

The American Apocalypse

Is America spiraling down into oblivion and darkness? What does the future hold? What does Bible prophecy and Talmud exegesis tell us of the day of Messiah's return?

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Anne Graham Lotz, Billy Graham's daughter, a renowned evangelist and author, told a gathering of pastors at the Family Research Council's 2016 "Watchmen on the Wall" conference in Washington, D.C. on May 26, 2016 that the United States has entered the "last stage" of the "downward spiral" into the bottomless chasm that is God's judgment.

Lotz, the founder of AnGeL Ministries, the new chairwoman of the National Day of Prayer and the author of the new book, *The Daniel Prayer: Prayer That Moves Heaven and Changes Nations*, was a featured speaker at the Family Research Council's 2016 "Watchmen on the Wall" conference.

During her 25-minute speech on the "urgency to reach the lost," Lotz warned that God is abandoning America because the country has embraced sexual immorality and entered into an era of "sexual depravity."

As Lotz has long called on Christians to repent for the sexual revolution and the advancement of LGBT propaganda, Graham asserted during her speech that educating children about evolutionary theory is another reason why God is issuing judgment on America.

Lotz, who has previously said that she believes Jesus Christ will return during her lifetime, quoted the first chapter of Romans to explain that the Bible explicitly warns against exchanging God for "men, birds, animals and reptiles."

Lotz reasoned that Romans 1:23 is referring to evolution.

"That's evolution and our schools teach evolution as fact and Creationism, if it is mentioned, it is sort of a fringe theory. Therefore, God gave it over," Graham said. "God just backs away and gives us over in His first path in this downward spiral to sexual immorality. That is the sexual revolution, That is free sex, which actually is very expensive."

"When we refuse to repent of our sin and turn to God, then in [Romans] verse 26, God gives us over to sexual depravity. Which is what we see all around us today," she added. "Then, we refuse to repent of our sin and turn to God."

Lotz then cited Romans 1:28 to argue that America has entered in the "last stage of this downward spiral into the abyss of God's judgment."

"The last step, 'furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to a reprobate mind,'" Lotz recited.

"He gives us over to ourselves and I believe America is in the last stage of this downward spiral into the abyss of God's judgment."

Lotz contended that things are only going to get worse for America.

"God is backing away from America. He has said again and again and again, 'If you forsake me, I will forsake you. If you abandon me, I will abandon you.' So, we see God abandoning America as we shake our fist in his face and insist on our immorality and all the things we are doing," she continued. "We have lost the ability to think straight, no pun intended. God backs away and removes His hand of blessing and His hand of favor and His hand of protection."

Lotz pointed out the biblical example seen in God's judgment on the nation of Judah, which He loved and eventually destroyed through King Nebuchadnezzar after the nation failed to repent and turn back to God.

"He did it slowly. In the end, when Judah defied Him and insisted on her right to sin, he moved Nebuchadnezzar to destroy the walls of the city, burn the city with fire," she explained. "The people he didn't take into captivity, he slaughtered in the streets and Judah was no more. And if God would do that to the nation that He loved, what would He do to America?"

Lotz stressed that although God is issuing his judgment on America, it is not too late for Christians and others to repent and pray.

James Dobson Speaks His Mind

Dr. James Dobson entered the fray on transgender bathrooms and President Obama's new tyrannical decree on the issue. He wrote in a scathing editorial:

"When I was in the third grade, I raised my hand one day and asked the teacher for permission to "go to the bathroom." She nodded, and I hurried down the hall to the door designated "Boys." When I had relieved myself, I headed back in the direction of my homeroom. As bad luck would have it, the doors in the hallway all looked alike, and I opened the wrong one. Two second-grade girls were standing there with their mouths open in disbelief. Then they both screamed and pointed at me. The loudest one said, "You're in BIG trouble!" The other shouted, "Get out of here!" Sweet kids.

"I was mortified beyond belief. I sneaked back into class and looked at the floor, wondering who might have witnessed my unthinkable crime. That was decades ago, but I haven't forgotten my humiliation. The cardinal rule is that boys and girls never entered each other's private facilities. Never!

“How the world has changed! Who would have believed a day would come during my lifetime when boys could meander into the private sanctuary of girls’ toilets, or that it would someday be a civil right for men to use women’s locker rooms and showers without permission or apology? Imagine sex-absorbed junior high boys ogling the bodies of developing pubescent girls or standing beside them in their showers. Have we gone absolutely mad? What ever happened to modesty, safety, and Christian morals?”

“Did it upset you when the president of the United States ordered every public school in America to open all its bathroom facilities including those that are in use by a member of the opposite sex? The president’s order made me furious, and then sick to my stomach. How dare this man do something so audacious and unthinkable! His letter from the White House carried an implied threat to withhold federal money from local schools, which rocked the halls of public education. Who is this politician that is spending your hard-earned tax dollars to manipulate school officials, anyway? Who is it that is warping our children? *It is Barack Obama, one of the worst presidents in American history, and it is time we stood up and said so!*”

“Obama, *acting like a king, is wielding dictatorial powers never envisioned in the law.* He is determined to change the way males and females relate to one another, and worse, how children perceive themselves. If you are a married man with any gumption, surely you will defend your wife’s privacy and security in restroom facilities. Would you remain passive after knowing that a strange-looking man, dressed like a woman, has been peering over toilet cubicles to watch your wife in a private moment? What should be done to the pervert who was using mirrors to watch women and girls in their stalls? If you are a dad, I pray you will protect your little girls from men who walk in unannounced, unzip their pants and urinate in front of them. If this had happened 100 years ago, someone might have been shot. Where is today’s manhood? God help us!”

Dobson continues, “Let’s talk more about Barack Obama, who is a tyrant in many ways. How dare he assault centuries of modesty and moral beliefs! By what authority does he tell parents and school officials what to teach children under their care? Christian parents, does this outrageous order violate something deep within your sense of propriety? The president has already maneuvered the courts to undermine a 5,000-year-old definition of marriage, after experiencing his infamous epiphany. Now he is determined to change Western civilization forever. He becomes more reckless and defiant as his second term comes to an end. Never has an American president been so absorbed with the use and abuse of power, and unfortunately, he still has seven months to go. What is next?”

Dobson concludes, “My friend Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council recently said he is often asked, “Why is the Obama administration trying to mainstream ‘transgenderism’ and force schools to accommodate students who want to use the bathrooms and locker rooms of the opposite sex?” Tony’s answer gets to the heart of the motive: ‘It’s all part of a radical movement trying to destroy the fact that God created man and woman – and that somehow people can choose what gender they want to be. The ultimate goal is to break down all sexual inhibition and morality – a goal that would result in social chaos.’” (Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2016/05/protect-your-kids-from-tyrant-obama>),

America is in the Danger Zone

Over the past fifty years, America has rebelled against God and crossed all of these dangerous biblical boundaries:

- 1962 – Engel v. Vitale: the removal of Prayer in public schools by the Supreme Court.
- 1963 – Abington School District v. Schempp: the removal of Bible reading in public schools by the Supreme Court.
- 1973 – Rowe v. Wade legalized abortions by the Supreme Court. Since America has performed over 55 million abortions. Presently about one million abortions are occurring per year in America.
- 2013 – United States v. Windsor: the case that the Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). DOMA stated that one man should be married to one woman. DOMA was biblically supported. We read in Genesis 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”
- 2015 – Obergefell v. Hodges: the Supreme Court case that ruled in favor of Same Sex Marriages.

This is an abomination in God’s sight! We read, “Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones” (Romans 1:26, NIV). “In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error” (verse 27).

- 2015 – The present White House Administration has turned its back on Israel. Obama believes the Iran nuclear deal is good, but Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu believes it’s the worst deal imaginable.

The Word of God declares, “But if you do not do so [obey God in faith], then take note, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23). The NIV has it, ““But if you won’t do so, look out! You will be sinning against the LORD. Be certain of this, that your sin will catch up to you!”

The Lord has provided ample warnings to Americans that the country is headed for destruction. These forewarnings have come in the forms of remedial judgments, prophetic voices, and ultimately by giving them the ungodly leaders they deserve. For instance, U.S. President Barack Hussein Obama is the most pro-abortion, pro-homosexual, and anti-Israel president in America’s history!

The fact that he was reelected for a second term evidences the spiritual and moral bankruptcy of the nation!

What are the Signs of Impending Judgment?

Debt – Our country is currently nineteen trillion dollars in debt. Is Obama going for broke? “Obama administration’s budget has asked for \$2.1 billion set aside for illegal immigrants — which includes over a billion in benefits for an expected 75,000 Central American teenagers and children the administration estimates will illegally enter the country in 2016. This is according to analysis by the Center for Immigration Studies, which calculates that the budget request would amount to \$17,613 in taxpayer money for every illegal child — more than double what the government spent in 2010.

That’s nearly \$3,000 more than is budgeted for the average retiree in annual Social Security benefits — a benefits system these taxpayers contributed to for their entire working lives. The cost is based on a trend, CIS conclude. The administration has also asked for U.S. taxpayers to foot \$750 million in assistance to the Central American countries these unaccompanied alien children (UAC) are leaving.

Jobs – Looking for a Job? One out of five American families today, nobody in the family has a job—they have given up looking for a job. If nobody is working in one out of five American families, that brings up a question: “How can the employment rate be only five percent for the nation like the government says, if 20% of our families (1 out of every 5) nobody works (completely unemployed)? The Federal Reserve has found that 27% of all Americans today would not even be able to come up with \$400 cash for an unexpected visit to the emergency room at the hospital. They would have to borrow the money or sell something.

Homosexual Pride – New York's iconic Stonewall Inn, where the modern gay rights movement took root, will become the first national monument honoring the history of gays and lesbians in the U.S. under a proposal President Obama is preparing to approve to recognizing the struggle for gay rights. Next month marks Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month in the U.S. *Christiandaily* (5.9.1) “Evangelist Franklin Graham opposes a national gay monument in NYC and has called the planned gay monument a “monument to sin”.

The Bible says in Leviticus 18:22-30 (KJV), “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.”

Earthquakes – Scientists say there has been an above average number of significant earthquakes across south Asia and the Pacific since the start of the year (2016). The increased frequency has sparked fears of a repeat of the Nepal quake of 2015, when 8,000 people died. Michael Snyder; *endoftheamericandream.com* According to Volcano Discovery, 38 volcanoes around the globe are erupting right now. This is definitely an unusually high number. Seismologist Roger Bilham of Colorado University warns “current conditions might trigger at least four earthquakes greater than 8.0 in magnitude”. If he is right and we do begin to see a series of absolutely massive earthquakes, that could dramatically change the course of world events literally overnight.

Is the strongest and most powerful nation on the planet headed for an apocalypse which will bring it to its knees? We live in a world that is becoming increasingly unstable, and apocalyptic themes have become very common in books, movies, television shows and video games.

Global Catastrophic Risks

In May the Global Challenges Foundation released a new report entitled “Global Catastrophic Risks 2016” in which they discussed various apocalyptic events that they believe could wipe out more than 10 percent of the population of our planet, and they warned that these types of events “are more likely than we intuitively think.”

1. Super volcanoes. In various locations around the globe, there are gigantic super volcanoes which could dramatically change the course of human history in a single moment by erupting. In the United States, the Yellowstone Super volcano is becoming increasingly active, and a full-blown eruption could potentially be up to 2,000 times more powerful than the eruption of Mount St. Helens back in 1980. As I mentioned the other day, major metropolitan areas such as Salt Lake City and Denver would be essentially destroyed, food production in this country would be virtually wiped out, and a “volcanic winter” would cool global temperatures by up to 20 degrees for up to several years.

2. Asteroids and Comets. NASA has established a “Planetary Defense Coordination Office” that is in charge of tracking giant space rocks, and NASA is working to develop a method to destroy incoming asteroids using nuclear weapons. Scientists admit that they only know about a small fraction of the near-Earth objects that are actually out there, and we get hit “by surprise” all the time.

3. Natural Pandemics. The flu pandemic of 1918 killed approximately 50,000,000 people worldwide, and scientists assure us that it will happen again one day. As we learned during the recent Ebola outbreak, a really nasty virus can grip the entire world with fear in a very short period of time.

4. Engineered Pandemics. This is probably even a bigger threat than natural pandemics, because now we have the technology to genetically alter naturally occurring diseases and make them even stronger.

5. Artificial Intelligence and Geo-engineering. The human race now has the capability to purposely modify the weather, and this means that we also have the capability to do a tremendous amount of damage.

6. Nuclear War. The U.S. strategic nuclear arsenal has been reduced by about 95 percent, and Barack Obama insists that he would like to reduce it even further. Meanwhile, both the Russians and the Chinese are rapidly modernizing their nuclear forces, and they both have developed hypersonic glide vehicles that can defeat any missile defense system that the U.S. can put up.

7. Islamic Terror is happening worldwide including the Far East. Terror attacks using weapons of mass destruction—biological, chemical, or nuclear—could literally turn our society completely upside down virtually overnight? Pakistan and Saudi Arabia have nuclear weapons.

8. Power Grid Failure. A massive electromagnetic pulse, either from the sun or as the result of a nuclear blast, could instantly plunge society back into the 1800s. Imagine a world without any lights, cell phones, computers, televisions, ATMs, heating and cooling systems, credit card readers, gas pumps, cash registers, refrigerators or hospital equipment. The EMP Commission spent years studying this, and they told Congress back in 2008 that up to 90 percent of the U.S. population could be dead within one year of such an event due to starvation, disease and the breakdown of society.

9. Cyberwar. The Internet is one area where we are particularly vulnerable. The Chinese, the Russians and the North Koreans have all been working very hard to develop their cyberwarfare capabilities. Insiders of the U.S. intelligence say our power grid could be taken down with just the push of a button.

10. Economic Collapse. If you want to see how devastating an economic collapse can be on a nation, just pick up a history book and start reading about the Great Depression of the 1930s. What we are heading for is going to be a whole lot worse than that.

11. Civil Unrest & Martial Law. Anger and frustration have been building up to unprecedented levels in this country, and at some point there is going to be a huge explosion.

12. Catastrophic Earthquakes. A historic earthquake along the New Madrid fault seismic zone, the Cascadia Subduction zone or any of the major faults in California could affect millions of lives, cause hundreds of billions of dollars in damage, and literally change the geography of our continent.

Signs of the Times

We read in I Chronicles 12:32 of the “sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.” How many people have understanding of the times, today?

Yeshua the Messiah said to the Jews, “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times” (Matt.16:2-3).

One of the premier signs that we are living in the END of this age is the nation of Israel. In Scripture, Israel is compared to the fig tree. Yeshua said to His disciples, “Now learn this parable from the fig tree. When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!” (Matt.24:32-33).

God compares His people Israel to a fig tree. He says, in Jeremiah, “Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so I will acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah . . . For I will set Mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land and I will build them and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up” (Jer.24:5-7).

Israel is a type of the fig tree and has been putting out fruit ever since it was established in 1948. Christ went on to say, “Assuredly I say to you, THIS GENERATION [THE GENERATION OF THE FIG TREE] will by no means pass away TILL all these things take place” (Matt.24:34).

We Have Forgotten God

The modern generation has forgotten God. So God declares, “Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the Rock of your stronghold, therefore you will plant pleasant plants and set out foreign seedlings . . . but the harvest will be a heap of ruins in the day of grief and desperate sorrow” (Isaiah 17:10-11).

God says of our peoples, “I have nourished and brought up children, and they have *rebelled against Me*. The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master’s crib; but Israel does not know, My people do not consider. Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward” (Isaiah 1:2-4).

God declares, “I will give children to be their princes, and babes [margin, “capricious ones”] shall rule over them. The people will be oppressed, every one by another and every one by his neighbor; the child will be insolent toward the elder, and the base toward the honorable” (Isa.3:4-5).

God thunders, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have *rejected knowledge* [of God], I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have *forgotten the law of your God*, I also will forget your children” (Hosea 4:6).

People today don’t want to hear about God or His judgments. They don’t take Him seriously. In fact, as God told Isaiah, “Now go write it before them on a tablet and note it on a scroll, that for time to come, forever and ever: That this is a REBELLIOUS people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the LORD; who say to the seers, ‘Do not see,’ and to the prophets, ‘Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us SMOOTH THINGS, prophesy deceits. Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us”” (Isaiah 30:8-11).

Because of this attitude, “Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perversity, and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you *like a breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose breaking comes SUDDENLY, IN AN INSTANT*. And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter’s vessel, which is broken in pieces” (Isaiah 30:12-14).

God looks down on this wayward, intransigent, stubborn generation of lawless rebels, and declares, “Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out My hand and no one regarded, because you disdained all My counsel, and would have none of My rebuke, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you” (Proverbs 1:24-27).

Our nation and our leaders and people, from top to bottom, have forgotten God, turned their backs on Him, and rejected His laws and counsel. They forget that He rules over all. They think they can carry on, oblivious to Him and His Word – and so a trap has been set for their feet. God declares, “Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD . . . They would have none of My counsel and despised My every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies, for the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them” (Prov.1:29-32).

God rules in the kingdoms of men. We have a responsibility to seek His way, His face, and His truth, for self-preservation as much as anything else. Woe be to those who continue to defy the living God and ignore His commandments. Governments steal from their citizens, and their citizens steal from each other, and judgment is surely coming!

God says to His people, “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezek.18:30-31).

God says again, “As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways. For why should you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezek.33:11).

The hour of judgment is rapidly approaching. God thunders, “They do not direct their deeds toward turning to their God, for the spirit of harlotry is in their midst. And they do not know the LORD. The pride of Israel testifies to his face; therefore Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity; Judah also stumbles with them” (Hosea 5:4-5).

God’s warning goes forth, “Blow the ram’s horn in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah! Cry aloud at Beth Aven, Look behind you, O Benjamin! Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke; among the tribes of Israel I make known what is sure” (Hos.5:8-9).

Jeremiah cries out, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved! For the hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt. I am mourning; astonishment has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there? Why then is there no recovery for the health of the daughter of my people?” (Jere.8:20-22).

The apostle Paul warned, looking into our day, “For when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape” (I Thess.5:4).

Isaiah cried out, seeing the future of America, “Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will be limp, every man’s heart will melt, and they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; they will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; they will be amazed at one another; their faces will be like flames” (Isaiah 13:6-8).

The Day of Destruction

Is God angry with America? Has the modern world “crossed the line”?

The majority of the people jubilantly dance in the streets, women shimmer and shake like night club dancers, glorying in the victory of Obama, a man who defies the living God, flagrantly trumpets his disdain for the Scriptures, ridicules the Word of God, embraces the gay life style and community and gay marriage, and flagrantly flouts the laws of God as well as the laws of the nation.

The common worldly attitude was expressed by the prophet Isaiah, who wrote, “And in that day the Lord GOD of hosts called for weeping and for mourning, for baldness and for girding with sackcloth. But instead, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating meat and drinking wine: ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!’” (Isaiah 22:12-13).

How bad is the common attitude of especially young people and many multitudes in our midst, today? Isaiah says, “Then it was revealed in my hearing by the LORD of hosts, ‘Surely for this iniquity there will be no atonement for you, even to your death,’ says the Lord GOD of hosts” (v.14). The condition is fatal.

The Day of the Lord

The nation has embarked on a wrong course. It refuses to turn around. So it is hell bent on its own destruction. And therefore God declares, “Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible [or, tyrants, margin]” (Isaiah 13:9-11).

America has taken the wrong fork in the road. It is the way that leads to catastrophe and cataclysm. We are embarking on a destructive course which will consume us, because we have refused to be taught, to learn our lesson, and to confess our sins and shortcomings. We have turned our backs on God and severe punishment lies ahead.

Obama’s Role

Judaism holds that a name is a powerful aspect of a person’s identity. Gematria, a method of Hebrew numerology, is commonly used as a method to understand how one fits into the

divine plan. A glimpse into what numerologists have said about US President Barack Obama may reveal some uncomfortable truths, or simply confirm what we already suspect.

Gematria is the practice of assigning each Hebrew letter a numerical value. Rabbis teach that calculations of the Gematria of Hebrew names and words reveal hidden layers of meaning by linking together words and phrases of similar or identical numbers.

Torah scholars Joel Gallis and Dr. Robert Wolf, who taught the Bible for almost two decades, are experts in making connections through numerology. They wrote extensively about Obama in their blog, *Redemption 5768*, during Obama's first term, and many of their conclusions are still quoted by Jewish thinkers today.

Gallis and Wolf noted that Obama was destined for leadership since the Gematria of his full name, Barack Hussein Obama (המאבוא וייסוה קרב), is 501, equal to the Gematria of the word שאר (head, or leader). The type of leader he will be is revealed through another calculation: Obama's first term was as the 44th president of the United States, and the 44th word in the Torah is דשחלו (and to the darkness).

Though he self-identifies as a Christian, his mother's religion, their numerology of Obama's name connects him to Islam, the religion of his adoptive and biological fathers. The Gematria of his full name is equal to the Gematria of the word ישמעאליים (Ishmaelites), who are considered by most Biblical commentaries to represent Arabs and the world of Islam. The Gematria of Barack Obama, without his middle name (המאבוא קרב), is 357, the same value as ארוק (Koran), the holy book of the Ishmaelites.

Gallis and Wolf also found hints at Obama's place in the Messianic process. At Mount Sinai, Moses prophesied about what would happen to Israel at the End of Days.

For I know that after my death ye will in any wise deal corruptly, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the end of days; because ye will do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him through the work of your hands. (Deuteronomy 31:29)

Moses predicted that evil would befall Israel as a result of their own actions (במעשה בני דיקם). The Gematria of בני דיקם במעשה is 501, equal to Barack Hussein Obama, who was elected two times by over 70 percent of the Jews in America, despite his decidedly anti-Israel policies.

In the verse, Moses uses the word ונקראת (and it will happen). The only other time this form of the word is used in the entire Torah is when an angel tells Hagar that she is with child and that she should call her son Ishmael (Genesis 16:11). The angel reveals the future of Ishmael:

And he shall be a wild ass of a man: his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the face of all his brethren. (Genesis 16:12)

Despite calling for peace, Obama has fulfilled the prophecy concerning Ishmael's influence in the world and his destructive role in Moses' prediction of the end of days. Last month, Obama claimed at a speech in Germany that we are living in the "most peaceful era" in history. However, a recent study by *Mida*, a liberal Israeli current affairs and opinion online magazine, showed that 80 percent more people were killed in wars around the globe under Obama than under Bush.

The Gematria of Obama's full name is also equal to the Gematria of the phrase מיִמַּיִם וְשֵׁאֵב יָמוֹ (who by water and who by fire). This is the first method of divine retribution listed in the liturgy recited on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Gallis and Wolf claim this is related to Obama's hubris as exhibited in Obamacare, his healthcare program. The president now decides who will receive healthcare, who will live and who will die.

Interestingly, the Torah teachers note that the Gematria of Obama's name actually indicates that he is indeed very close to being the messiah – with one significant difference.

"The Gematria of Barack Obama המאבוא קרב is 357, just one short of the 358 of *Mashiach* (Hebrew for messiah). But the ONE that is missing is Hashem, the Master of the Universe who is ONE. Without God on his side, he is nothing but a false messiah."

Jewish Talmudic rabbis also spoke of these days we are living in.

Talmudic Prophecies

"R. Johanan said: 'in the generation when the son of David [i.e., Messiah] will come, scholars will be few in number, and as for the rest, their eyes will fail through sorrow and grief. *Multitudes of trouble and evil decrees will be promulgated anew, each new evil coming with haste before the other has ended.*'"

"Our Rabbis taught: in the seven year cycle at the end of which the son of David will come—in the first year, this verse will be fulfilled: And I will cause it to rain upon one city and cause it not to rain upon another city; in the second, the arrows of hunger will be sent forth; in the third, a great famine, in the course of which men, women, and children, pious men and saints will die, and the Torah will be forgotten by its students; in the fourth, partial plenty; in the fifth, great plenty, when men will eat, drink and rejoice, and the Torah will return to its disciples; in the sixth, [Heavenly] sounds; in the seventh, wars; and at the conclusion of the septennate the son of David will come. R. Joseph demurred: But so many septennates have passed, yet has he not come! - Abaye retorted: Were there then [Heavenly] sounds in the sixth and wars in the seventh! Moreover, have they [sc. the troubles] been in this order!"

In the Talmud, Vol 21, Steinstaldt edition, Sanhedrin 96-B — we read of "The prophecies of the Coming Messiah (prophecy being fulfilled at the coming of Messiah)". The question was asked by a rabbi: "Who is the son of the giants?" *Answer*: Messiah. "Have you heard when Messiah is going to come?"

As Amos 9:11 states, “In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen...” Rabbi Johannian said, “When the son of David, the Messiah comes, Torah scholars will diminish in number. As for the rest of the people their eyes fail with pain and grief and their troubles will increase; hard decrees will be constantly renewed (as is happening in America today as imposed by a despotic president).

“As soon as the first evil decree is past, so will come speedily the second evil decree in its place.” In the Sabbatical cycle” (a Sabbatical cycle is a Shemitah cycle of 7 years ending in a year of rest), *when the Son of David will come the following will occur.*”

We just ended a Shemitah cycle (2014 – 2023) during which we had two blood red moons both years at the beginning of the Hebrew year/Passover 2014 and Sukkoth 2014. Then in 2015, there was a blood red moon Passover and another blood red moon Sukkoth. The current Shemitah cycle began September 2016 and ends in 2023.

The Sabbatical Cycle. (possible projection: 2016 – 2023)

1ST YEAR — “And I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.”

2ND YEAR — “Arrows of the famine will be shot everywhere (scattered famine); nowhere will there be plenty.”

3RD YEAR — “There will be a great famine throughout the world.” Men and women of good deeds will die (persecution/tribulation) and as a result, Torah will be forgotten.

4TH YEAR — “The situation will begin to improve. There will be plenty in some places and still lacking in some places.”

5TH YEAR — “There will be plenty in all places, people will eat, drink and be happy and the Torah will be restored to its students.

6TH YEAR — “There will be rumors that Messiah is on His way. During the 6th year, when Messiah comes, there will be great heavenly noises similar to thunder that is not connected with clouds or rain. (Great signs in the heavens. Compare with Revelation 6).

7TH YEAR — “Great wars will be fought between Israel and the nations, War of Gog and Magog. (Armageddon/Apocalypse war—Revelation 17). The year following the Shemitah year (ends Sept.-Oct) the Son of David will come.”

The Generation of Messiah

The Talmud continues: “It has been taught, R. Judah said: in the generation when the son of David comes, the house of assembly will be for harlots, Galilee in ruins, Gablan lie desolate, the border inhabitants wander about from city to city, receiving no hospitality, the wisdom of scribes in disfavour, God-fearing men despised, people be dog-faced, and truth entirely lacking,

as it is written, Yea, truth faileth, and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. What is meant by 'yea, truth faileth [ne'edereth]'? - The Scholars of the School of Rab said: This teaches that it will split up into separate groups and depart. What is the meaning of 'and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey [mishtollel]'? - The School of R. Shila said: He who departs from evil will be dubbed a fool by his fellow-men.

“It has been taught: R. Nehorai said: in the generation when Messiah comes, *young men will insult the old, and old men will stand before the young [to give them honour]*; daughters will rise up against their mothers, and daughters-in-law against their mothers-in-law. The people shall be dog-faced, and a son will not be abashed in his father's presence.

“It has been taught, R. Nehemiah said: in the generation of Messiah's coming *impudence will increase, esteem be perverted*, the vine yield its fruit, yet shall wine be dear, and the Kingdom will be converted to heresy with none to rebuke them. This supports R. Isaac, who said: The son of David will not come until the whole world is converted to the belief of the heretics. Raba said: What verse [proves this]? it is all turned white: he is clean.

We are living in just such a generation!

Solomon wrote of this generation: “There is a generation that curses its father, and does not bless its mother. There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filthiness. There is a generation—oh, how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and whose fangs are like knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men” (Proverbs 30:11-14, NKJV).

That sounds just like our miserable, evil present generation!

The apostle Peter cried out to the people in his day: “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation” (Acts 2:40, NIV).

The New Living translation has it, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”

The Berean literal Bible has it, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”

Jesus Christ said in Luke 9:41, “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you?” I am sure He would feel the same way with our modern generation as well!

What about you? Do you “sigh and cry” about the abominations being perpetrated by this end-time, perverse generation – the world around us? The Holman Christian Standard Bible declares in Ezekiel 9:4, God tells His angel, “Pass throughout the city of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the detestable practices committed in it.” Do you feel this way? God delivered righteous Lot because he signed and cried over the abominations practiced in Sodom and Gomorrah! (II Peter 2:7-8).

Where do you stand?