hawaiian hospitals. The spiritual implications of Obama's birth are amazing when we realize that Obama's true birthplace, Kogelo, Kenya, is near the shores of Lake Victoria in Africa. Lake Victoria is the birthplace and headwaters of the Nile River, or River of Egypt. The White Nile is the only river flowing out of Lake Victoria. Is there a spirit of Egypt in the White House? Are we even now under the rule of a cruel Pharaoh and his socialist policies?’ (January 2010).

Declares David Myers:

“There are many unanswered questions regarding Barack Obama. I have in front of me a picture of Barack and Michelle Obama, both standing at attention with their left hands over the right side of their chests as people do when they pledge allegiance to the flag or sing to the national anthem, only in reverse. Why are the Obamas doing it backwards? In the occult, this is called malediction, which is a curse. We must remember that Barack Obama is not an American. His real name is Barry Soetoro, and he was born in Kenya. He holds the office of President of the United States illegally.

“What demons possess this man who is called ‘The One’ that would cause him to be stuck on himself? In one speech, he referred to himself 132 times! Why is this Nobel Peace Prize winner spending more money on nuclear weapons than even George Bush? On January 14th, 2010, the Associated Press reported that Obama wants another 33 billion dollars for the war push. Incidentally, the number thirty-three is the number most sacred to the occult lodges of Freemasonry and the Grand Orient.

We must also note that the five-sided death house, known as the Pentagon, called for a new department on 1-27-2010, the very day [anniversary] of the inauguration. They are calling for a new 'Office of Strategic Deception.' The primary question is: who are the ones that are to be deceived?" (*Last Trumpet*, March 2010).

Is Barack Hussein Obama prophesied in the pages of the Bible? Is his denouement foretold by the ancient prophets of Holy Scripture?

Let us notice some of the most amazing, incredible prophecies of a last days "ruler," "stern-faced king," "man of sin," "son of perdition," and uprising of a man known as "the beast."

Daniel 11

Daniel 11:21 prophesies of the time of the end, "And in his place shall arise a vile (contemptible) person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue." Says the NRSV, "In his place shall arise a *contemptible* person on whom royal majesty had not been conferred; he shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom through intrigue." Says the Jewish Tanakh, "he will come in unawares and seize the kingdom through trickery."

James Moffatt has this verse: "a *despicable creature* shall arise, one on whom the royal honor is not conferred but who comes when men are off their guard and gains the kingdom by means of crafty promises; the opposing forces shall be swept before him and be shattered" (vs.21-22). Says the Amplified Parallel Bible: There "shall arise a *contemptuous and contemptible* person, to whom royal majesty and honor of the kingdom have not been given. But he shall come in without warning in time of security and shall obtain the kingdom by flatteries, intrigues, and cunning hypocritical conduct."

Does this not sound like the election to office of Barack Hussein Obama, President of the United States?

Study the following report on the agenda of the Obama administration

"As Earth prepares to receive her king by continually rejecting the God of the Bible, society and religion are being continually corrupted. On February 4th, 2010, Barack Obama attended the National Prayer Breakfast where he pushed his 'gay' and 'green' agenda. During Obama's speech, he praised the evangelical pastors for their cooperation in his 'green program' to save the environment. Obama also thanked the evangelical pastors for their cooperation with his homosexual agenda. Obama went on to honor a homosexual civil rights leader who made the following statement: 'The God of the Bible is a sinful homophobic bigot who needs to seek forgiveness for the pain and suffering which his sinful homophobia has needlessly inflicted upon gay people for the past 4,000 years.'

"Without a doubt, the spirits of Sodom and Gomorrah are in Washington, D.C. In fact, at the beginning of March 2010, 'gay' marriage became legal in the U.S. Capital.

“At the end of the same month of the prayer breakfast, the White House hosted a meeting of atheist groups from throughout the United States. Men such as Salman Rushdie, author of *The Satanic Verses*, and Christopher Hitchens, author of *God Is Not Great*, were invited to attend. These atheist groups are highly organized and outspoken. One atheist group recently started a ‘holy book for porn program.’ The atheists are asking people to trade in their Bibles for pornography, which the atheist group will provide” (*The Last Trumpet*, April 2010).

In God’s sight, these policies are both contemptible and contemptuous!

Shockingly, the world in part seems to be waking up to the sinister trappings of this new world leader – the Obama objective. Notice the following report!

“While the United States of America is going through an incredibly obvious change toward *dictatorship*, the rest of the world looks on with great wonder. For the first time in modern history, many secular politicians and world leaders are using religious and Biblical terminology to describe what is happening. On March 24th, 2010, the London Daily Mail newspaper featured a shocking headline as follows: ‘*Almost a Quarter of Republicans Think Obama May Be the Antichrist As Fourteen States Sue Over Healthcare Reforms.*’ In Washington, D.C., the President is being compared to the Antichrist! In a recent Harris poll, 57% of Republicans believed Obama is secretly Muslim, and 67% believed he is a Socialist.’

“As antichrist powers arise, every other kind of evil rises with it. We are living in a time of historic firsts as new and outrageous things continue to arise. On March 10th, 2010, Washington, D.C., gave its blessing to gay marriages, and leading the way were two female ordained ministers. Countless others are to follow. Truly the spirits of Sodom are active in the capital of the United States. In addition to that, laws are now being changed that legalize both homosexual and bisexual activity between military personnel. The bill is being called the ‘Military Readiness Enhancement Act 2010’” (*Last Trumpet Newsletter*, May 2010).

Is the “Antichrist” of Scripture now on the scene, striding across the world stage like some sort of Colossus?

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Truly the spirits of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah are alive and very active in the very capital of the United States. In addition, military laws are now being changed that legalize both homosexual and bisexual activity between military personnel!

No wonder God says of the leaders of the United States, today, “Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah” (Isa.1:10).

God thunders, “Your princes [leaders] are rebellious, and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards” (verse 23).

New Executive Orders Leading to

This man is creating a new kind of Presidency. He is creating a virtual dictatorship which should be “in place” by the year 2012.

Who is this man? What kind of leader is he? Note the following report and study it carefully:

“On February 13th, 2010, the White House announced a new strategy against the people of the United States. White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel arrogantly stated the following: ‘We are reviewing a list of presidential executive orders and directives to get the job done across a front of issues.’ Anyone who has ever seen the complete list of existing executive orders, which are only to be used in a time of dire emergency, would quickly realize that they collectively constitute a *dictatorship*. We are living in Orwellian times!

“*Who is this strange man who occupies the White House and embraces every religion? Why did Obama hold a secret meeting with the Buddhist icon, the Dalai Lama, in the map room of the White House on February 18th, 2010? Why were no reporters allowed, and why was the content of the meeting kept a secret? We must remember that the objective of the Antichrist is not only to have a one world government but also to have a one world religion.*

“At the beginning of March, Barack Obama went in for his required physical examination. The White House physician, Navy Captain Jeffrey Kuhlman, reported that Obama *drinks and smokes too much*. Obama was told that all of the social events he must attend produce a job hazard because of all the alcoholic drinks. Remember the President's infamous ‘Beer Summit’ held on the White House lawn to pacify racial tension? I also have in front of me a photograph of Obama and a relative sitting in front of his family home in Kenya. He is sitting there in front of that mud hut with a cigarette hanging out of his mouth, *looking very much like a thug*. Could such a man ever become President of the United States? This photograph reveals how far gone we are!” (*Last Trumpet Newsletter*, April 2010).

A “thug” from Chicago, home of Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, Al Capone, and other Chicago gangsters and racketeers, now occupies the White House and Oval Office as President of the United States!

Do the prophecies of Daniel refer to this iconoclastic fellow?

A Strange Union

The passage in Daniel 11 continues, in the NKJV, “With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant [that is, the leader of Israel]. And after the league [treaty] that is made with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people . . .” (Dan.11:21-23). Notice his deceit and treachery.

God’s Word says of this end-time king, “Then the king shall do according to his own will; he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies

against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses (military might); and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain” (Daniel 11:36-39).

Translates James Moffatt, “The king shall do as he pleases, he shall uplift himself and exalt himself over every god, uttering amazing vaunts against the God of gods; he shall prosper till the wrath divine has run its course (for what has been decreed must be fulfilled.) He shall not heed the gods of his fathers or Tammuz [the false Christian “Christ” or pagan “Jesus”] or any other god, for he shall exalt himself above all gods.”

Moffatt goes on, “but his majesty shall honor the god of fortresses and another god (whom his fathers never knew) with gold and silver and jewels and costly gifts!”

Could this be an alliance with the Pope of Rome? Will there be a pact between the President of the United States and the Pope, to rule the world between them – a union of the first and second beasts of Revelation, chapter 13?

Obama was raised a Muslim. His father and step-father were Muslim. His mother was a Muslim and Communist. The religion of the Pope of Rome would be “unknown to his fathers”. Will he honor Rome and the Papacy with gold, silver, precious stones and costly gifts, in return for their support?

The Catholic Church is now under great attack and siege because of pedophile priests who have molested small children by the multiple thousands, ruining their lives. Will Obama shore them up and strengthen Catholicism, in exchange for their worldwide support for his governmental policies?

The prophecy also states that he will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. This implies wars around the world, to suppress dissent and rebellion, freedom and liberty. Will he seek to advance the Roman Catholic Church, and greatly honor those who acknowledge him as the “Messiah” come to save mankind? Will the Roman pontiff so acknowledge him?

The “Beast” of Revelation

. The book of Revelation describes this relationship as the beast and the false prophet working together to ensnare and rule over the world together having great military power. The political empire will have “seven heads and ten horns,” with “great authority” and military power (Rev.13:1-2).

This “beast” “was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue forty two months [three and one half years]. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacles, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If anyone has an ear, let him hear” (Rev.13:5-9).

The second “beast,” a religious empire, will have “two horns like a lamb” but speak the language of “a dragon” – Satan the devil’s church (see Rev.12:9).

This church empire “beast” “exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast” (v.12). “And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived” (Rev.13:14).

This political religious Union will have power to “make war again the saints (those who believe in God) and to overcome them” (Rev.13:7).

“He was granted power to give breath to the image of the [first] beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is 666” (verses 15-18).

“The Little Horn”

This first “beast” is also described in the seventh chapter of Daniel. We read, “He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time” (Dan.7:25). Says Moffatt, “he shall vaunt himself against the Most High and harass the saints of the Most High; he shall plan to alter the sacred seasons and the law, and for three years and half a year the saints shall be handed over to him.”

Notice the arrogance of this individual! Notice his pride and pompousness! He is a supreme narcissist! He worships himself! He has the gall to change time-hallowed laws and celebrations. For three and one half “times” or “years” he will subject the saints to persecution, tribulation, and martyrdom throughout his kingdom.

Speaking of this same infamous rogue, Daniel is told in chapter eight, “And in the latter time of their kingdom when the transgressors have reached their fullness [and

iniquity overflows like a flood of dirty water], a king shall arise, having *fierce features [lit., countenance]*, who understands *sinister schemes*. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; he shall *DESTROY FEARFULLY [Apollyon-Abaddon] [extraordinarily]*, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall DESTROY the mighty, and also the holy people” (Dan.8:23-24).

Says Moffatt, “In the latter period of their power, when guilt is at the full, there shall arise a king who is DEFIANT, a master of craft (by no force of arms shall he gain his great power); he shall make monstrous claims and prosper in his policy, destroying his powerful foes. His designs shall be directed against the sacred people, and he shall ply his intrigues successfully; he shall plot proud plans and ruin many when they are off their guard.”

The NRSV says, “he shall cause FEARFUL DESTRUCTION” and he shall “destroy the powerful and the people of the holy ones” (v.24). The Amplified Parallel Bible has: “a king of fierce countenance and understanding dark trickery and craftiness shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall CORRUPT AND DESTROY ASTONISHINGLY and shall prosper and do his own pleasure, and he shall corrupt and destroy the mighty men and the holy people (the people of the saints). And through his policy he shall cause trickery to prosper in his hand; he shall magnify himself in his heart and mind, and in their security he shall corrupt and destroy many.”

Writes Richard Markland:

“President Obama’s vision of government is to empower it to infiltrate and rule every aspect of our lives. This approach has been rightfully called ‘Big Brother’. Many people who never participated in a protest before have been coming out in droves to protest the erosion of what they believe is their right to keep the monies that they earn and the rights that the drafters of the Constitution attempted to guarantee as our God-given rights. The Tea party members are rightfully convinced that America has not yet begun to see the catastrophic results of the Obama agenda. . . .

“An economic analyst on the Michael Savage Show recently stated that the Obama economic nightmare won’t begin until January 1,2011. Scores of new taxes are waiting in the wings. Many Americans are about to enter a time in which they will want to find a place to run and hide from what will become an individual and national nightmare. . . .

“Higher taxes are about to change the American way of life. America’s new tax rate is predicted to be as high as 65- 70 cents of every dollar. Other projections, however, are as high as 90 cents or more. America is entering a period in which it will become a third world country .With certainty it will happen if the Obama economic nightmare becomes a reality. The prophesied beast system of Revelation 13:1-8, and all of chapter 17, is in its developing stages. It will be the most oppressive form of government in all of history. The mainstream media is clueless to what’s happening, and is unknowingly being duped into promoting the establishment of its iron-fisted rule. Very soon Americans from all walks of life will be working for third world wages. Today’s celebrities and the average

person on the street will no longer be categorized by class distinctions according to status or income. America is about to become a nation of riches to rags quickly. Those in power will obtain wealth beyond anything ever seen, while the common wage earners will become victims of wealth redistribution. The over-taxed citizenry will become enslaved by Big Brother .”

Is this an allusion to his destroying the integral power and sovereignty of the world’s last “superpower,” the United States – and the nation of Judah, or “Israel” in the Middle East, the “holy” people?

And the saints of God, true Christians, who are plunged into the fierce fires of great tribulation for their beliefs?

Animosity Toward Israel

The foreign policy of the United States has been undergoing a massive change toward Israel and the nations of the Middle East. Obama seems to be courting the favor of the world by sacrificing long-faithful ally Israel and putting it on the chopping block.

Never in history have relations between the U.S. and Israel been so taut, strained, divisive, and reactionary! Take note:

“For a head of government to visit the White House and not pose for photographers is rare. For a key ally to be left to his own devices while the President withdraws to have dinner in private was, until this week, unheard of. Yet that is how Binyamin Netanyahu was treated by President Obama on Tuesday night, according to Israeli reports on a trip viewed in Jerusalem as a humiliation.

“After failing to extract a written promise of concessions on settlements, Mr. Obama walked out of his meeting with Mr. Netanyahu but invited him to stay at the White House, consult with advisers and ‘let me know if there is anything new’, a US congressman, who spoke to the Prime Minister, said.

“ ‘It was awful,’ the congressman said. One Israeli newspaper called the meeting ‘a hazing in stages’, poisoned by such mistrust that the Israeli delegation eventually left rather than risk being eavesdropped on a White House telephone line. Another said that the Prime Minister had received ‘the treatment reserved for the President of Equatorial Guinea’.”

“Left to talk among themselves Mr. Netanyahu and his aides retreated to the Roosevelt Room. He spent a further half-hour with Mr. Obama and extended his stay for a day of emergency talks to try to restart peace negotiations. However, he left last night with no official statement from either side. He returned to Israel yesterday isolated after what Israeli media have called a White House ambush for which he is largely to blame.

“Sources said that M. Netanyahu failed to impress Mr. Obama with a flow chart purporting to show that he was not responsible for the timing of announcements of new settlement projects in east Jerusalem. Mr. Obama was said to be livid when such an announcement derailed the visit to Israel by Joe Biden, the Vice-President, this month and his anger towards Israel does not appear to have cooled.

“Robert Gibbs, the White House press secretary, cast doubt on minor details in

Israeli accounts of the meeting but did not deny claims that it amounted to a dressing down for the Prime Minister, whose refusal to freeze settlements is seen in Washington as the main barrier to resuming peace talks.

“The Likud leader has to try to square the rigorous demands of the Obama Administration with his nationalist, ultra-Orthodox coalition partners, who want him to stand up to Washington even though Israel needs US backing in confronting the threat of a nuclear Iran.

“ ‘The Prime Minister leaves America disgraced, isolated and altogether weaker than when he came,’ the Israeli daily newspaper Haaretz said” (*The Last Trumpet*, April 2010).

The stage is being set. Israel is on the brink of possible annihilation. Her long-time ally of the United States is turning her back on her with an Arabist-Muslim President in the White House! Obama courts favor with the Gentile nations of the world, and Israel is laid like an innocent lamb on the sacrificial altar!

The Spiraling Debt Black Hole

In the meantime, the United States is expanding its nation indebtedness to new soaring records of unthinkable proportions. Obama’s costly new policies, Health Care, and bail-out packages are fueling the fires of a debt-ridden inferno of monstrous proportions. This national and federal addiction to debt – gargantuan unprecedented indebtedness – is leading to the greatest financial, economic crash in world history!

Writes David Meyer in *The Last Trumpet*:

“While we continually hear that Wall Street is doing well, we know that the cities and states of our nation are literally crumbling economically. On March 12th, 2010, an associated press article revealed that Kansas City, Missouri, school officials determined that they must shut down half of the district schools by the start of classes in the fall. In Detroit, Michigan, family homes are now selling for just ten dollars. The London Daily Telegraph recently reported in an article that the BBC revealed the horror story in a documentary called ‘Requiem for Detroit.’ According to Real Estate agent Tim Proffit, there were numerous homes on the market for one hundred dollars, but an offer for just ten dollars would likely be accepted. (13) *All indicators now reveal that our current economy is breathing its last, and a new one will try to rise in its place. With it will come a new government because in all of recorded history no government has ever outlived its economy.* On February 24th, 2010, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or FDIC, announced that it was bracing for a new wave of bank failures. The FDIC has recently placed 702 lending institutions on its list of problem banks. It is the insurance fund of the FDIC that safeguards the deposits of the people of America. Everything in this arena is now getting very shaky.

“The national debt level of over *thirteen trillion dollars* is beyond comprehension. On April 5th, 2010, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that the Obama budget has brought the United States government *close to the tipping point*, and that tipping point is when the national debt reaches 90% of the domestic gross profit of the United States. According to the Wall Street Journal, our U.S. Government’s year-to-date deficit ballooned to a record 651.6 billion dollars in February. The February reading of 221 billion was the largest ever monthly deficit. Now we have learned that on March 26th,

2010, the Federal Government CBO, or budget office, has now indicated that Obama's fiscal 2011 budget will rise to 90% of the gross domestic profit. In short, we can't keep up with our debt" (*The Last Trumpet*, May 2010).

The United States economy is suffering greatly on every side. The health care reform bill was passed and sent shock waves through the major corporate world because all major companies and many small businesses will be forced to carry insurance for all of their employees.

One example is AT&T, which stated that in the first year alone, 2010, the company will lose one billion dollars. With one stroke of a pen, that value disappeared from the company, just as billions more disappeared from other American companies and enterprises!

Obama's Spending Spree

An item in the news headlines, "***This Nation's Debt Leaped Up to \$166 Billion in a Single Day, Third Largest in US History***". Can you imagine a national debt increasing this much in one day? What is going on?

America's national debt now stands at over \$11 trillion dollars – and growing almost exponentially. The explosion in debt makes beggars of our nation – history has never seen the like!

Speaking of the end-time world leader's spending and borrowing binge, the Moffatt translation says, "Woe to him who heaps up plunder (ah, how long?), loading himself with what he must repay! Shall not your victims suddenly arise, and men awake to make you shake?—then you shall be their prey" (Hab.2:6-7).

God's Word says this man is "a braggart, restless, rapacious as the grave, like Death, he never has enough; he would sweep all nations in, he would rake in every race" (v.5). Habakkuk 2:4 speaks of him as "the conceited one."

Says the Rotherham Emphasized Bible, "Alas! For him who maketh abundance in what is not his own, How long? That he should be burdening himself with *heavy debts*? Will not thy creditors suddenly rise up? And they who shall violently shake thee all at once become active? Then shalt thou serve for booties, unto them! Because thou hast plundered many nations, all the residue of the people shall plunder thee" (v.6-8).

According to the Ferrar Fenton translation, the nations will say to this extreme borrower, " 'Woe to him, who is great upon loans!—How long can he carry his debts?' Will they not suddenly rise for their interest? And awake with their terrors for you? And you become like their prey?"

The Obama spending spree will lead to worldwide rage and fury, as nations see that they have been victimized by America's spending and borrowing spree, and their hundreds of billions of dollars in loans to our economy, keeping us afloat, will turn to dust and never be repaid!

The Prophecy of Habakkuk

In the prophecy of Habakkuk, the prophet tells us, “I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.

“Then the LORD answered me and said, ‘Write the vision, and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but AT THE END it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry’ (Hab.2:1-3).

The prophecy then goes on to describe the Antichrist – the Last World Dictator – Apollyon, the “Son of Destruction” and ‘Perdition.”

Speaking of the tyrant-osaurus Rex, the prophecy states: “Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.

“Indeed, because he transgresses by wine, he is a PROUD man, and he does not stay at home. Because he enlarges his desire as hell [Sheol] and he is like DEATH, and cannot be satisfied, he gathers to himself all nations and heaps up for himself all peoples.

“Will not all these take up a proverb against him, and a taunting riddle against him, and say, ‘Woe to him who increases what is not his—how long? And to him who loads himself with many pledges’?

“Will not your creditors rise up suddenly? Will they not awaken who oppress you? And you will become their booty. Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the people shall plunder you, because of men’s blood [bloodshed] and the violence of the land and the city, and of all who dwell in it” (Hab.2:4-8).

“Pick a financial fire and you can be sure the U.S. government will hose it down with gallons of money. AIG, General Motors, Chrysler, insolvent states, FDIC, Fannie, Freddie and all the banks are just a few of the blazes Uncle Sam has sprayed money on.

“Now, the Federal Reserve is printing up another \$105 billion to send to Greece to help with its debt problem. Is the bailout cycle getting ready to take another turn bailing out the Banks? You know, the ones we were told had little exposure to sour European debt? Check out this article from Bloomberg last week: JPMorgan Chase & Co., the second-biggest U.S. bank by assets, has a larger exposure than any of its peers to Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Greece and Spain, according to Wells Fargo & Co. JP Morgan's exposure to the five so-called PIIGS countries is \$36.3 billion, equating to 28 percent of the firm's Tier-1 capital, a measure of financial strength, Wells Fargo analysts including Matthew Burnell wrote today. Morgan Stanley holds \$32.4 billion of debt in the region, which equates

to 69 percent of its Tier 1 capital," Burnell wrote.

"I guess now we know why Ben Bernanke is supplying Greece with \$105 billion in bailout money. It looks like he actually is bailing out U.S. Banks – again! I wrote about the Fed admitting to massive money creation 3 weeks ago in a post called 'Bernanke Admits Printing \$1.3 Trillion Out Of Thin Air.' It also looks like we are not going to stop this money printing train wreck because the bailouts seem to be never ending. This is the main reason we are facing a head-on collision with very big inflation" ("Inflation and Bail-Outs Go Hand-in-Hand," Greg Hunter, USA Watchdog, May 6, 2010).

Yet, America owes over two trillion dollars to foreign nations. What will the U.S. do when they come to collect that debt?

The national debt level is over \$23 trillion dollars – beyond comprehension! The overhang of the national debt has brought us close to the tipping point of unparalleled disaster. We may follow the pattern of economic chaos being experienced by Greece, only on a much vaster scale.

Moffatt says of this end-time ruler, "he is a braggart, restless, rapacious as the grave, like Death, he never has enough; he would sweep all nations in, he would rake in every race" (verse 5).

Continues the NKJV, "Woe to him that covets evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of disaster! You give shameful counsel to your house, cutting off many peoples, and sin against your soul. For the stones will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the timbers will answer it.

"Woe to him who builds a town with bloodshed, who establishes a city by iniquity! Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the peoples labor to feed the fire [lit., for what satisfies fire, for what is of no lasting value], and nations weary themselves in vain? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Hab.2:9-14).

God thunders against this evil ruler, this despicable and vile tyrant, "Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor, pressing [attaching or joining] him to your bottle, even to make him drunk, that you may look on his [their] nakedness! You are filled with shame instead of glory. You also—drink! And be exposed [reel!] as uncircumcised! The cup of the LORD's right hand will be turned against you, and utter shame will be on your glory" (Hab.2:15-16).

Moffatt translates, "Woe to him who makes his neighbors drain the goblet of his fury, and makes them drunk, to gloat on their disgrace! Drink yourself now and stagger, for the cup in the Eternal's hand comes round to you, and shame, not glory, gluts you; your ravaging of Lebanon shall crush you, your slaughtering of beasts shall break you—yes and the blood you shed, your devastation of earth, and every town and nation" (Hab.2:15-17).

This passage describes the end-time “Beast of Babylon,” the end-of-days Chaldean, the “King” of the New World Order rising up in our midst – a rapacious Apollyon Abaddon Antichrist!

But all his plans, bullying, bail-outs, and borrowing against future generations, will come to nothing – thin air – as the economy tanks, nose dives, and disappears like a giant popped bubble.

“Destroy Many in their Prosperity”

Says the NKJV of the popular Antichrist, the end-time world leader who comes to power: “Through his cunning he shall cause DECEIT to prosper under his rule [hand]; and he shall *exalt himself in his heart*. He shall *DESTROY MANY in their prosperity*, he shall even rise against the Prince of princes [the Messiah, when He returns]; but he shall be broken without human means [hand]” (Dan.8:25).

Says the Tanakh, “when the measure of transgression has been filled, then a king will arise, IMPUDENT and versed in intrigue. He will have great strength, but not through his own strength. He will be EXTRAORDINARILY DESTRUCTIVE; he will prosper in what he does, and destroy the mighty and the people of the holy ones. By his cunning, he will use deceit successfully. He will make great plans, will destroy many, taking them unawares . . .”

Daniel was told, ‘Now you keep the vision a secret, for it pertains to far-off days’ (verse 26) – to the “far future,” as Moffatt puts it – to our end-time generation, today!

New Testament Witness

This same tyrant and world ruler is mentioned also in II Thessalonians, chapter two. The apostle Paul prophesies, “Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the FALLING AWAY comes first, and the MAN OF SIN [Greek, LAWLESSNESS] is revealed, the SON OF PERDITION [DESTRUCTION – APOLLYON!], who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God” (II Thess.2:3-4).

The Moffatt translation describes it this way: The apostle Paul writes that the Day of the Lord “will not come till the Rebellion takes place first of all, with the revealing of the Lawless One, the doomed One, the adversary who vaunts himself above and against every so-called god or object of worship, actually seating himself in the temple of God with the proclamation that he himself is God” (vs.3-4).

This king is called “the lawless one” (NRSV) who is “destined for destruction.”

Paul says of this individual, “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work [it has been working undercover for centuries and millennia]; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and *destroy* with the brightness of His coming.

“The coming of the LAWLESS ONE is according to the working of Satan [he is Satan the devil’s agent, co-conspirator, chief instrument in these last days, as Nimrod was in the first generations after the Flood!], with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with ALL unrighteous [unlawful] DECEPTION among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

“And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness” (II Thess.2:7-12).

Who is this remarkable end-time Apollyon? Who will be this “Destroyer”?

Can you see the signs? Can you understand the evidence?

Do you see the truth, right before your very eyes?

What Is the Solution to Our Problems?

Biblical prophecy is being fulfilled – to the “nth” degree. Can we avert national and international disaster? What is the only workable solution to all our ills?

Says Richard Markland:

“The Bible says God is not a Republican, Democrat Independent or a member of the Tea Party. John 18:36 "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world then would my servants fight . . . Such words will in all likely-hood rile devoted followers who wave the flag and even pray during many of the Tea Party rallies taking place across the country. Spiritual answers for problems facing America are not accepted today. The Bible is a point of contention if used to address problems not only in religious and political circles, but also in all aspects of daily life. Matthew 10:34-35 "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. America is divided more than ever when it comes to politics.

“Unless deep repentance comes quickly on an individual and national level, America will collapse. Change must be genuine, heartfelt and on God's terms. Joel 2:13-14 –‘And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repents Him of the evil. Who knows if He will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind Him, even a meat-offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?’”

“Anger and frustration are building in America. With each passing day it’s becoming increasingly difficult for Americans to repent, but unless repentance takes place America will not only collapse, but also will be conquered from without. Leviticus 26:27,17 – ‘And if you will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary to me. . . I will set my face against you and you shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and you shall flee when none pursues.’”

Unless America's leaders and its people turn to God, the nation’s days are numbered. Time is far shorter than most realize. As Amos was inspired to write: “Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!” (Amos 4:12).

How Much Longer?

The *Associated Press* declared on July 14, 2009 that Obama took possession of the economy with four simple words: “Give it to me!” In choosing Michigan to attach his name to the economy, Obama picked a state whose 14.1 percent unemployment rate could linger as evidence of policy failure. As home to the U.S. auto industry it could also stand as a symbol as one of his first economic successes. General Motors and Chrysler have emerged in surprisingly swift fashion from bankruptcy protection procedures proposed by the Obama administration. Obama told his audience in Michigan, they are getting it done already in record time, far faster than anybody thought possible.

The issue of whether Obama is a U.S. citizen is not going away. If he was born in Kenya as evidence indicates, he is not constitutionally able to be President. The protesters, known as the “birthers” are growing in number. President Obama further fuels the fire by refusing to produce his birth certificate and he certainly added to the damage by signing an Executive Order as soon as he became President which barred the release of the certificate.

In Luke 10:18, Jesus Christ may have identified the Antichrist – the coming “beast” of Revelation. He declared, “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.” In the original Hebrew language the word for lightning is *barack*. We read in Isaiah 14:12 - 14—“how are you *fallen from heaven*, O Lucifer, son of the morning! You are cut down to the ground, you who did weaken the nations. You said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God. I will sit also on the Mount of the Congregation on the farthest sides of the north. I will ascend above the *heights* of the clouds and be like the Most High.”

The Hebrew word for heights/heavens is *bama*. The conjunction letter that joins the thoughts of *lightning and heights* is pronounced “u “ or “o” and is thus read as “*barrack o'bama*”.

Does that prove U.S. President Obama is the Antichrist? Not necessarily. But the Bible is full of mysteries and this may turn out to be one of the keys that helps unlock the identity of the coming Antichrist. We are soon going to find out shortly who is the Antichrist. We are living in the soon-coming time of the Antichrist!

1 John 2:18 focuses on the “last hour”. We read: “You have heard that the Antichrist is coming. Even now many Antichrists have come, by which we know it is *the last hour*.” Note the words *living* “in the last hour.” A day might be compared to a year. The point is that an hour is not much time left. We are living in a time when things are progressing rapidly to the complete fulfillment of the prophecies for the END of days!

Barack Obama

David Meyer of *Last Trumpet Newsletter* asks, “Why did the news media on election night keep saying that America and all the other countries were ‘electrified by Obama’s rise in the polls?’ We also know that Obama’s home state of Illinois has a state lottery with one game called ‘Pick Three’ (Illinois State Lottery, official printout for November 5th, 2008, Chicago, IL). The numbers for the evening draw on the day he was elected were 6-6-6!

Meyer adds, “I personally believe that some of the same spirits that were in Adolf Hitler are now in Barack Obama. Why did Obama take his campaign to Berlin, Germany, and stand in the Tiergarten with his right arm stiffened and raised to 45 degrees in a Hitler-like salute? Why did thousands of Germans who gathered there return that salute, which is forbidden by law in Germany? Why did Obama give his one-world speech from a place in Berlin where five streets come together at a place called the Big Star?”

Who is this strange new President, who was raised as a Moslem, and upon coming to Chicago, joined a so-called “Christian” church that does not require a Moslem to renounce his faith to be a member, and which is led by Jeremiah Wright, a notorious firebrand anti-white, anti-American racist bigot of the extreme left wing?

Who is this President who has read every Harry Potter book?

Who is this strange one who was raised on dog meat and snake meat, and who used many drugs as a teenager, including marijuana and cocaine?

Why was he given the code name “Renegade” by the Secret Service?. The noun “renegade” means by definition “one who denies or gives up his faith,” “especially an apostate.” It means “one who denies or deserts from a cause, principle, party or the like – especially one who turns to a hostile one – a turncoat, deserter.” (*Winston Dictionary*). Says the *Worldbook Dictionary*, “a deserter, such as from a religious faith . . . traitor; one who abandons his principles or his people. Synonym: APOSTATE, recreant, backslider.” In other words, a REBEL – JUST LIKE ANCIENT NIMROD – JUST LIKE LUCIFER OR SATAN THE DEVIL!

The Enigmatic “65 Years”

A 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?

If we count 65 years from 1947, the year the United Nations voted to partition Palestine and create a Jewish state in the Middle East, we come to the year 2012 A.D.!

Could this date describe the collapse and fall of end-time Ephraim, the United States of America – that is, the end of its sovereignty and its integration into the end-time “Roman Empire” or “New World Order”? Could it be the year we lose our sovereignty and are merged into the end-time “Babylon the Great,” the Biblical name for the “New World Order”?

Will another WAR occur soon in the Middle East? Will its worldwide consequences lead to the devastation of Damascus, Syria, and its ruination? Isaiah foretold, “See, Damascus will cease to be a city, and will become a heap of ruins” (Isa.17:1). Will Arab terrorists respond by setting off terrorist nuclear bombs – even satchel sized weapons – within the borders of the United States? Will biological-chemical agents be unleashed in American cities? Will America’s fleet – her pride and power – suffer a devastating attack? Isaiah prophesied for Ephraim – modern America, “The fortress will disappear from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus. . . . On that day the glory of Jacob will be brought low, and the fat of his flesh will grow lean” (Isa.17:3-4, NRSV).

When will this occur? Isaiah also declared, regarding Ephraim, “Within sixty five years Ephraim will be shattered, no longer a people” (Isa.7:8). He then adds, “If you do not stand firm in faith, you shall not stand at all” (v.9).

Have we indeed entered the final period in prophecy known as the “time of Jacob’s trouble”?

The Mayan Calendar and the Year 2012

Does the Mayan calendar predict something colossal happening in 2012?

According to the Mayan calendar, we are 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 two years from now.

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. However, Bible students will recognize this as being during the time of the prophet Enoch, who was born in 3545 B.C. He lived for 365 years before he “was taken” somewhere in 3180 B.C. Methuselah was born in 3480 B.C. and lived for 969 years. So the Mayan calendar begins 66 years after Enoch disappeared (he was taken to a place of safety from his many enemies), and 366 years after Methuselah was born.

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 “baktuns” or a period of 5,125 years. To the ancient Mayans, this conjunction of the sun and Milky Way center or mid-point occurring on the winter solstice, December 21, in 2012 A.D. is a major transition point, *the creation of a new World Age*.

In Mayan chronology, 3,113 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.

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 a distinctly 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*.”

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”? Could this be a reference to the “time of refreshing” and “restitution of all things” foretold in the Scriptures – when the Calendar itself and the orbit of the earth itself will be changed?

Is it possible that 2012 is the year when Satan the devil will fight a war in heaven against Michael and his angels, and be CAST OUT – that “Apollyon-Abaddon” will open the “abyss” or “bottomless pit,” and the armies of the New World Order, described as “locusts,” will issue forth in rampaging, destructive frenzy?

Jacob's Trouble

Is 2012 the year when Jacob's Troubles will be multiplied? Could 2012 be the real beginning of the end-time Great Tribulation? – the final seven years of this present world system or age of human mismanaged government?

“These are the words the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah: This is what the LORD says: ‘Cries of fear are heard – terror, not peace. Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale? How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be *a time of trouble for Jacob*, but he will be saved out of it’” (Jer.30:6-7, NIV).

Daniel also speaks of this same time. He writes, quoting the angel Gabriel, who says to him: “At that time Michael the great prince who protects your people will arise. There will be a TIME OF DISTRESS such as has not happened from the beginning of time until then. But at that time your people -- everyone whose name is found written in the book -- will be delivered” (Dan.12:1).

The Moffatt Translation renders this verse, “There shall be a time of TROUBLE such as never has been since there was a nation.” He describes this awful period of the future as “the CRISIS at the end” (Dan.12:4), and, “the crisis at the CLOSE” (v.9).

Jesus Christ also spoke of these final, frenetic, tormenting, tremulous times. Looking into the future which will occur just before His Second Coming, He declared: “For then there will be GREAT DISTRESS, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now – and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short [by the intervention and coming of the Messiah!], no one would survive [or be left alive on the planet earth!], but for the sake of the elect *those days will be shortened*” (Matt.24:15-22).

Jeremiah, Daniel and Jesus Christ were all talking about the SAME FINAL END-TIME DISASTER AND TIME OF TROUBLE which will *ENGULF* the entire planet earth. Since each one of these is the “greatest” time ever of distress, they must all be referring to the *SAME PERIOD OF TIME and the SAME GREAT DISTRESS!*

Ezekiel declared, “An END, the END has come upon the four corners of the land. Now the END is upon you, I will let loose my anger upon you; I will judge you according to your ways, I will punish you for all your abominations. My eye will not spare you, I will have no pity. I will punish you for your ways, while your abominations are among you. . . Thus says the Lord GOD: Disaster after disaster! See, it comes. And *end* has come. *THE END has come*. It has awakened against you; see, it comes! Your doom has come upon you, O inhabitant of the land. The time has come, the day is NEAR – of tumult, not of reveling on the mountains” (Ezek.7i:1-10).

The day of final judgment for this age of mankind has begun to arrive. Are you ready?