

# **PROPHECY FLASH!**

**A magazine of insight and understanding of Biblical truth and prophecy for our time.**

Vol.29, No.1. Triumph Prophetic Ministries PO Box 842, Omak WA 98841 March-April. 2015

Telephone: (509) 826-7997; E-mail: [triumphpro@aol.com](mailto:triumphpro@aol.com)

## *The Mystery of* **PASSOVER**

**When Should It Be Observed?  
Nisan 14 or 15?**

**What Are the Mysterious  
“TIMES of the Gentiles”?**

**Prophecy Flash!** (USPS 18-324) is published bi-monthly by Triumph Prophetic Ministries (Church of God) at 141 Johnson Creek Road, Omak, WA 98841. Periodicals Postage paid at Omak, WA and additional mailing offices. Telephone: (509) 826-7997. Email: triumphpro@aol.com

**POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to Triumph, Box 842, Omak WA 98841.

*Editor*  
William F. Dankenbring

### **A Voice in the Wilderness**

God tells His servants in His Word, “Cry aloud, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet and declare to My people their transgression and to the house of Jacob their sins!” (Isa.58:1, Parallel Amplified Bible).

God also declares: “Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her time of service and her warfare are ended, that [her punishment is accepted and] her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received [punishment] from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

We are living in a world gone berserk with anger and rage. “Why do the nations rage?” (Psalm 2:1). Answer – because they don’t know the true God, and are in rebellion against His laws and teachings and the true way of life and peace!

Isaiah wrote: “A voice of one who cries: *Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord* [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth a highway for our God. . . . And the glory (majesty and splendor) of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it” (Isaiah 40:3-5).

The Messiah is coming very SOON! Its time to prepare to MEET Him! “Surely the Lord will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). The purpose of this magazine is to warn the world of what lies ahead, and to help prepare people to get ready to meet the Messiah, when He returns to restore all things (Acts 3:19-21), put an end to wars, and usher in the Kingdom of God! The prophet Amos declared, “*Prepare to meet your God, O Israel*” (Amos 4:12). No matter is more urgent, today!

## **Table of Contents**

Passover – Nisan 14 or 15?	3
Prophecy Briefs	26
Contact Us	36
What Are the Mysterious “Times of the Gentiles”?	37
New Articles	52
America in Bible Prophecy	55
New Moons & Holy Days – 2015	56
Letters from Our Readers	57

### **Why is there so much controversy and disagreement over the Passover?**

Can you believe it? God instituted the Passover as a feast to be observed “FOR EVER” – and yet churches and Jewish people are all divided on how and when to observe this Biblical festival and holy day!

Some say with seeming authority it is to be kept at the beginning of Nisan 14. Others, with equal authority, claim it is to be kept at the end of Nisan 14, eaten on Nisan 15.

Who is right? What is the truth? What does Almighty GOD say? Does it make any difference what day we observe?

Men may squabble and wrangle and fight over the Passover, and consign each other to hell-fire if they don’t agree with them. But God says, “Prove all things” (I Thess.5:21). Don’t just be a follower of men and their traditions. “There is a way that *seems right* to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of *death* (Prov.14:12).

What is the PLAIN TRUTH about the Passover?

-- William F. Dankenbring

*“Cry aloud, spare not – show My people their SINS”! (Isa.58:1-2).*

# PASSOVER – 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of Nisan?

It is hard for people to admit error – and to CHANGE. It is simpler just to go along with the “old way.” But what if it is proven WRONG? The incredible lengths to which some will go to justify entrenched error boggles the mind. Truly, as Adolph Hitler said, if you tell a lie big enough and often enough, most people will believe it! How many are really willing to dig in, and PROVE the basis and truth of the foundation of their belief and practice concerning the Passover?

William F. Dankenbring

Does the New Testament say Christ was going to eat the Passover meal with His disciples? Was the final meal He had with them prior to His crucifixion a true Passover?

We read that Yeshua told His disciples to go into the city and tell a certain man, “The teacher says, ‘My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples’” (Matt.26:18).

They went out and met the man, found the room where they intended to keep the Passover, and prepared for it (v.19). This would mean they did whatever was required to keep it properly when the time came. They may have cleaned the room, bought supplies, and even checked for any leaven on the premises and removed it. At any rate, they prepared in advance as conditions permitted.

That evening Christ sat down and ate a meal with them. It was a special “going away” meal, or final meal, as He would not be eating with them again until after His resurrection, over three days later. Could it have been the Passover?

David Stern, in the *Jewish New Testament Commentary*, says it is commonly believed that the final meal was a Passover meal or seder. However, Stern cites Joseph Shulam who suggests the final meal was not a Passover meal but a *se'udat mitzvahd*, a special meal a teacher would have with his students upon completion of a course of study, “banquet of completion” (p.77). Says Stern, “since Yeshua knew he was going to die, he may have regarded it as appropriate to complete his disciples earthly ‘course of study’ with a banquet.” He adds, “This solution would also resolve the perceived conflict between Yochanan and the Synoptic Gospels over the timing of the Last Supper” (*ibid*).

Matt.26:17 says “on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread . . .” Stern says this expression “the first day of matzah” does not mean the first day of the Feast but the preparation day before it began, when they put out the leavening. Leaven had to be removed before the Festival commenced. Stern adds, “Thus ‘the first day of matzah’ is the day before the start of Pesach” (p.78).

Of course, scholars dispute over these words and whether the last supper was indeed a Passover seder or not. Mere similarities are not of themselves conclusive. The facts militate against this conclusion.

The fact is, the apostle John points out this final meal was “BEFORE the Feast of the Passover” (John 13:1). The bread used was *artos*, meaning “raised loaf” or leavened bread. When Judas exited the meal, the disciples thought because he had the money box that he was going out to buy things needed for the coming Feast (John 13:29). Furthermore, the Jews had not yet observed the Passover and did not begin the Festival until AFTER Christ was crucified and buried, which would not occur until the late afternoon of Nisan 14, the day the lambs were slaughtered. Several days later, having arrested Yeshua, the Jewish rabbis delivered Him to the Praetorium, the governor’s headquarters, but would not themselves go in “lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover” (John 18:28).

Later, when He was brought before Pilate, “it was the *Preparation Day* of the Passover” (John 19:14) – Passover still had not come. After He was crucified, it was still “the Preparation Day,” and the bodies of those killed could not be left on the cross, because the upcoming Sabbath was an ANNUAL Sabbath – called a “high day” (John 19:31). When Yeshua was buried, just before sunset, it was still “the Jews’ Preparation Day” (v.42).

Therefore, Joseph Shulam is undoubtedly right. The Last Supper was *not* really the Passover. When Yeshua told His disciples that they should go to a certain man, and tell him the Master said He would keep the Passover at his house, it was not a declaration of fact but merely a statement of tentative planning. It would literally only be true IF Christ were not crucified at that time. It was possible; it was “a plan.” But things did not work out that way. It could have gone either way. There was, at that time, a slim possibility that the crucifixion could have been avoided. God could have found another way to achieve His purpose. That is why, later, in the garden of Gethsemane, Christ prayed to the Father, “If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will” (Matt.26:39, 42, 44).

Nevertheless, many believe the last supper was the Passover. Why could this not be true? What are all the facts that impinge on this question? When was the Passover to be observed by God's people?

### ***Were There TWO Passovers?***

Many people assume that in Jesus' day two "Passovers" were kept – one by Jesus and His disciples, at the beginning of Nisan 14; and the other by the majority of the Jews, who killed the passover lambs in the afternoon of Nisan 14, and celebrated the feast in the early hours of Nisan 15. But is this assumption true? Is there ANY historic basis for an early Nisan 14 Passover, with the lambs being killed right after sunset and then eaten during the early hours of the 14th?

Josephus, the Jewish historian of the first century, who was a Pharisee, acknowledges that they celebrated Passover, by killing the lambs in the afternoon of Nisan 14, between 3 and 5 o'clock. He writes:

“. . . the Passover, when they slay their sacrifices, from the ninth hour to the eleventh [3-5 PM Roman time], but so that a company of not less than ten belong to every sacrifice . . . the number of sacrifices was two hundred and fifty six thousand five hundred. . .”  
(*Wars of the Jews*, VI,9,3).

Philo, the Jewish philosopher of the first century, corroborates the testimony of Josephus. He relates that “the Passover, which the Hebrews call pascha, on which the whole people offer sacrifice, *beginning at noon-day and continuing until evening*” (page 582).

Since the Passover was killed on the 14th, the only hours between 3-5 PM on the 14th had to be in the afternoon, before the 15th came. If these lambs were slain a day earlier, at this time, then they would have been killed on Nisan 13 – a date nowhere sanctified or commanded in Scripture.

*The Pentateuch and Haftorahs*, published by the Soncino Press, states the Passover lambs were sacrificed “at dusk” – “Better, towards even; it. ‘between the two evenings.’ According to the Talmud, the ‘first evening’ is the time in the afternoon when the heat of the sun begins to decrease, about 3 o'clock; and the ‘second evening’ commences with sunset” (p.254).

All Jewish history – the Talmud, Mishnah, and Philo say the same thing. There is no evidence whatsoever of any Jew observing an earlier Passover!

Hard as we look in history for any evidence of Jews observing a Passover at the beginning of Nisan 14, we come up empty. There is simply NO historical evidence for such a thing. There is only the loud shouting of a few who insist that since the Bible often says the “Passover” is on Nisan 14, that the killing of the lamb and eating of it had to all be on the same day.

However, that belief is *pure assumption*, and has no basis in fact or history! It is based

on sheer “reasoning in a circle,” assuming to be true that which is supposed to be being “proved”! It is like saying, “It IS because it IS!”

### *The 14th of Nisan*

The 14th of Nisan is the day when the Jews put leavening out of their homes, as God commanded, so they could celebrate the seven days of unleavened bread. God commanded, “In the first month, on the 14th day of the month AT EVEN (at evening, the ending portion of the day – compare Leviticus 23:32), ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month AT EVEN” (Exodus 12:18-20). No leaven was to be seen with them for the seven days of the feast (Exo.13:6-7). Thus the leavening had to be put out on the 14th day of the month, as the 15th was the first day of the festival (Leviticus 23:6-7).

What, then, was the 14th of Nisan? In Exodus 12:6 we read that on the 14th of Nisan the children of Israel were to SLAY the Passover lambs. “And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation shall KILL it in the evening” (Heb., “between the two evenings”). Notice! The Passover lambs were to be killed in the evening of Nisan 14. That means toward the END of Nisan 14, or late afternoon. The “evening” of a day, in this sense, is not its beginning, but its ending, before sunset (see Exodus 12:18). In this verse, notice that the Feast of Unleavened Bread begins at the “evening” of the fourteenth day of Nisan (leading into the high holy day of the 15th) and ends at the “evening” of the twenty first of Nisan – the seventh day of the Feast.

Likewise, the Day of Atonement, which is the tenth day of Tishri, began “in the ninth day of the month AT EVEN” ( see Lev.23:32). So the “evening” of the 9<sup>th</sup> day has to be the ending portion of the day, toward sunset!

What does this tell us? Simply that although the actual festival of Passover and Unleavened Bread BEGAN with the 15th of Nisan and lasted through the 21st of Nisan, the 14th of Nisan was a vital, integral part of the festival – it was the PREPARATION DAY! It was the day when the leavening had to be put out of the houses, and the day the Passover lambs – necessary for the feast which began on Nisan 15 – had to be killed!

### *“The Preparation Day”*

In the gospel of John, the morning after the Last Supper is plainly called, by the gospel writer, “the *preparation* of the Passover.” After the Jews had apprehended Jesus and interrogated Him, early that morning, they led Him to the hall of judgment to be judged by Pontius Pilate, Roman governor. The Jews themselves, however, would not go into the Roman judgment hall, “lest they should be defiled; but that they might EAT THE PASSOVER” (John 18:28).

Clearly Passover had not yet come!

And notice here – John, the apostle, does not refer to this as the “Jews” Passover – but as “THE PASSOVER.” There was only one, and he acknowledged that the true Passover was not

yet come.

Further, in John 19, after Jesus had been scourged and whipped and beaten, and was brought again before Pilate, Pilate sat down in “the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew Gabbatha. *AND IT WAS THE PREPARATION OF THE PASSOVER . . .*” (John 19:13-14).

The “Lord’s supper” was long since completed and finished – but the PASSOVER was still to come – time for it has not yet arrived!

Why? Because in order for Jesus/Yeshua to really be our “Passover LAMB,” He had to die right when the Passover lambs were to be killed – the very same day and time period!

Otherwise, He could not be our Saviour – He would have been another FALSE MESSIAH – A COUNTERFEIT SAVIOR with a *counterfeit* PASSOVER!

After Jesus was crucified, and died (John 19:25-30), late in the afternoon of the 14th of Nisan, at the very same moment that the Jews were slaying thousands of Passover lambs at the Temple of God – thus perfectly fulfilling the Passover type – we find that the Jews who killed Him wanted to get the bodies of Jesus and the two criminals who were killed along with Him off the cross quickly, before sunset, so they would not remain there on the high sabbath day of the first day of unleavened bread. We read, “The Jews therefore, BECAUSE IT WAS THE *PREPARATION*, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an HIGH DAY), besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away” (John 19:31).

### ***How Much Preparation Time Needed?***

The synoptic gospels confirm this picture. In Mark we read, “After TWO DAYS was the feast of the PASSOVER, and of unleavened bread” (Mark 14:1). The Passover was killed on Nisan 14. Mark said “AFTER two days.” In other words, three days later would be the time the Passover was killed, or Nisan 14. So this would have been Nisan 11.

In Matthew we also read, “And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples, Ye know that AFTER TWO DAYS is the feast of the Passover” (Matt.26:1-2). That means this was Nisan 11. That night, Jesus abode in Bethany (v.6), and a woman came and anointed Him with expensive ointment (vs.7-13). Judas Iscariot, angry, having felt rebuked and slighted by Christ, went to the chief priests and offered to betray Jesus to them (vs.14-16). This took up the whole day of Nisan 11.

On the daylight portion of Nisan 12, the next morning, we read the very NEXT event to occur. “Now on the first *day of the feast* of unleavened bread” (Matt.26:17).

Let’s stop right here. In the New King James Version, [the words “day of the feast of” are in italics, and were added by the translators and do not really belong here! They lead to serious misunderstanding and contradiction! The passage really says, “Now at the first

[beginning part] of unleavened bread.” The Greek word for “first” is *protos* and means “beginning,” or “beginning part.” The feast did not begin until Nisan 15, however preparations for the feast began on Nisan 10, when the lambs were selected by each household (Exo.12:3).

A careful reconstruction of Christ’s Last Week shows this day must have been Nisan 12. The disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we PREPARE for thee to eat the Passover?” (Matt.26:17). This was the 12th of Nisan – and the disciples knew this was a day of PREPARATION for the Passover celebration yet to come! The time for “preparation,” clearly, is in ADVANCE of the day! *It was not the Passover itself, but a PREPARATION day!*

Jesus then sent them to the city of Jerusalem, a short distance from Bethany, to see a particular man, and make arrangements with him for them to keep the Passover at his house (Matt.26:18). The disciples did so, “and made READY the Passover” (v.19). That is, they did as He instructed them. They “prepared” the room, probably bought groceries, made sure of a table, chairs, and everything that would be needed.

Later that same night, Jesus and the disciples met for their final dinner. “When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve” (Matt.26:20). *It does not say that they met that evening in that same room! Only that He sat down with them for dinner!*

In fact, John records, “Now BEFORE [not during] the feast of the PASSOVER . . . supper being ended [margin, “during supper”] . . .” (John 13:1). This final meal was BEFORE the Passover – so it could not have been the Passover!

But notice! This day had been the 12th of Nisan – two days before the Passover. This dinner occurred that same evening, when Nisan 12 became Nisan 13 at sunset. So it was now Nisan 13. That night, after supper, He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, interrogated by the high priests, and the NEXT day, early, still Nisan 13, He was brought before the Sanhedrin and condemned (Matt.27:1), and then was taken before Pilate (verse 2). Pilate, learning He was of Herod’s jurisdiction, sent Him to king Herod (Luke 23:6-8). Herod returned Him to Pilate (verse 11).

So it is now Nisan 13, toward the middle of the day. He appears before Pilate once again. Notice! Now it was the PREPARATION DAY [Greek *hemera*, or “time”] of the PASSOVER, and about the SIXTH HOUR. And he said to the Jews, ‘Behold your King!’” (John 19:14).

The “sixth hour” means HIGH NOON! It was about noon-time when Pilate finally condemned Christ to death (verse 16).

Yeshua was flogged, whipped, scourged, beaten, and bruised beyond belief (see Mark 15:16-19; Matt.27:26-29; and Isaiah 52:13-15). He was cast in prison overnight, and led away the next morning, Nisan 14, to be *crucified*. He was nailed to the stake at 9:00 am in the morning – the “third hour” according to Hebrew reckoning (Mark 15:25).

But remember – He was condemned by Pilate at HIGH NOON! Therefore, the

crucifixion had to be THE DAY AFTER the sentence was passed! You cannot have a prisoner crucified at 9:00 am on the same day that he is condemned 3 hours LATER, AT NOON! So the condemnation and sentencing had to be the day before the crucifixion! The crucifixion occurred on Nisan 14, the day the Passover lambs were all slain; so the trial and sentencing had to be Nisan 13, the previous day!

Isn't that perfectly clear? Just like looking into a MIRROR!

What does this tell us? This fact plainly shows us that there is NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN the synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke with the account of John! They are all in agreement – all in accord – that the Passover had *NOT YET ARRIVED* when the “*Lord’s Supper*” occurred! (read John 13:1, 18:28, 19:14, 31 again).

*REVIEW these Scriptures!* Don't take these things for granted! Don't be lazy, or in a hurry, or skim over these things. Your *very salvation* DESERVES the attention and full concentration of your mind and being upon these things!

Now, let me ask you a question. IF as some claim, this meal was the actual Passover, at the beginning of Nisan 14, doesn't it seem passing strange – weird, in fact – that the disciples would come to Christ and ask Him where they should PREPARE for the Passover – JUST BARE MINUTES or an hour or so BEFORE “Passover”?

Do you see?

If Passover was indeed the Lord's Supper, then the disciples waited until the very “LAST MINUTE” to even ask Jesus about making preparations for the Passover! Such a theory is ludicrous – ridiculous – nonsense. The disciples of Christ were wise, intelligent, capable men – specially chosen by the Messiah Himself to be apostles, the leaders of His Church! It is inconceivable that they would wait till after sunset to prepare for the “Passover,” that very evening!

### ***Grocery Shopping During Passover?***

The New Testament verifies this fact. We read in the gospel of John, that the night Jesus sat down with His disciples for a final dinner, that this was “BEFORE THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER” (John 13:1). This meal was not the “Passover,” but rather was called simply “supper” (John 13:2, 4). If this meal was such an important event as the Passover meal, then we have an incredible anomaly, because during a Passover meal NOBODY gets up to leave half-way through the celebration, and certainly nobody would even THINK of leaving the Passover meal to “go shopping” for groceries! In fact, during the Passover celebration, *there would no stores be open of any kind, anywhere!*

Yet we plainly find, that during this supper, Jesus indicated to His disciples that one of them would betray Him. When they asked who it was, He gave a sop to Judas Iscariot. Notice the account in John:

“And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot,

the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

“Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, *Buy those things we have need of against [FOR] the feast [PASSOVER, which would be the 15th of Nisan];* or that he should give something to the poor” (John 13:26-29).

If this meal was the Passover, as many contend, then it is strikingly strange that the disciples would have assumed Judas was leaving the Passover celebration, before it was finished, in order to GO SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES! The very idea is preposterous. No one in their right mind would have even considered leaving the Passover in order to go grocery shopping – certainly not the disciples of Jesus who were observant Jews who obeyed God’s Laws! This passage alone proves also that the disciples knew that this meal was NOT the “Passover” but that the Passover was still in the future! They thought that Judas was being sent out to get groceries for preparation for the upcoming Feast – which had to refer to the “Feast of the Passover,” as verse one of this chapter so plainly says!

### ***The Matter of the Accuracy of Typology***

Do we see the picture clearly? The 14th of Nisan was the final day when preparations were made for the actual Passover Feast which was celebrated on the 15th of Nisan. John clearly says so! So do Matthew and Mark. Luke also corroborates this fact (Luke 22:1, 7). Neither Jesus nor His disciples would have waited till the very last moment to begin preparation for Passover. Therefore, the Lord’s Supper could not have been the same as the “Passover.” Since it occurred during a “preparation day” for the Passover, or “preparation of the Passover,” there is no way it could BE the Passover! That would be ridiculous. How could the day of Jesus’ trial, and the day of the crucifixion be the “preparation” of the Passover, if the Passover had already occurred?

How absurd!

But there is another vital factor we must consider here. Nisan 14 was the day the leavening was put out, and the day the Passover lambs were slain, in late afternoon – *at the very same time Jesus expired on the cross!* Therefore, Jesus perfectly fulfilled the typology of the “Passover sacrifice.” Not only was He slain for our sins, but He was slain at the very moment the Passover lambs were being slain at the Temple! He was indeed the *perfect* Passover sacrifice for our sins (I Cor.5:7).

But consider this: IF the true Passover was celebrated before Christ was slain, then He would not have been slain at the proper time! If the Passover had already occurred the evening before His death, then HE FAILED TO FULFILL THE PASSOVER PROPHECY AND TYPOLOGY!

IF Jesus were the true Passover lamb, then, He had to be slain at the very time the

Passover lambs were being slain! HE WAS! He died on the very afternoon of Nisan 14, when the Passover lambs were being slain throughout Jerusalem.

If He did not die when they died, then He died IN VAIN and could not have been our true Passover lamb! And the TRUE Passover could not occur UNTIL the Passover lambs were killed! He was slain in the afternoon of Nisan 14, and died at 3:00 pm or middle of the afternoon (Matt.27:46). THEREFORE PASSOVER DINNER COULD NOT OCCUR BEFORE THAT TIME OR THE EVENING/ENDING OF NISAN 14 AND BEGINNING OF NISAN 15, JUST AS THE JEWS HAVE OBSERVED IT THROUGHOUT THEIR HISTORY, SINCE THE DAYS OF MOSES HIMSELF!

If the Passover really was the night BEFORE Christ was crucified then why did the Jews slay all the Passover lambs the next afternoon of Nisan 14? Also, how could three million Jews slay their Passover lambs between sunset, when Nisan 14 began, and twilight, which lasts only 45 minutes or so? And how could they THEN ROAST all those lambs and still eat them at a decent time of evening?

It requires several hours to roast a lamb, depending on its size. They would have had to labor far into the night to cook the lamb before they could eat it! So why do those churches which observe the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan as Passover keep it AT ABOUT SUNSET – before the lambs could have been killed and roasted?

Ludicrous. Preposterous. Ridiculous. Absurd!

Furthermore, if Passover was indeed the beginning of Nisan 14, at night, then Christ WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE SLAIN THAT NIGHT, and not the next afternoon! Otherwise He failed to fulfill the typology of the Passover!

*If Jesus Christ were not slain at the proper time, at the very same time as the Passover lambs were slain, then He could not be our true PASSOVER LAMB! He would have died in vain and AT THE WRONG TIME!*

The simple truth is, He WAS our Passover Lamb, the Lamb of God (John 1:29). He died at exactly the right time! He correctly fulfilled the Passover sacrifice, RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! Praise God for His wonderful love and mercy on His people! And thank Him for His glorious truth!

### ***New Meaning Placed on Passover Rituals***

Therefore, the meal Yeshua had with His disciples, two nights before, was not and could not have been the Passover at all. It was simply a final, “going-away,” last meal He had with His disciples, at which He gave them special instructions.

Since time immemorial, the Jews have celebrated the Passover according to God’s instructions. They ate a ritual meal, which included lamb, up until the Temple was destroyed. Now, while there is no Temple, the lamb is replaced by a shankbone of a lamb. They also eat,

as God commanded, “unleavened bread,” and “bitter herbs” (Exodus 12:8). This was plainly part of the Passover commandment.

But how many churches today eat “bitter herbs” with their so-called “Passover”?

Answer: *NONE!*

So once again they VIOLATE God’s command!

Satan the devil has palmed off on thousands of deceived, careless, misled people, who participate in a ceremony of grim and austere fearfulness, a fake, bogus, ersatz, counterfeit Passover, with the symbols of Roman Catholicism and its “mass” – the tiny wafer, and a vial or thimble of wine! The true Passover is a far cry from the pagan counterfeit!

Plainly, the last meal Jesus had with His disciples could not have been the true Passover, because the time for that celebration had not yet arrived. However, it is distinctly possible that Jesus did celebrate with the disciples a type of “seder” or a “pre-Passover” instruction meal, or a “going away” banquet, as it would be His last meal with them until after the resurrection.

However, He never commanded us to observe such a meal in addition to the Passover.

Certainly, also, He never told the disciples that He was replacing the Passover celebration, on the night of the 15th of Nisan, with a new and different ceremony, at a different time. Nowhere in the entire New Testament is such a commandment or instruction given!

*Nor could it be possible because GOD’S LAW IS ETERNAL, and not even one word, or even one letter, of it may be changed without incurring the WRATH and FURY of God!*

Furthermore, IF Jesus had changed the time of the observance of the Passover, and the day of the Passover celebration, meal and rituals, then the Jews, the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees, would have bitterly persecuted them for this, and accused them of “changing times and laws,” and the Passover itself. They never did! If they had, the New Testament would have been full of the story. It tells us how they persecuted Him for His supposed infractions of the weekly Sabbath day. How much more would they have persecuted Him if He had changed the Passover itself!

The account of such a change, and the resultant persecution, and its reason, would surely have been recorded in the pages of the New Testament, as well as in Jewish literature, the Talmud, and other historic documents. Such a controversy over the correct day would hardly have been kept silent, quiet, or buried under the carpet!

Yet there is not ONE WORD in the entire New Testament, nor is there a single word about such a controversy, in all the Jewish religious literature or historic documents, such as Josephus’ *Antiquities of the Jews*. There is only total silence. Which is proof in itself that such a controversy never existed!

But the history of the gospels and epistles is completely missing any such account. It never occurred, because the Jews and Christ celebrated Passover at the very same time!

It is a MAJOR SIN to change the Passover unless there is PROOF that God Himself commanded such a change! To take it upon *ourselves* to change it is no better than substituting Easter for the Passover, pagan Christmas for the day of Christ's birth, darkness for light, Satan for Christ, evil for good, idolatry for the truth of God,

### *Another Strange Anomaly*

Here is more food for thought, for those who insist that the Passover must be at the beginning of Nisan 14. Picture this in your mind. That evening, the people assemble together, and partake of UNLEAVENED BREAD, a symbol of the sinless body of Christ, who was not puffed up with sin, and WINE, symbolizing His shed blood for our sins.

But, contrary to this perfect picture of the Christian life, those who partake of "Passover" at the beginning of Nisan 14, HAVE NOT YET CLEANED THE LEAVEN OUT OF THEIR HOMES! And they still eat "leaven" the next day, also, and don't put it out not until the END of the 14<sup>th</sup> and the beginning of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, which begins the days of Unleavened Bread.

Leaven, a type of SIN, is not cleaned out by them until the next day AFTER they partake of their "Passover"! Does this make sense? Should we knowingly "sin" – symbolized by eating leaven – AFTER partaking of the emblems of Christ's body and blood?

What a travesty! Repentance and putting away SIN must come FIRST!

In fact, after people go home from their "Passover" services, many of them have a sandwich with leavened bread. The next morning, they eat waffles, pancakes, doughnuts -- FULL OF LEAVEN! They may even have a hamburger (with bread or bun) for lunch, and finally get in their last taste of leaven before sunset, even at dinner, with rolls, bread and butter, or other pastry (leavened) products!

Do you see how such a picture destroys the entire meaning of Passover, as it connects with the Days of Unleavened Bread? Once we have put all the leaven, symbolizing sin, OUT of our lives, THEN we partake of the Passover, symbolizing Christ's sacrifice for our sins, at the beginning of Nisan 15. AND THEN, FROM THAT MOMENT ON, WE STRIVE TO KEEP SIN OUT OF OUR LIVES!

But according to the early 14th of Nisan view, once you accept and partake of the sacrifice of Christ, *it is all right to PLUNGE BACK INTO SIN, WITH GUSTO, and devour all the "SIN" – symbolized by "leaven" – than your body can absorb!*

There is something terribly WRONG with such a picture! It is contrary to every principle of righteousness, obedience, and respect for the sacrifice of Christ, and shows a spirit of carelessness and lack of appreciation for the sacrifice of Christ. It shows disrespect to the spirit of grace. It reveals a spirit of sinning WILFULLY, deliberately, AFTER partaking of the

sacrifice of Christ!

It is a cunning subterfuge and deception of Satan the devil!

But God warns: “For if we sin *WILFULLY after* that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth **NO MORE SACRIFICE** for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of **JUDGMENT** and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries” (Heb.10:26-27).

It is simply not right to partake of the sacrifice of Christ, which Passover signifies and symbolizes, and then to brazenly, as if contemptuously, with knowledge and premeditation, to plunge deliberately back into “sin” – or the **SYMBOL OF SIN**, leavening and leavened bread!

### *The Very Words of Christ*

Another Biblical proof that the early Nisan 14 “Passover” cannot be correct is very simple, if we will believe the words of Jesus Christ Himself. It is acknowledged by everybody that the scribes and Pharisees observed the Passover at the end of Nisan 14, killing the lambs in the late afternoon, and then eating the Passover meal on Nisan 15 – which is the very night the “destroyer” *passed over* the houses and dwellings of the Israelites, in Egypt, and killed all the firstborn of the Egyptians, about midnight (Exodus 12:21-30). This was the “night to be much observed” by Israel for all generations (Exo.12:41-43). This was **PASSOVER NIGHT!**

“But, so what?” some might ask. “What difference does it make, what day the Pharisees observed?” It makes a great **DEAL** of difference! The Pharisees were in control of Passover services at the Temple. They were in charge of religious worship in ancient Judah. And Jesus Christ Himself acknowledged their authority in these matters.

“Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, saying,  
**THE SCRIBES AND THE PHARISEES SIT IN MOSES' SEAT:**  
*All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, THAT OBSERVE*  
**AND DO . . .**” (Matt.23:1-2).

Jesus here is plainly talking about “**OBSERVANCES**”! He emphatically says, “**ALL . . . they bid you OBSERVE**”! This would have to include all the annual holy days! Passover, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, Last Great Day!

Jesus said that we are to **OBSERVE PASSOVER AS THE PHARISEES AND SCRIBES COMMANDED** – on the very day they stipulated – not some other day concocted in the minds of men who themselves may be **DECEIVED** and **DELUDED**!

The Pharisees said we must observe Passover on Nisan 15, and to prepare for it on Nisan 14. Their religious descendants, the Jewish rabbis today, do the very same thing. *Will you FOLLOW CHRIST, LISTEN TO HIM – DO AS HE SAID? OBEY HIM?*

### *The Apostle Paul's Example*

Again, those who say that we must observe Passover on Nisan 14, ignore the words of the

apostle Paul on this subject. Either that, or they reject what he plainly said on the subject!

Paul of course, followed Christ (I Cor.11:1). We would not expect him to teach anything differently from Christ Himself, therefore. What was Paul's position on the Passover question? Did he observe Passover at the beginning of Nisan 14, the preparation day? Let's let Paul speak for himself. Paul addressed the Jews in Jerusalem, and boldly proclaimed,

“I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet **BROUGHT UP IN THIS CITY AT THE FEET OF GAMALIEL, AND TAUGHT ACCORDING TO THE PERFECT MANNER OF THE LAW OF THE FATHERS**, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day” (Acts 22:3).

Paul said further, in addressing the Jewish Sanhedrin:

“Men and brethren, **I AM A PHARISEE, THE SON OF A PHARISEE**: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question” (Acts 23:6).

Paul testified before king Agrippa, also:

“My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that **AFTER THE MOST STRAIGHTEST SECT OF OUR RELIGION I LIVED A PHARISEE**” (Acts 26:4-5).

Obviously, these three separate statements of the apostle Paul clearly show that he was a Pharisee, and was taught the laws of God by them, including their most renowned teacher Gamaliel (compare Acts 5:34). He **LIVED** as a Pharisee, and he says they taught him the **“PERFECT MANNER OF THE LAW”** – which would have included the Pharisee's teaching about Passover being at the **END** of the 14th and eaten on the 15th of Nisan!

Isn't this absolutely, unequivocally **CLEAR**?

But Paul makes another statement which adds frosting to the cake, which super-imposes another layer of evidence on top of all this evidence. Later, about 64 A.D., roughly 30 years after his conversion to the Christian faith, he writes to the church at Philippi, saying:

“Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more. Circumcized the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; **AS TOUCHING THE LAW, A PHARISEE**; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** which is in the **LAW, BLAMELESS**” (Phil.3:4-6).

Notice! Paul was, and admitted it freely, a “Pharisee” as to his understanding, teaching,

and obedience to the LAW of God. Not only that, however, he also plainly declared that concerning the RIGHTEOUS, LEGAL REQUIREMENTS of God's Law, which includes the right understanding and observance of Passover, he was BLAMELESS – WITHOUT FAULT!

Thus Paul completely agrees with the Pharisees and Jesus Christ. They are all of one accord on this issue.

***“Do This In REMEMBRANCE of Me”***

On the evening of the Last Supper, Yeshua introduced to His disciples a special “bread and wine” ceremony which pictured His broken body and shed blood for our sins. This was not the Passover, as many assume, but a NEW tradition and commandment which hearkened back to the ancient custom among the Jews of the “kidush” – the “blessing of the bread and wine.” It was first presented in the book of Genesis when Melchisedek brought forth bread and wine when He met Abraham, and blessed him (Gen.14:18-20).

Matthew, Mark and Luke give the account of the new symbolism Christ introduced regarding the meaning of this ceremony. The bread and wine, represent Christ's broken body and shed blood (Matt.26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20). In all cases, Jesus said to eat the bread and drink the wine “IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.” This is very important. We are to celebrate this ceremony whenever we have a fellowship meal, throughout the year. Read our article, “Are We Neglecting the Fellowship Meal?”

However, we also partake of these symbols as a part of the Passover seder itself, on Nisan 15, using unleavened bread (matzos) together with wine, symbolizing Christ's body and blood. See our booklet “The Christian-Messianic Passover Hagaddah.”

The Passover, then, has special meaning for Christians. It, along with the “kiddush,” is something we do, to “remember” the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The word “remember” by definition means: “to bring to mind or think of again”; “to keep in mind for attention or consideration”; “to retain in the memory.” The original Greek word is *anamnesis* and means “recollection.”

Now consider this. Jesus was slain in the afternoon of Nisan 14. Therefore, those who observe the Passover at the beginning of *Nisan 15*, a few hours later, and eat the broken bread and drink the cup of wine, truly “look back” on His sacrifice – they “remember” it. They think back on it.

However, those who observe the “Passover” on the early beginning portion of Nisan 14, the night before His crucifixion, are in essence doing it about 20 hours BEFORE HIS DEATH on the cross, the next day. Therefore, in actual fact, they are NOT “remembering” year after year, the death and sacrifice of Christ – rather, they are “anticipating” it, FORESHADOWING it, doing it IN ADVANCE, not AFTER – they are His death on the stake.

You “remember” something AFTER it happens, not “before” it happens!

Thus, once again, observing “Passover” at the beginning of Nisan 14, DESTROYS THE PROPER TIME SEQUENCE OF EVENTS!

### *Does It Really Matter?*

It is really amazing to me to what lengths some ministers and teachers will go to maintain their credibility with their people, and to foster the illusion that Passover is at the beginning of Nisan 14, after all. All the arguments, logic, and careful reasoning, put together, will not sway them in the least. Like the ancient Egyptian astronomer Ptolemy, they will manufacture massive amounts of arcane mathematics and spurious reasoning to explain why the sun and stars and planets all circle the earth! Rather than admit their theory is wrong, they invent the most amazing arguments and ludicrous, laughable ideas – which would be very funny, if the situation were not so serious!

This is not a matter to be taken lightly. Those who observe Passover on the WRONG DAY, at the wrong time, and even in the wrong manner, do so in direct violation of the law and commandment of God. They do so to their own everlasting spiritual peril and danger of God's judgment. Too many people take this matter carelessly. They study in a slipshod manner. They don't really delve and dig and excavate the nuggets of truth. They listen to false teaching, and specious reasoning, and don't do really careful, original research.

How sad. How tragic. How devastating!

One man, in attempting to explain away Paul's statement in Philippians that he observed God's law blamelessly, as a Pharisee, said that Paul observed it properly, but at the wrong time.

A friend said to him in reply, “Oh, I see. You mean Paul *kept the wrong day – PERFECTLY!*”

### *Extremism in Exegesis*

One minister wrote a book entitled *The Christian Passover*, which I would have to say, is *neither* “Christian” NOR the “Passover”! It should be titled “The FALSE Passover” or “Satan's Deceptive Passover!” It is certainly not God's “TRUE Passover”!

According to the author of the book, the whole passage on Passover in Deuteronomy 16:1-10 has been “TAMPERED” with, and does not belong in the Bible. He claims it was grievously CHANGED by scribes and copyists, probably beginning in the days of king Hezekiah, *at the king's own command!* These changes were later supposedly “edited” into the text of Deuteronomy 16 by Ezra the scribe, thus changing God's original Passover from a domestic “home” observance to a “Temple” oriented feast.

This would mean, of course, that Hezekiah deliberately CHANGED GOD'S PASSOVER COMMAND, and that Ezra the scribe was a CO-CONSPIRATOR in the plot!

According to this man, the Passover was to be sacrificed at the homes of the Israelites, and not at the Temple. He claims,

“The differences which exist between the Passover instructions in Exodus 12, Numbers 9 and 28, and the commands which are found in Deuteronomy 16, show that these commands in Deuteronomy 16 cannot be related to the Passover itself” (p.147).

The truth, however, is that there is no conflict whatsoever between Deuteronomy and the rest of the Scriptures. Exodus 12 simply defines the first Passover, kept in Egypt, when Israel had no Temple or sanctuary, but were slaves in Egypt. They therefore *had* to keep that first Passover *in their homes* – and it was proper to do so, in order for them to put the blood of the lambs over their doorposts and lintels, so they would be “passed over.”

But the commands in Deuteronomy tell us that God intended for the “perpetual” Passover to be celebrated **AT THE TEMPLE OR SANCTUARY!** This clarification and further instruction was given to Moses himself **BY GOD** – not written into the text nearly a thousand years later by Ezra the scribe! Such an idea is utter nonsense! It requires that the Word of God itself be “tampered” with, and rewritten **CONTRARY** to God's command.

Deuteronomy 16 actually says,

“Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover **WITHIN ANY OF THY GATES**, which the **LORD** thy God giveth thee: But at the place which the **LORD** thy God shall choose to **PLACE HIS NAME** in, **THERE THOU SHALT SACRIFICE THE PASSOVER AT EVEN**, *at the going down of the sun . . . And thou shalt roast and eat it* **AT THE PLACE WHICH THE LORD THY GOD SHALL CHOOSE . . .**” (Deut.16:5-6).

This passage utterly disproves the minister's entire thesis. This is a powerful and clear statement.

This reminds me of the story of the professor who was famous for his classification of seashells and had written a book on the subject widely hailed by his peers. But one day, as he worked in his lab, he notice a tiny seashell he'd never ever seen before. As he studied it, his hands began to shake. His fingers trembled. He began to perspire. This one seashell disproved and invalidated his whole classification system and showed his life's work to have been in **ERROR!** Sweating profusely, he looked around, to be sure nobody noticed. Nobody was watching, so he dropped the seashell on the floor, and stomped on it with his shoes.

“Whew!” he exclaimed. *“It doesn't exist!”*

But denying the evidence does not disprove it. Some people will go to great lengths in order to deny the inspired Biblical text and to repudiate God's true original Passover!

Is this passage of Scripture in Deuteronomy a FRAUD, inserted into the text by arrogant scribes or well-meaning but sinning scribes?

To “prove” this obviously far-fetched idea, the writer resorts to looking at verse two, where God says, “Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and of the herd, in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.” He says this *must* have been TAMPERED with, because the *original* Passover sacrifice was of lambs and kids of the flock, and *never* of the cattle. Cattle, of course, comprise “herds.”

He says, regarding Deuteronomy 16:1-8:

“THE WORD ‘PASSEVER’ WAS EDITED INTO THE TEXT AT A LATER TIME, APPARENTLY BY EZRA, WHEN THE PASSEVER AND THE ENTIRE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD WERE COMMONLY CALLED ‘THE PASSEVER’” (p.154, emphasis his).

However, this is a blatant assumption. Consider the consequences. A righteous man like Ezra wouldn’t dare tamper with the Word of God, and change or alter its meaning. Ezra was “a skilled scribe in the law of Moses” (Ezra 7:6, NKJV). As such, he would not have remotely CHANGED its meaning! God forbid! We read of Ezra, “For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to DO IT” – *NOT TO RE-WRITE IT, OR CHANGE IT!* (Ezra 7:10).

In reality, there is a simple explanation why Deut.16:2 speaks of the “sacrifice of the passover . . . of the flock and the *herd*.” The Passover lamb, killed on Nisan 14, had to be a lamb or kid. That is true. However, there were many more Passover sacrifices connected with the seven days of the whole Festival of Passover and Unleavened Bread! During that festival, BULLOCKS were sacrificed, as well as lambs! On the first day of the Feast, the very day the Passover was eaten, God commanded His people:

“And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the LORD. And in the fifteenth day is the FEAST: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten.

“In the first day shall be an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work therein: But ye shall offer a SACRIFICE MADE BY FIRE unto the LORD; TWO YOUNG BULLOCKS, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year . . . .

“After this manner ye shall offer DAILY, THROUGHOUT THE SEVEN DAYS . . .” (Numbers 28:16-24).

Therefore, the fact that Deuteronomy 16 speaks of the “passover . . . of the flock and the herd,” does not prove this passage is SPURIOUS at all. It was not “tampered” with. The Passover itself always had to be a lamb or kid.

However, these other sacrifices were also “Passover sacrifices,” special to the days of the Passover Feast!

### *Another Difficulty with the Theory*

However, the author of *The Christian Passover* claims that God intended the Passover to always be sacrificed in the homes of the Israelites – not at the Temple. One wonders, of course, if this were true, how they were expected to assemble at Jerusalem, or the place where God put His name, for Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread! For notice verse 16 of Deuteronomy 16:

“THREE TIMES IN A YEAR shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty” (Deut.16:16).

If they keep the Passover AT HOME, then they would not be able to also keep the Feast in Jerusalem, a journey of a great distance from many parts of the land! Can you imagine? You cannot be in two places at the same time! Try it!

Think of the poor Israelites, in Galilee, or near Tyre and Sidon, or east of the Jordan river in the region of Naphtali, and the half tribe of Manasseh, trying to eat the Passover at home, and then – the PREPARATION DAY – spending the whole day in ARDUOUS TRAVEL, by mule, horse, or cart, or traveling by foot – rushing to attempt to be in Jerusalem for the FEAST! It is absurd – in the highest degree. Obviously the Passover was to be killed at the same place where the FEAST was to be observed – together, by all the people, the entire nation!

### *Hezekiah – a Righteous King*

Compounding error on top of error, however, this author flagrantly says that it was king Hezekiah who caused this tampering with the Holy Scriptures, by insisting that the Jews all come up to Jerusalem, to the Temple, to observe the Passover. Coulter says the king had good intentions, but that this was contrary to God’s Word! But would Hezekiah ever do such a thing, and change the commandments and statutes of God, and replace them with NEW laws and statutes?

Rather, we read simply the words about Hezekiah’s tremendous renewal of the Passover, and the worship of the true God, in II Chronicles, 29-30, with the final statement:

“So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to KEEP THE PASSOVER unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: *for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written*” (II Chron.30:5).

The expression “of a long time” does not mean the Passover had never been observed at Jerusalem until this very time, since the days of the Exodus! It simply says “a long time.” There were many wicked kings in Israel between David and Hezekiah. The point being made

here is that there simply was never so GREAT a Passover celebrated in Israel in many years!

Let's not read into statements what simply is not there – *forcing, twisting, wresting, grappling violently* with the Word of God! As Paul wrote, “For we are not as many which CORRUPT the word of God” (II Cor.2:17). Or as the New King James has it, “For we are not, as so many, *peddling [marginal reading, “adulterating for gain”]* the word of God . . .”

We must not “wrest” or “twist” the Scriptures as those “that are unlearned and unstable” do, “to their own destruction” (II Pet.3:16).

### ***The Mystery of King Hezekiah***

To believe that a righteous king like Hezekiah would wrest the Scriptures, and cause the scribes to TAMPER with the divine word of God, is utterly ridiculous. If he had done so, then he would hardly be called a righteous king in Scripture. Further, if he had done so, then God did NOT preserve His Word intact – He FAILED! Yet Paul speaks of the Scriptures, which the Jews preserved, as the “HOLY ORACLES of God” – including the book of Deuteronomy (Rom. 3:2-3). Stephen says Moses received “the lively oracles TO GIVE UNTO US” (Acts 7:38). The Word of God was NOT “tampered” with by king Hezekiah – it was throughout history, sedulously, diligently, painstakingly PRESERVED by godly and inspired men who feared God, and who even counted the very letters per page and word, to insure against ANY error creeping into the text!

Paul declared, forcefully, “*ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*” (II Tim.3:16). By definition, that includes Deuteronomy 16. Jesus also said, “The Scripture CANNOT be broken” (John 10:35). Yet this author says Hezekiah broke the Scriptures, and rewrote them, along with another righteous man, Ezra the scribe – causing Deuteronomy 16 to be inserted into the text centuries later. That is sheer NONSENSE!

Notice! The Word of God itself says about king Hezekiah:

“And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was GOOD AND RIGHT AND TRUTH before the LORD his God. And in EVERY WORK that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the LAW, and in the COMMANDMENTS, to seek his God, he did it with ALL HIS HEART, and prospered” (II Chron.31:20-21).

“And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did. . . . He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. For he CLAVE to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but KEPT HIS COMMANDMENTS, WHICH THE LORD COMMANDED MOSES” (II Kings 18:3-6).

“And he [Hezekiah] did that which was RIGHT in the sight of the LORD, according to ALL that DAVID his father had done” (II Chron.29:2).

Hezekiah, according to the inspired WORD of God, did that which was RIGHT in God's sight – not that which was *wrong!* And surely “tampering” with the Word of God, and “rewriting” it, would have been terribly WRONG in God's sight! Rather, Hezekiah was a righteous king, LIKE DAVID, and followed in David's own footsteps. Does this sound like a man who would tamper with the Word of God, and pervert Scripture, and rewrite it?

### *In the Time of Christ*

The same author claims that the Jews during the time of Christ were observing Passover at Jerusalem, “contrary” to God's law to keep it at home, because they inherited the error from Hezekiah's time. He also says they were keeping it a day late and should have been observing the Passover seder at the beginning of Nisan 14.

Such a minister also makes Jesus Himself out to be a SINNER, since *He observed the Passover at Jerusalem and with the Jews, at the very same time as they did!* Notice the proof. We read in Luke's gospel:

“And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem EVERY YEAR AT THE FEAST OF THE PASSOVER. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem AFTER THE CUSTOM OF THE FEAST. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. . . . And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers” (Luke 2:40-47).

Clearly, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, kept the Passover by leaving His home with Joseph and Mary, and traveled to Jerusalem to observe Passover – quite a distance from Nazareth, where their home was located, near the Sea of Galilee. They did this every year, according to the “*custom of the feast.*” Jesus and his parents, who were righteous, would not have done this, if it were a sin.

### *Utter Silence*

Furthermore, if the Jewish leaders were really following the wrong custom, then Jesus, during His ministry, surely would have reprimanded them and blazed out in wrath against their false teaching – as He did regarding many other things (see Matt.15:1-9, 23:14-33). Such an issue of paramount importance, as the Passover, He would not have ignored.

When we honestly, sincerely seek to follow God, with all our hearts, like David did, and Hezekiah, and Jesus Himself, as well as Paul and the other apostles, then we must also OBSERVE THE PASSOVER ON THE SAME DAY AND IN THE SAME MANNER THEY DID – “ACCORDING TO THE *CUSTOM* OF THE FEAST” (Luke 2:42).

That is, we should observe it on Nisan 15, with a Passover meal, and instruction, as they did, and like the Jews do, today.

### ***The Passover Never Changed***

God says, “THIS DAY [the Passover] shall be unto you for a MEMORIAL; and ye shall KEEP IT A FEAST to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a FEAST by an ORDINANCE FOREVER” (Exodus 12:14).

Jesus, who Himself gave the Passover to ancient Israel, was the “Rock” who followed them through the wilderness (I Cor.10:4).

Almighty God says, “For I am the LORD, *I change not*” (Malachi 3:6).

Paul wrote of this same Christ, “Jesus Christ the SAME yesterday, and today, and forever” (Heb.13:8). He doesn’t change, either!

Yeshua does not change. His LAW and HOLY DAYS do not change. There is *NO WAY* that Jesus replaced the Passover, which was slain on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, and eaten on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, with a NEW and DIFFERENT Passover slain on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, and eaten early on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan! Nor did Christ Himself. He Himself declared:

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law . . . I came not to destroy but to FULFILL” (Matt.5:17).

He added, “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, ONE JOT OR ONE TITTLE will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled” (v.18).

Are heaven and earth still around? If so, then the Passover is still to be observed today, just as it was in the beginning!

### ***“Think Not” – So People Think the Opposite!***

Yeshua also told His true disciples, in plain language, “Do not think I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will be no means pass from the Law till all is accomplished” (Matt.5:17-18).

The NIV has it, “I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will be any means disappear from the LAW until everything is accomplished.”

In a footnote to verse 17, the NIV says: “5:17. *the Law*. The first five books of the Jewish Scriptures (our OT). *the Prophets*. Not only the Latter Prophets – Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, which we call Major Prophets, and the 12 Minor Prophets . . . but also the so-called Former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings). Taken together, ‘the Law’ and ‘the

Prophets' designated the entire OT, including the Writings (Ps.78:2), with 'what was spoken through the prophet.' *fulfill*. Jesus fulfilled the Law in the sense that He gave it its full meaning. He emphasized its deep, underlying principles and total commitment to it rather than mere external acknowledgement and obedience."

"5:18-20. Jesus is not speaking against observing all the requirements of the Law, but against hypocritical, Pharisaical *LEGALISM*. Such legalism was not the keeping of all details of the Law but *the hollow sham of keeping laws externally*, to gain merit before God, *while breaking them inwardly*. . . . Jesus repudiates the Pharisees' *interpretation* of the Law and their view of righteousness by works."

"5:18. *smallest letter*. One word in Greek (*iota*) which we use when we say, 'It doesn't make one iota of difference.' It is the nearest Greek equivalent to the Hebrew *yodh*, the smallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet (see Psalm 119:73 title). *Least stroke of a pen*. The Greek word for this phrase means 'horn' and was used to designate the slight embellishment or extension of certain letters of the Hebrew alphabet (somewhat like the bottom of a 'j')."

The Moffatt translation gives us this passage as follows: "NEVER IMAGINE that I have come to destroy the Law or the prophets; I have not come to destroy but to fulfill. (I tell you truly, till heaven and earth pass away NOT AN *iota*, NOT A *comma*, will pass from the Law until it is ALL IN FORCE. Therefore, whoever relaxes a single one of these commands, were it even one of the least, and teaches men so, he will be ranked least in the Realm of heaven; but whoever obeys them and teaches them, he will be ranked great in the Realm of heaven."

God's Law concerning the Passover is also eternal – unchangeable – inexorable! David wrote, "The works of His hands are verity ["truth"] and justice; all His precepts are sure. They STAND FAST FOR EVER AND EVER, and are done in truth and uprightness" (Psalm 111:7-8, NKJV).

### ***Lord's Supper Not the Passover***

When Yeshua kept His last supper with His disciples, it was like a final going away meal – very meaningful and sobering. But it was NOT THE PASSOVER! It was held in advance of the true Passover, so He could give His disciples "final instructions," before His soon-coming death which would occur shortly thereafter. Since He was prophesied to be in the GRAVE, soon thereafter, for three days and three nights (Matt.12:40), He would not be able to observe the regular TRUE Passover at the appointed time with His disciples.

However, He observed Passover all His life on earth as a human being, AT THE APPOINTED TIME – on Nisan 15, following the sacrifice on Nisan 14. So did His disciples. So did the early Church. Read our article, "When Did the Early Church Keep the Passover?"

Therefore, Christ never changed the DATE or the TIME to observe the Passover. At the final supper He had with His disciples, He gave them the new symbolism of the bread and wine – which were also traditional parts of the Passover itself – as a custom to do whenever they held a "fellowship meal." He was merely giving new MEANING to the ancient bread and

wine ceremony, observed by the Jews, which began in the days of Abraham and Melchisedek (Gen.14:18-20).

The bread and wine ceremony is called the “Kiddush,” which means “holy,” or “sanctified,” or “set apart.” It was an ancient custom which Christ revealed, at the last supper, and which portrayed His own body and blood, given as a sacrifice for our sins and transgressions of God’s Law. Bread and wine were always a part of the Passover service, also.

But this kiddush with the disciples WAS NOT the PASSOVER, nor was it taken to show that Christ was ALTERING THE PASSOVER *ITSELF!* *The day itself was ordained a feast FOREVER!* (Exo.12:14).

GOD WARNS us to *beware* of those who “think to change TIMES AND LAWS” – including the time of the PASSOVER! (Daniel 7:25).

This Feast has always been observed by the true people of God on the beginning portion of Nisan 15, at night. It is a spectacular, wonderful FEAST! It was never commanded to be a mere “mass,” or grave, solemn, austere observance, or “communion” type service, like so many today misrepresent and misunderstand. Because of their error, they miss out on the FULL JOYOUS MEANING and TRUE IMPORTANCE of this HOLY DAY!

Passover was celebrated on Nisan 15 in the days of Moses. It was so celebrated during the time of Christ and the apostles. It is also so celebrated by God’s true people, today!

Those who celebrate it on the wrong day and in a different manner than God ordained demonstrate by so doing that *they are disobeying the commandments of God, and therefore do not have His “sign” that they truly belong to Him—the SIGN of the Passover!*

*They have been DECEIVED BY SATAN, and led astray, following him in his diabolical error!*

*Are you going to COME OUT OF RELIGIOUS “BABYLON,” which is “confusion,” so that you will NOT partake of her sins, or receive of her PLAGUES?* (Rev.18:4).

We are living in a time of incredible deception. Satan is pulling out all the stakes to deceive people. He is focusing on God’s people, first. Lawlessness is erupting everywhere. The powers of deception are growing by leaps and bounds. God warns that Satan is working “with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because *they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved*” (II Thess.2:10).

Do you love the truth? Yeshua said, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). Free from the shackles and chains of bondage to error!

May God help you to SEE the truth, to UNDERSTAND the importance of the truth, and to OBEY the truth from your heart, with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength!

# Prophecy Briefs

## Shemithah Economic Collapse Could Create Havoc

Does a mystery that is 3,500 years old hold the key to what is going to happen to global financial markets in 2015? Could it be possible that the timing of major financial crashes is not just a matter of coincidence? In previous articles on my website, I have discussed some of the major economic and financial cycle theories and their proponents.

For example, in an article entitled “If Economic Cycle Theorists Are Correct, 2015 To 2020 Will Be Pure Hell For The United States“, I examined a number of economic cycle theories that seem to indicate that the second half of this decade is going to be a nightmare economically. But the cycle that I am going to discuss in this article is a lot more controversial than any of those.

In his most recent book, Jonathan Cahn has demonstrated that almost all of the major financial crashes in U.S. history are very closely tied to a seven year pattern that we find in the Bible known as “the Shemithah”.

Since that book was released, I have been asked about this repeatedly during radio appearances. So in this article I am going to attempt to explain what the Shemithah is, and what this Biblical pattern seems to indicate may happen in 2015.

If you are an atheist, an agnostic, or are generally skeptical by nature, this article might prove quite challenging for you. I would ask that you withhold judgment until you have examined the evidence. When I first heard about these things, I had to go verify the facts for myself, because they are truly extraordinary.

So precisely what is “the Shemithah”?

In the Bible, the people of Israel were commanded to let the land lie fallow every seven

years. There would be no sowing and no reaping, and this is something that God took very seriously. In fact, the failure to observe these Sabbath years was one of the main reasons cited in the Scriptures for why the Jewish people were exiled to Babylon in 586 BC.

But there was more to the Shemithah year than just letting the land lie fallow.

On the last day of the Shemithah year, the people of Israel were instructed to perform a releasing of debts. We find the following in Deuteronomy chapter 15...

At the end of every seven years you shall grant a relinquishing of debts. This is the manner of the relinquishing: Every creditor that has loaned anything to his neighbor shall relinquish it. He shall not exact it of his neighbor, or of his brother, because it is called the Lord’s relinquishment.

This happened at the end of every seven years on Elul 29 – the day right before Rosh Hashanah on the Biblical calendar.

So what does this have to do with us today?

Well, if you go back to the last day of the Shemithah year in 2001, you will find that there was an absolutely horrifying stock market crash.

On September 17th, 2001 (which was Elul 29 on the Jewish calendar), we witnessed the greatest one day stock market crash in U.S. history up to that time. The Dow fell an astounding 684 points, and it was a record that held for precisely seven years until the end of the next Shemithah year.

At the end of the next Shemithah year in 2008, another horrifying stock market crash took place. On September 29th, 2008 the Dow plummeted 777 points, which still today remains the greatest one day stock market crash of all time. It turns out that September 29th, 2008 corresponded with

Elul 29 on the Jewish calendar – the precise day when the Bible calls for a releasing of debts.

So on the very last day of the last two Shemitah years, the stock market crashed so badly that it set a brand new all-time record.

And now we are in another Shemitah year. It began last fall, and it will end next September.

Could it be possible that we will see another historic market crash?

Author Jonathan Cahn has correctly pointed out that we should never put God in a box. Just because something has happened in the past does not mean that it will happen again. But we should not rule anything out either.

Perhaps God is using His calendar to make a point. Cahn believes that if we are going to see something happen, it will probably occur as the Shemitah year comes to an end...

Cahn has pointed that, according to his research, the worst of the worst usually happens at the end of the Shemitah year, not at the beginning. In fact, the last day of the year, Elul 29 on the Hebrew calendar, which will occur on Sept. 13, 2015, is the most dreaded day.

The pattern revealed in “The Mystery of the Shemitah” is that the beginning of the Shemitah’s impact is often subtle, but leads to a dramatic climax.

“The beginning may mark a change in direction, even a foreshadow of what will come to a crescendo at the Shemitah’s end,” he said.

And this time around, far more people are paying attention. Back in 2001 and 2008, most Americans had absolutely no idea what a “Shemitah year” was. But now it is being talked about on some of the most prominent alternative news websites on the Internet. For example, the following is what Joseph Farah of WND has to say about the Shemitah year...

Farah believes the date Sept. 13, 2015 bears close watching – though he is quick to admit he has no idea what, if anything, will happen in America.

“A clear pattern has been established,” he says. “I don’t believe it’s a coincidence what happened

in America on Elul 29 in 2001 and 2008. It would be foolish to ignore the possibility that a greater judgment might be in the works – especially if America continues to move away from God and His Word.”

The Shemitah year that we are in now does end on September 13th, 2015 – and that falls on a Sunday so the markets will be closed.

But when it comes to the Shemitah, we aren’t just looking at one particular day.

And it is very interesting to note that there will also be a solar eclipse on September 13th, 2015. Over the past century, there have only been two other times when a solar eclipse has corresponded with the end of a Shemitah year. Those two times were in 1931 and 1987, and as Jonathan Cahn has told WND, those solar eclipses foreshadowed major financial disasters...

In 1931, a solar eclipse took place on Sept. 12 – the end of a “Shemitah” year. Eight days later, England abandoned the gold standard, setting off market crashes and bank failures around the world. It also ushered in the greatest monthlong stock market percentage crash in Wall Street history.

In 1987, a solar eclipse took place Sept. 23 – again the end of a “Shemitah” year. Less than 30 days later came “Black Monday” the greatest percentage crash in Wall Street history.

Is Cahn predicting doom and gloom on Sept. 13, 2015? He’s careful to avoid a prediction, saying, “In the past, this ushered in the worst collapses in Wall Street history. What will it bring this time? Again, as before, the phenomenon does not have to manifest at the next convergence. But, at the same time, and again, it is wise to take note.”

So what is going to happen this time?

We will just have to wait and see.

But without a doubt so many of the same patterns that we witnessed just prior to the financial crash of 2008 are happening again right before our very eyes.

It has been said that those that do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. (Michael Snyder, “The Economic Collapse,” Jan.26, 2015).

## The Muslim Takeover

Dr. Emanuel Tanya is a well-known and well-respected psychiatrist. A man, whose family was German aristocracy prior to World War II, owned a number of large industries and estates. When asked how many German people were true Nazis, the answer he gave can guide our attitude toward fanaticism.

“Very few people were true Nazis,' he said, 'but many enjoyed the return of German pride, and many more were too busy to care. I was one of those who just thought the Nazis were a bunch of fools. So, the majority just sat back and let it all happen. Then, before we knew it, they owned us, and we had lost control, and the end of the world had come.

“My family lost everything. I ended up in a concentration camp and the Allies destroyed my factories.'

“We are told again and again by 'experts' and 'talking heads' that Islam is a religion of peace and that the vast majority of Muslims just want to live in peace. Although this unqualified assertion may be true, it is entirely irrelevant. It is meaningless fluff meant to make us feel better, and meant to somehow diminish the spectre of fanatics rampaging across the globe in the name of Islam.

“The fact is that the fanatics rule Islam at this moment in history. It is the fanatics who march. It is the fanatics who wage any one of 50 shooting wars worldwide. It is the fanatics who systematically slaughter Christian or tribal groups throughout Africa and are gradually taking over the entire continent in an Islamic wave. It is the fanatics who bomb, behead, murder, or honour-kill. It is the fanatics who take over mosque after mosque. It is the fanatics who zealously spread the stoning and hanging of rape victims and homosexuals. It is the fanatics who teach their young to kill and to become suicide bombers.

“The hard, quantifiable fact is that the peaceful majority, the 'silent majority,' is cowed and extraneous. Communist Russia was comprised of Russians who just wanted to live in peace, yet the Russian Communists were responsible for the murder of about 20 million people. The peaceful majority were irrelevant. China's huge

population was peaceful as well, but Chinese Communists managed to kill a staggering 70 million people.

“The average Japanese individual prior to World War II was not a warmongering sadist. Yet, Japan murdered and slaughtered its way across South East Asia in an orgy of killing that included the systematic murder of 12 million Chinese civilians; most killed by sword, shovel, and bayonet. And who can forget Rwanda, which collapsed into butchery? Could it not be said that the majority of Rwandans were 'peace loving'?

“History lessons are often incredibly simple and blunt, yet for all our powers of reason, we often miss the most basic and uncomplicated of points: peace-loving Muslims have been made irrelevant by their silence. Peace-loving Muslims will become our enemy if they don't speak up, because like my friend from Germany , they will awaken one day and find that the fanatics own them, and the end of their world will have begun.

“Peace-loving Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Russians, Rwandans, Serbs, Afghans, Iraqis, Palestinians, Somalis, Nigerians, Algerians, and many others have died because the peaceful majority did not speak up until it was too late.

“Now Islamic prayers have been introduced in Toronto and other public schools in Ontario , and, yes, in Ottawa , too, while the Lord's Prayer was removed (due to being so offensive?). The Islamic way may be peaceful for the time being in our country until the fanatics move in.

“In Australia, and indeed in many countries around the world, many of the most commonly consumed food items have the halal emblem on them. Just look at the back of some of the most popular chocolate bars, and at other food items in your local supermarket. Food on aircraft have the halal emblem just to appease the privileged minority who are now rapidly expanding within the nation's shores.

“In the U.K, the Muslim communities refuse to integrate and there are now dozens of "no-go" zones within major cities across the country that the police force dare not intrude upon. Sharia law prevails there, because the Muslim community in those areas refuse to acknowledge British law.

“As for us who watch it all unfold, we must pay attention to the only group that counts - the

fanatics who threaten our way of life.

“Lastly, anyone who doubts that the issue is serious and just deletes this email without sending it on, is contributing to the passiveness that allows the problems to expand.

“Extend yourself a bit and send this on. Let us hope that thousands world-wide read this, think about it, and send it on before it's too late, and we are silenced because we were silent!!!”

### **The True State of the Union**

January 21, 2015) -- “America, for all that we have endured; for all the grit and hard work required to come back; for all the tasks that lie ahead, know this: The shadow of crisis has passed, and the State of the Union is strong.”

So began President Obama on Tuesday night in his 2015 State of the Union address to the nation and to a Joint Session of Congress.

He was not the first American President to declare the state of the union “strong.” But with all due respect, the President is wrong.

When a nation murders 57 million innocent babies, the state of the union is not strong.

When a nation overtaxes and over-regulates and over burdens the economy and drives manufacturers and other businesses overseas and leaves 92 million Americans out of the labor force with no jobs and few prospects to get a good-paying job, the state of the union is not strong. When a nation heaps \$18 trillion of national debt on the backs of her children and grandchildren, and keeps creating more and more national debt with no end in sight, the state of the union is not strong.

When a leader ignores the rising threat of Radical Islam – does not take decisive action to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons, does not take decisive action to crush terrorist movements like al Qaeda and ISIS, and refuses to even mention “Islam” or “Islamism” or “Radical Islam” or even “al Qaeda” in his address to the nation -- the state of the union is not strong.

My goal in saying this is not to score partisan political points. Rather, I am deeply concerned

about the future of America, and Christian leaders and lay people must speak out. (Joel Rosenberg, “Flash Traffic,” Jan.21, 2015).

### **Winston Churchill Wrote in 1899**

*“Individual Muslims may show splendid qualities, but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world.”*

“How dreadful are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries! Besides the fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog, there is this fearful fatalistic apathy.

“The effects are apparent in many countries, improvident habits, slovenly systems of agriculture, sluggish methods of commerce, and insecurity of property exist wherever the followers of the Prophet rule or live. A degraded sensualism deprives this life of its grace and refinement, the next of its dignity and sanctity.

“The fact that in Mohammedan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men. Individual Muslims may show splendid qualities, but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it.

“No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith. It has already spread throughout Central Africa, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not that Christianity is sheltered in the strong arms of science, the science against which it had vainly struggled, the civilization of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome.” So wrote Sir Winston Churchill; (Source: *The River War*, first edition, Vol. II, pages 248-250 London).

### **2014 – Worst Year for Christians**

Last year saw the highest level of persecution of Christians the world has seen since the fall of the Soviet Union, according to a report by a

Christian persecution watchdog group released Wednesday.

Open Doors USA highlighted that in the 24 years that Open Doors has been tracking numbers on global persecution, 2014 was the most violent year of Christian persecution and was far worse than the year before.

“Perhaps most chilling is the fact that all the factors, all of the issues that made this a violent year for Christian persecution are still in place,” said David Curry, president and CEO of Open Doors, at the press conference.

“During the past reporting period we can confirm that 4,344 people were executed or murdered for their faith in Jesus Christ. Over twice that of the previous reporting period.”

In an interview with The Christian Post, Curry explained that the common thread in both the state-sponsored and terrorist-based persecution documented was “ideology.”

“There are indications that there are some nationalistic movements like Eritrea where the government itself has adopted the ideology,” said Curry.

“But often it is not government-sponsored but it is allowed within certain regions in government by terrorist groups. So the common thread is the ideology.”

Curry's remarks came as he presented Open Doors' annual World Watch List, a ranking of the fifty nations that are most hostile towards Christians.

The rankings are based off of confirmed reports of intolerance towards Christian populations and make note of both state-sponsored and popular persecution.

For the thirteenth year in a row, North Korea sits in the number one spot. The Communist state was labeled the nation where Christian persecution is most severe.

Following North Korea in the top ten in order of appearance were Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Sudan, Iran, Pakistan, Eritrea, and Nigeria.

With the exceptions of Mexico and Colombia, all

of the fifty nations on the World Watch List were located in Africa, Asia, or the Indian Ocean.

“This is largest jump in violence in persecution of Christians in the modern era. Certainly in the time we've been studying,” said Curry to CP.

In addition to Curry, the press conference also included remarks from Nina Shea, senior fellow of the Hudson Institute and director of its Center for Religious Freedom, and Damaris Atsen, Nigerian Christian wife and mother whose husband was killed by the Islamic terrorist group Boko Haram.

In her remarks, Shea spoke about the three major driving forces of Christian persecution in the modern world, which were post-Soviet Union Communist states, nationalistic ideologies, and Islamic extremism as seen in most of the states found on the World Watch List's top 50 list.

A major impact on the OD rankings in this year's list is the activities of Islamic State, or ISIS, in the Middle East.

Although ISIS has been condemned by Muslim religious leaders in nations like Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Shea believed these entities' strict Islamic ideology helped to create the ISIS group. Shea noted in her remarks that governments like the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had for decades promoted a strict interpretation of Islam in schools across the Middle East.

In an interview with CP, Shea explained that while ISIS was an offshoot of al Qaida, ultimately the Saudi Kingdom's ideological campaign in the region contributing to their creation.

“Saudi Arabia has been very counterproductive in its actions. Funding and encouraging and spreading an ideology of hate,” said Shea. “Saudi Arabia did create its own monster ... Because now it feels very threatened by this movement itself and is flying sorties over Syria and Iraq.”

Other findings by Open Doors include the continent of Africa having the most nations move up the World Watch List, Islamic extremism being the lead source of persecution in 40 of the 50 countries, and the most intense anti-Christian violence being in Nigeria, Syria, and Iraq. (The Christian Post, Michael Gryboski, January 8, 2015).

## A Traitor in the White House?

*“The traitor rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to fear. **The traitor is the plague.**”*

– Marcus Tullius Cicero, 1st century B.C.

The following article is from Pat Boone, well known American singer and entertainer:

“What is treason? Good old Webster’s Dictionary describes it simply as “betrayal of one’s country to an enemy.” And *traitor* as “one who betrays one’s country, cause, friends, etc.”

“I’ve recently read a biography of Benedict Arnold, American history’s most notorious traitor. Though he was beneficiary of our young country’s opportunities and honors, rising through the military to the rank of major general, historians record he was arrogant and impatient with civilian deliberateness and legislative oversight. He courted the favor of British loyalists, angering the patriots – and exhibited such a love and need for money that he lined his pockets with questionable side ventures.

“He decided he wasn’t sufficiently appreciated by his fellows and formulated a treasonous plan to crush the Revolution and revenge himself on Congress. When, amazingly, he was given the command of West Point, he plotted with British Gen. Clinton to surrender the fort for 20,000 pounds! The plot was discovered, and Arnold barely managed to escape to England, where he lived out his life as a social outcast ... and infamous *traitor*. Is it remotely possible such a terrible thing could happen in America today? What would one of our leaders have to do to be accused of treason?

“Well, let’s create a purely hypothetical scenario.

“Suppose America elects a charismatic young president who makes all kinds of brave promises and sweeps into the White House. This young man not only has little political or governmental experience, but none at all in business or administration. Curiously, his upbringing is never closely examined or evaluated; it’s just assumed that anybody elected president *must* love America – *but this young man had been*

*trained by parents and others to consider this country a colonial oppressor and unfit to be a world leader!* In college, by his own autobiographical account, he sought out Marxist professors, in not one but three colleges.

“Once elected, he uses his newfound executive authority to seal off all his early school, passport and travel records, lest his true intents be uncovered. He eventually has a fake “copy of a birth certificate” created and exhibited on the White House website, complete with glaring errors that betray its falsehood. Somehow Congress seems mesmerized and intimidated from confronting him, so he creates a phalanx of legislative “czars” to regulate and virtually stifle all business and energy progress, and these “czars” – among them known Muslim and Marxist and homosexual activists – report not to Congress but directly to him!

“Having declared that he considered the U.S. Constitution a “flawed” document, he proceeds as president to ride roughshod over the document and its establishment of three separate and equal branches of our government, declaring openly if Congress won’t give him what he wants, he “has a phone and a pen” and will make executive decisions and even change laws he has crammed through the legislature, determined to effectively dismantle the two-party system *and* the separation-of-powers concept.

“Now, theoretically, many might call all this treason. But wait.

“Suppose this increasingly arrogant young man, having become commander in chief of the military, begins to quietly fire and replace full admirals and generals who object to his decisions to withdraw from territories gained by the lives of 4,000 brave young Americans, and to issue more orders that will weaken the whole defense system and cost more young American lives. Treason? Wait ...

“Suppose this pompous man also appoints an attorney general who announces with him that they not only will enable hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens to invade the country – but that they *will not enforce the immigration laws themselves!* This, knowing that among those undocumented aliens there would certainly be trained enemies of the United States, whose sole purpose for crossing our borders is to destroy the

country he had learned to despise as a young man. And what if this attorney general concocts a scheme to furnish thousands of weapons to Mexican drug cartels and potential terrorists? Treason? The case is building.

“Now suppose that this Manchurian (or Indonesian) Candidate, never having any business or economic experience, but knowing that one vital reason for America’s world dominance is its giant economy, forces through a weak and compliant Congress decisions that add trillions of dollars of unpayable, inexcusable debt, *piling up three times more debt on American taxpayers and businesses than all past presidents combined!* In this unthinkable scenario, he is systematically crippling, bankrupting and discrediting his country. And in all of this, he’s following the plan he had learned from a famous Communist Party organizer.

“Now, in this imagined story, we can add the deliberate dividing of the citizens along racial, economic and political lines. We can add his awarding billions of dollars of speculative contracts to party donors and even family friends. We can toss in his leaving his command post while a U.S. ambassador and other Americans are under fire and eventually dying ... to pack his bags and fly to Las Vegas for a political fundraiser. A definite Benedict Arnold comparison.

“And, to leave no doubt whatsoever, while our nation is slipping into all-out war against inhuman killers who behead innocent people, this pretender in chief makes the personal decision to release known murderers from a military prison and to send them back to the Mideast, all expenses paid and with no penalty for their crimes, to supposedly “rehab” – and then certainly reassume leadership positions with our murderous enemies. No consultation with, or consent from, Congress. Just his own decision, *knowing brave young Americans will face these beasts again in a battle to the death.* If there’s a clearer definition of treason, I can’t think of it.

“All this is theoretical, of course – but I think if such an interloper and subversive impostor were to somehow arise and become our president, if he weren’t eventually exposed, prosecuted and impeached, America should apologize to Benedict Arnold.

And his picture should be posted in Webster’s alongside the words ‘treason’ and ‘traitor.’” (World Net Daily, Pat Boone, Jan.9, 2015).

### **To become UN Secretary General Obama must “Solve” the Existence of Israel**

President Obama is basically a Marxist of the “Third World” variety, which means that he lives in the faith that some elite political minority can rule first the United States and Europe, and then the world. In Washington speculation is rife that the end of the Obama years is only the beginning of a run for UN Secretary General, a job he can fiddle into real power, using leftist and Muslim regimes from around the world to support him. Obama’s ambition runs his mind and his life. He can’t face the end of power.

After watching the man for almost a decade, this is the only ambition that makes sense of his actions. It explains his consistent favoritism for Muslims, no matter how radical or violent. It explains his surrender to Iran’s nukes, and his constant collusion with the Muslim Brotherhood, now in active civil war with Egypt’s President El Sisi. It explains his comfort with the medieval war theology of Islam, which is also a world-conquering faith.

Like all grandiose narcissists with uncontrollable ambitions, Obama figures he can somehow resolve all the internecine warfare between Shi’ites and Sunnis, between Persians and Arabs, Turks and Kurds, Copts and Salafists, and finally get all “the fifty-seven states” -- 57 is the number of Muslim states in the UN -- to vote for him as a messianic UN Secretary General.

At the UN General Assembly, Europe will vote for him because the Left runs the EU with an iron hand. The U.S. will vote for him when the next Democrat becomes president. Three hundred Obama staffers have already come out for Liz Warren, who will follow Obama’s orders when he runs for UN Sec General. South America will vote for him in the expectation of “redistribution” of wealth from developed nations to their utterly corrupt, failed regimes.

Israel is the only thing that stands in the way of Obama’s grandiose ambition. At least in his mind.

In the real world, of course, this is a delusion, because the Muslim world is riven by a hundred hatreds, Sunnis against Shi'ites, radicals against modernists, Arabs against Persians, on and on and on. If the phony Palestinian problem is solved tomorrow, Muslim wars will go on just as they have for more than a thousand years. The Saudis are more afraid of Iran than anybody else, because Iran wants to conquer Mecca and Medina in pursuit of its own war theology.

Obama and Jarrett -- they are a classic "*folie a deux*," a two-person cult -- started the surrender to Iran at the start of this administration, while lying endless times about never permitting the mullahs to have nuclear weapons. But since 1979 the mullahs have been screaming every single day "Death to Israel! Death to America!" Liberals are cursed with a delusional inability to believe such threats, no matter how serious they are. Hitler made such threats. Tojo made such threats. Lenin and Stalin did. But history has no impact on liberal minds. Realists understand world-conquering threats all too well.

Israel has deep human sources in Iran, and understands that regime a lot better than we do. Our CIA has a perfect record of failing to predict hostile nuclear programs, starting with Stalin and going all the way to North Korea and Iran. The CIA does great electronic intelligence but notoriously bad human intelligence. Based on its sources in Iran, Israel takes the Iranian nuclear threat to be a clear and present danger to its existence. Iran preaches a genocidal war theology, just like ISIS and all the rest. The Saudis, who also understand the mullahs, also have deep human sources there, and also believe the nuclear threat is real.

Obama has personally abused and threatened Benjamin Netanyahu from the beginning of this administration. It hasn't worked. Netanyahu is a man of conviction, and he's faced tougher enemies on the battlefield than the biggest narcissist in the world.

We are seeing an unstoppable force gathering steam against an immovable object.

That is the real nature of today's argument about Netanyahu's desire to speak to the U.S. Congress, and Obama's rage against any opposition to his nuclear surrender. Netanyahu sees his chance to talk to Congress and the

American people as the last chance to stop suicidal appeasement to a fanatical regime that preaches suicidal warfare against its theological enemies. Obama is bound and determined to surrender to Iranian nukes, because that will give him the power to force Israel's hand. The Iranian Crescent now surrounds Israel, and it directly threatens Egypt and Saudi Arabia as well. Obama's every action has been designed to weaken Israel's sovereignty, in collusion with the European Left, which just recognized Hamas as having standing at the European court in Geneva.

If Netanyahu can convince Congress and the American people that surrender to Iran is suicidal, he may be able to stop Obama's appeasement express. He has to take the chance of infuriating Obama, because the alternative is the risk of genocide for his people. Netanyahu is a serious man.

The next few weeks will tell. Watch for fireworks, and watch for Obama's famous rage to explode in public. (James Lewis, Feb.10, 2015, *American Thinker*).

## Obama's Bid For U.N. Secretary- General Has Begun

**Multilateralism:** It is commonly observed that President Obama never started governing because he never stopped campaigning. He campaigned in his West Point speech all right — for United Nations secretary-general.

We've got a president who has unblushingly told us he's "a better speechwriter than my speechwriters," knows "more about policies on any particular issue than my policy directors" and is "a better political director than my political director."

Not to mention that "like any politician at this level, I've got a healthy ego." Uh, no kidding.

An intellect that enormous must feel confined by merely leading the free world (or, more accurately, not leading). Such boundless cerebral prowess deserves a real challenge, such as running the whole world.

The president obviously agrees; his address to cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on Wednesday sounded much like the launch of a campaign for still-higher office: presiding over the hopelessly corrupt, tyrant-dominated United Nations.

After briefly giving lip service to the U.S. using "military force, unilaterally if necessary, when our core interests demand it," Obama quickly placed America under the U.N. umbrella. When faced with crises that "do not directly threaten us," he said, "we must mobilize allies and partners to take collective action."

Great wartime presidents never had to boast of U.S. power; they used it. But "those who think America is weak are wrong" was the theme of Obama's speech.

Those "who suggest that America is in decline, or has seen its global leadership slip away, are either misreading history or engaged in partisan politics," Obama claimed. "Think about it. Our military has no peer."

There's a similarity to Jimmy Carter's 1979 "malaise" speech, touting "the outward strength of America, a nation that is at peace tonight everywhere in the world, with unmatched economic power and military might." Six months later, Soviet tanks rolled into Afghanistan, and less than a year after that Ronald Reagan was called in to rebuild the Pentagon and a battered U.S. economy.

"I believe in American exceptionalism with every fiber of my being," Obama told the cadets, but he defined that as the willingness to affirm "international norms ... through our actions."

The Nobel Peace Prize Committee gave Obama its award on spec, less than nine months after his inauguration in 2009, to promote "multilateral diplomacy" and an "emphasis on the role that the United Nations and other international institutions can play."

Now the U.N., acting similarly, can make him "president of the world." Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's term expires in early 2017. If Obama were his successor, the U.S., even under a Republican administration, might not veto an ex-U.S. president in the Security Council.

Who would the U.N. like better as secretary-general than an American who wants the world's lone superpower placed firmly under the rules made by the U.N. General Assembly, the vast majority of whose members are undemocratic and pine for redistributed U.S. wealth?

A secretary-general who can get the U.S. to accept U.N. rule. (Investor's Business Daily, May 28, 2014).

## Next UN Secretary General

### Barack Obama will be the next UN Secretary General

Reading the news that the US was preparing to cede control of the internet to "the world community," a.k.a. Red China, Russia, Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Cuba, North Korea, et al, was at first a head-scratcher. Why? What's Obama doing? It makes no sense. He'll piss off even a lot of Democrats. He's not THAT stupid.

That was soon followed by the "AHA!!!!" moment. Now it ALL makes sense, a LOT OF SENSE!!!

It's obvious that Obama loves campaigning, he's just not that into governing. He does, however, have one more campaign in him.... he's now running to be the next Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Obama's term expires Jan 20th, 2017. In case you hadn't noticed, the term of the current SecGen expires on Dec 31, 2016.

What does the SecGen do? Actually, pretty much nothing. Gives some speeches, chairs a few meetings, attends lots of receptions and parties, and flies around the world a lot. The job comes with a lot of perks, including a five story town house on Sutton Place, lots of staff, a practically unlimited budget. There's nothing to well, govern. The UN charter does not list any

specific duties or responsibilities in that regard. No pesky rules or regulations, like a Constitution, to be concerned with. It's perfect for Obama. And let's not forget all those great golf courses in the metropolitan area.

The UN Charter provides that the Secretary General shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Security Council. As the five permanent members of the council have veto powers, Obama has to get the approval of Russia and China, and he's in.

Historically, the job of Secretary General went to a neutral, or third world power, as during the cold war era the USA and USSR would veto anyone from the opposite faction.

And if there are any murmurs of opposition to Obama, well..look for Obama to fess up that he's really Kenyan, after all...and thus a "third-worlder."

The UN is becoming more and more irrelevant. The Secretary General has less impact than a Cabinet undersecretary. I'd wager that 95% of American couldn't name the current Secretary General (*Go ahead, can you??? See what I mean..*) A GOP president, with a GOP controlled Congress, might well move to cut the US appropriation to the UN, which would really mess thing up over in Turtle Bay.

The Obamas could, in an instant turn things around, and put the UN on the front page. Imagine Barack and Michelle ensconced in NYC, to the adulation of an adoring media. The UN might even be able to get its expansion plans off the ground..( and in the process, construct a big new office from which Obama could survey the world)

So all he has to do is win the support of Russia and Red China. The US, Britain, and France will support him. Let's face it, a President Lyndon LaRouche, let alone a President Rand Paul, wouldn't dare oppose Obama.

So if we view all of Obama's policies and decisions in the light of attempting to curry favor with the Russians and Red Chinese, well..it starts to make sense.

\*Allow Red China's massive military build-up to go unopposed. Instead, pull back US forces in the Pacific, and reduce our ability to project force. *"Carriers? We don't need no stinkin' carriers."* Obama's allowing the Chinese to dominate the region.

\*Libya, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Ukraine. I mean, could Putin ask for anything more than what Obama's allowing him to get away with?

\*Obama's environmental and economic policies are badly hurting the US economy, while allowing China to continue massive economic expansion, and the accompanying pollution it brings. Russia will continue to have a market for its energy exports to western Europe, and the political power that comes with the ability to turn off the valves, and/or jack up the prices.

\*And now we're handing over control of the Internet to whom?...yup..the bad guys.

Obama told Putin that he'd have more "flexibility" after the election. He surely has demonstrated that.

**Ask yourself, why would the Russians and the Red Chinese oppose Obama as the next Secretary General? He's giving them all they could ask for now. What more could they want?**

And as for Obama, it's a perfect fit, even more than it's the ideal job description for him. After all, what's the guy gonna do next? He's young, too young to retire to Hawaii and play golf. Teach law? Lecture? Nah...He can't be a senior statesman for the Democrat party..by the time he leaves, the Dems will be in the electoral wasteland, having lost control of the Congress and the White House, not to mention most state houses. . . Simply put, there's no room for Obama and Clinton on the same stage. What's Barry gonna do..another "global initiative?" Nope. But the guy does have a monstrous ego, laced with narcissism, that needs an outlet. Remember the Greek pillars ? The vow to make the oceans obey his commands? He needs a stage, a platform.....And where better than at the UN, "ruling the world." (Redstate, by gawken, March 17, 2014).

# We Are On the Internet – Check out our Triumph Prophetic Ministries Websites!

## Triumph Internet Web Sites

[www.triumphpro.info](http://www.triumphpro.info) videos and audio Bible Studies and articles and books, weekly Bible Study blog

[www.triumphpro.com](http://www.triumphpro.com) more complete list of literature, books, articles, audio, video Bible Studies, weekly Bible Study blog

---

## We are LIVE worldwide each week on Internet U-Stream LIVE STREAMING

You may watch our weekly Bible Study message *LIVE* on the Internet, STREAMING every Sabbath and on annual Holy Days and during the Feast of Tabernacles at [www.triumphpro.info](http://www.triumphpro.info) or [triumphpro.com](http://triumphpro.com). Just scroll down and click on the U-Stream icon. To contact us, our e-mail address is: [triumphpromin@gmail.com](mailto:triumphpromin@gmail.com)

---

## ***LIVE* Sabbath Services Bible Study Telephone Hook-Up!**

Every Sabbath morning we offer LIVE Sabbath services and Bible Studies direct from Omak, Washington. Tune in at **11:00 AM Pacific Coast Time**. Each service lasts about 100 minutes. To participate, dial our Conference Call telephone number. The *telephone number is 916-233-0500*. You will hear a voice telling you to enter your special code number, and then press the # (pound) sign. So enter **2415, followed by #**. *You can do this between 10:45 and 11:15 AM, Pacific Coast time*. It is recommended that you use a Speakerphone, or have an audio amplifier system for optimal listening.

---

## **Free Bible Study Audio (Mp3) CD List**

Receive our Bible Studies on Mp3 audio CD files FREE. We send them out every 3 months with 12-16 Bible Studies on each CD. Your CD player must one that plays Mp3 CDs.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

---

## **FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO PROPHECY FLASH!**

You can receive *Prophecy Flash* free of charge for one whole year – just send us your mailing address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

---

# What Are the Mysterious “Times of the Gentiles”?

“And there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people . . . UNTIL the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled” (Luke 21:23-24). When did the times of the Gentiles begin? What are they? When will they come to an end?

William F. Dankenbring

In the Mount Olivet prophecy, Jesus Christ said to His disciples concerning the onrushing “Great Tribulation” which looms before us, “For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, UNTIL *the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled*” (Luke 21:23-24).

What are these mysterious “Times of the Gentiles,”? And when do they occur? And when do they end?

All Biblical prophecy revolves around the descendants of Abraham and Israel – primarily the twelve tribes of Israel. Also, the focus of most Biblical prophecy is the geographical region of the Middle East, the region of modern "Israel" and Jerusalem in particular. Thirdly, the focus of 90 percent of all Biblical prophecy is the "time of the end" – that is, the time we are living in, today!

This being understood, what is the meaning of Jesus' cryptic words concerning the “times of the Gentiles”? Notice that this expressly relates to the Gentile possession or dominance over the city of Jerusalem, and over the people of God – Israel.

Jerusalem was first captured by Gentiles, and its inhabitants taken into captivity by Gentile nations, in 604-607 B.C., when Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, conquered it. In a subsequent conquest, he razed and burned the Temple in 586 B.C.

## *Nebuchadnezzar's Strange Dream*

During his reign, a strange dream came to the king at night, troubling him greatly. It seemed like a nightmare, and he knew it had some divine or supernatural origin, so he called on his soothsayers and mystics to explain the dream to him. None could do so, until the Jewish lad Daniel was brought before him. We read in the Scriptures:

"Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, “Blessed by the name of God for ever and

ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the TIMES and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him” (Daniel 2:19-22).

Daniel then told king Nebuchadnezzar that his dream centered on “what shall be in the LATTER DAYS” (Daniel 2:28). Daniel then revealed to the king that his dream was of a great image with a golden head, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, and legs of iron, and feet of iron and clay (verses 31-33). The king saw the image being smitten by a stone which struck the image on the feet and destroyed it (v.34-35), and then the stone became a great mountain and filled all the earth (v.35).

What was the significance of this awesome dream? Daniel explained:

“This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. . . . Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay and part of iron, the kingdom [in the end-time] shall be DIVIDED: but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

“And in the DAYS OF THESE KINGS shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume ALL these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (Daniel 2:36-44).

In essence, this awesome dream describes the fullness of the “times of the Gentiles” – that is, the "TIMES" and seasons when GENTILE KINGDOMS, or Gentile-influenced kingdoms, would rule over the world, or vast sections thereof. In other words, from the time of king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, till the present time, today, the world has been living under or within the “times of the Gentiles” – the times GENTILE KINGDOMS would dominate and have the supremacy over the nations of the world!

The “head of gold” referred to the Babylonian Empire, which reigned over the world from 604-607 B.C. till its fall in 539 B.C. It was replaced by the Persian Empire, the "silver" empire, which ruled from 539 B.C. till its fall in 331-334 B.C., when it was conquered by Alexander the Great. The Grecian kingdom, compared to “brass,” ruled from 331 B.C. till the death of Alexander, when it was divided up into four kingdoms by four generals who succeeded him – Macedon and Greece under Cassander, Thrace and

Bithynia under Lysimachus, Egypt under Ptolemy, and Syria under Seleucus (compare Daniel 7:6; 8:8, 22). This version of the world kingdom continued down to the fourth world kingdom – the ROMAN EMPIRE, a kingdom compared to “iron” because of its hardness, cruelty, strength, and power.

Rome conquered Greece and the Mediterranean world and became an empire in 31 B.C. and lasted till about 476 A.D., when barbarians from northern Europe and Africa began overrunning the empire. The Heruli, Vandals, and Ostrogoths briefly ruled Rome, till the "Imperial Restoration" by Emperor Justinian. In a weakened form "Rome" continued through successive but smaller kingdoms, in Europe, in restorations, beginning with Justinian in 554 A.D., later Charlemagne, the Hapsburgs in Austria, Otto the Great in Germany, and Napoleon of France. The sixth restoration was Hitler-Mussolini in 1936-1945, which crashed in flames. Mussolini proclaimed his kingdom the “Roman Empire,” and Hitler proclaimed the Third Reich as the “New World Order.”

The seventh and final restoration (the “seventh horn” of the Beast, historically – see Rev.13:1-2) is still FUTURE, but will occur within *OUR LIFETIME* – *probably being set at this present time and lasting for SEVEN YEARS!*

### ***The Beasts of Daniel 7***

To understand what Biblical prophecy foretells for the future of our planet, and the next few years ahead of us, we need to go back to the intriguing prophecies of the book of Daniel. Daniel lived in the seventh century before Christ, during the time of the Babylonian Empire (607-539 B.C.).

In the book of Daniel we read about a strange dream the prophet of God had in the first year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon. He saw the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four creatures arising out of the sea.

Daniel describes it thus: “The first was like a lion and had eagle’s wings. Then, as I watched, its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a human being; and a human mind was given to it. Another beast appeared, a second one, that looked like a bear. . . After this, as I watched, another appeared, like a leopard. The beast had four wings of a bird on its back and four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the visions by night a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth and was devouring, and breaking in pieces, and stamping what was left with its feet. It was different from the beasts that preceded it, and it had *ten horns*. I was considering the horns, when another one appeared, a little one coming up among them; to make room for it, three of the earlier horns were plucked up by the roots. There were eyes like human eyes in this horn, and a mouth speaking arrogantly” (Dan.7:3-8, NRSV).

In other articles, I have identified these four beasts prophetically as four end-time world kingdoms to arise. Many have thought these four beasts were the Babylonian, Persian, Grecian, and Roman Empires in ancient history. However, notice! An angel

told Daniel specifically, “As for these four beasts, *four kings [or kingdoms] shall arise out of the earth*” (v.17). “But,” he continues, “the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever – forever and ever” (v.18).

Since these four beasts were to arise *in the future*, then they could NOT include the Babylonian Empire which was then *already in existence!* Notice, too, that the kingdom of the LORD would replace these kingdoms – indicating that they exist just prior to the coming of the Messiah! This is not a prophecy for olden days and ancient empires. It is a prophecy for the dynamic, pulsating PRESENT TIME!

### ***The Four Beasts***

Daniel wanted to know specifically about this strange fourth beast “which was different from all the rest, exceedingly terrifying, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped what was left with its feet; and concerning the *ten horns* that were on its head, and concerning the other horn, which came up . . . the horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke arrogantly, and that seemed greater than the others.” He goes on, “As I looked, this horn made war with the holy ones, and was prevailing over them, until the Ancient One came; then judgment was given for the holy ones of the Most High, and the time arrived when the holy ones gained possession of the kingdom” (Dan.7:19-22).

What are these four beasts? In my article “Daniel 7 and the New World Order,” I explain that these are four latter-day kingdoms in the earth that rise up. The “lion” kingdom refers to the great power of the Anglo-Saxon countries, America and Great Britain. We have all heard of the “British lion” and the “American eagle.” Our nations are descended from ancient Joseph, the birthright holder of ancient Israel, who was prophesied to become great and multitudinous in the earth. Write for my article, “The United States in Bible Prophecy!”

The kingdom of the “bear” refers to Russia and her allies. Modern geopolitical thinkers refer to the Russian “bear,” and Russia has been characterized by Winston Churchill and others as a rambling “bear” which aggressively moves in and takes what it wants, until it is opposed (as by the “lion”).

The “leopard” in this prophecy, in my opinion, refers to Germany and continental Europe. Germany struck like a leopard, suddenly and without warning, in World Wars I and II. It was famous for its “blitzkrieg” warfare and the “leopard tank.” It struck quickly and fatally, but could not stand up to the combined forces of the lion and the bear. The four “horns” would be the strongest powers in continental Europe – Germany, France, Italy and Spain.

But what about the fourth beast? It follows the other three. It is the FINAL beast power in existence before the coming of the “Ancient One” – the Messiah Himself – and it is a kingdom composed of ten horns. A “horn” in prophecy is a kingdom or war-

making power, so this beast is a kingdom composed of ten leading military powers united together – a composite “beast,” as it were!

### ***Revelation 13***

The identity of this beast is explained more fully in the Bible itself, the New Testament book of Revelation – the final book of the Bible – a book containing amazing and mysterious prophecies for the “end of days” leading up to the coming of the Messiah!

The apostle John writes, in chapter 13 (13 is the number of “rebellion”) about a great end-time BEAST which will rise up and rebel against God. Notice his amazing words.

“And I saw a *beast* rising out of the sea, having *ten horns* and *seven heads*; and on his horns were ten diadems (crowns), and on its heads were blasphemous names. And the beast that I saw was *like a leopard, its feet were like a bear’s, and its mouth was like a lion’s mouth*. And the dragon [Satan the devil – see Rev.12:9] gave it his power and his throne and great authority” (Rev.13:1-3, NRSV).

Notice that this final “beast” kingdom will have ten horns – just like the fourth “beast” of Daniel 7! Notice, too, that it has “seven heads.” And that it appears like a lion (Daniel’s first beast), a bear (Daniel’s second beast), and a leopard (Daniel’s third beast). In other words, this beast is composed of all three of Daniel’s beasts – it incorporates them into its own bestial nature and authority! Since Daniel’s third beast, the leopard, had four heads, then all together this composite beast would possess those four heads, plus the head of the lion, the head of the bear, and its own head – or *seven heads combined!*

What is this strange beast yet to rise up?

### ***Prophetic Error Compounded***

The offshoots of the Worldwide Church of God all seem to speak with one voice and erroneously believe that the Beast of Revelation will rise up in Europe and will be formed by ten nations of Europe. This common fallacy is also believed by many evangelical Christians. It was Herbert W. Armstrong who latched onto this theory, in the 1950’s, and propounded it with fervor and enthusiasm until he died in 1986.

The many churches and groups that came out of the wreckage of the Worldwide Church of God, after his death, all agree that this scenario is correct – they seemingly cannot get past the errors and contretemps of their original leader and his mistakes and false conclusions.

However, one good look at Europe today reveals that it is not a mighty military power of itself; nor is it comprised of “ten horns” or possess “seven heads”!

It should be obvious that Europe will not and cannot fulfill this prophecy of a Beast or World ruling Kingdom composed of “ten kings” or kingdoms. Europe cannot be the fourth “Beast” of Daniel or the Beast of Revelation 13. They both have “ten horns,” representing ten kingdoms. A quick tally reveals that the European Union today already has 25 *nations* in its membership, and Turkey, a Muslim nation, is knocking at the doors. And even so, Europe is nowhere near a great military power, as the fourth Beast of Daniel’s prophecy and the Beast of Revelation are so clearly depicted to be! Europe doesn’t hold a candle to either the United States, or Russia, today, in military power.

### *A New Look at the United Nations*

For years I have been predicting that the final world body or government which will rule the earth will be a revamped, revised, strengthened UNITED NATIONS!

Let’s take a look at the United Nations. It is a truly *global* governing body, and it is rapidly moving towards a revamped leadership of TEN permanent nations in its governing body, the Security Council! *This TEN Nation Group* will control virtually every aspect of life on planet Earth! A revamped “Security Council” of the United Nations, with TEN permanent members, would surely constitute a TEN HORNED BEAST!

Ever since the founding of the United Nations, in 1945, at the end of World War II, there have been 5 “permanent members” of the UN Security Council, which is to bring worldwide security, and intervene when necessary to preserve the “peace” of the world. These are the United States, France, Great Britain, Russia (formerly the Soviet Union) and China.

However, in 1997, the present Security Council agreed to add another five members to the favored permanent member list.

Very few teachers of Bible prophecy today even noticed that in September, 2004, 5 nations practically demanded they be included in an already approved expansion of the present Security Council of the UN. With 5 new members added to this body, there would be a total permanent membership of the UN Security Council of *10 members!*

Notice again what Scripture foretells for the last days: “And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having TEN HORNS and seven heads” (Rev.13:1, NRSV). A “horn” represents a war-making power. This is a single “beast” but it is comprised of “ten horns” or military powers which are used to corral the nations and “gore” the nations, and keep them under control – to put out conflagrations and civil wars and prevent nations from attacking other nations, worldwide.

But what are the “seven heads” of this end-time New World Order?

I believe that the “seven heads” of the “beast” are the seven primary nations that govern world finance and the global economy. There are seven nations which lead and

dominate the world financially. These nations are the famous “Group of Seven” – that is, the United States, Canada, Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan, and Italy. Although Russia has been invited to attend their meetings, as a diplomatic courtesy, in the interests of world peace, remember that Russia is an economic basket case, and is really NOT one of the “Group of Seven.”

I submit, therefore, that those who look to Europe for the arising of the final “beast” of Revelation, are *looking in the wrong place!* And while they are still waiting for the Beast to arise, it will arise suddenly elsewhere – in the form of the revamped UNITED NATIONS, with its Secretary-General, Security Council, and General Assembly of nations!

### *The Man of Mystery, Intrigue*

This person will be arrogant. He will boast against God.

We read of this individual also in II Thessalonians, chapter 2. The apostle Paul wrote, “As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed . . . Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the REBELLION comes first and the *lawless one* is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the *Temple of God, declaring himself to be God*” (II Thess.2:1-4).

This proud and arrogant individual will claim that HE is the long-awaited, promised ‘Messiah’! And Satan the devil will back him up in this deception. Paul went on, “The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, and lying wonders, and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false, so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned” (II Thess.2:9-12).

Daniel also described the character of this individual who is coming soon. He wrote, “When the transgressions have reached their full measure, a king of bold countenance shall arise, skilled in intrigue. He shall grow strong in power, shall cause fearful destruction, and shall succeed in what he does. He shall destroy the powerful and the people of the holy ones [true saints of God]. By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and *in his own mind he shall be great*. Without warning he shall destroy many and shall even rise up against the Prince of princes [the true Messiah!]. But he shall be broken, and not by human hands” (Dan.8:23-25).

The Amplified Version goes into more graphic detail. It records, “And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors [the apostate Jews] have reached their fullness [of their wickedness, taxing the limits of God’s mercy], 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 will destroy and corrupt many. He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes, but he shall be broken and that by no [human] hand” (Daniel 8:23-25).

Daniel 11 also speaks of this great “seducer.” Daniel declares, “Forces sent by him shall occupy and profane the temple and fortress. They shall abolish the regular burnt offering and set up the abomination that makes desolate. He shall seduce with intrigue those who violate the covenant [God’s commandments]; but the people who are loyal to their God shall stand firm and take action. The wise among the people shall give understanding to many” (Dan.11:31-33).

Again, let’s look at this in the Amplified Version. Here we read this king will appear with armed forces in the Holy Land, Israel, “and shall pollute the sanctuary, the [spiritual] stronghold, and shall take away the continual [daily burnt offering]; and they shall set up [in the sanctuary] the abomination that astonishes and makes desolate [probably an altar to a pagan god]. And such as violate the covenant he shall pervert and seduce with flatteries, but the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm and do exploits [for God]” (Dan.11;31-32).

Daniel continues, “And the king shall do according to his will; he shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods and shall prosper until the indignation be accomplished, for that which is determined [by God] shall be done” (v.36).

The NRSV has this, “The king shall act as he pleases. He shall exalt himself and consider himself greater than any god, and shall speak horrendous things against the God of gods. He shall prosper until the period of wrath is completed, for what is determined shall be done. He shall pay no respect to the gods of his ancestors, or to the one beloved by women [Tammuz, the world’s imitation Christ]; he shall pay no respect to any other god, for he shall consider himself greater than all” (Dan.11:36-37).

This man of intrigue and mystery will be cunning, crafty, wise, and Ezekiel even says he will be “wiser than Daniel” in his political machinations and Machiavelli instincts. Ezekiel declares, “Thus says the Lord GOD: Because your heart is *proud* and you have said, ‘I am a god; I sit in the seat of the gods, in the heart of the seas,’ yet you are but a mortal, and no god, though *you compare your mind with the mind of a god*. You are *indeed wiser than Daniel*; no secret is hidden from you; by your wisdom and understanding you have amassed wealth for yourself, and have gathered gold and silver into your treasuries. . .” (Ezek.28:2-4, NRSV).

### ***“The Seven Heads”***

John in the book of Revelation declares, “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are also seven

kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time” (Rev.17:9-10). “The BEAST that was, and is not, is himself also the EIGHTH, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition” (v.11).

Remember, this beast represents world governments down through the ages. The final one, the fourth beast of Daniel 7, has seven heads. What are they?

The fourth beast of Daniel 7 also relates to the kingdom of iron of Daniel 2 – the ancient Roman Empire. That “kingdom” had seven resurrections, or “heads,” in history, down to our age.

Notice!

In this scenario, the ancient Roman Empire fits the description of the fourth beast of Daniel 7. It was a vast empire and had the characteristics of the “lion” – it included ancient Judea, the Celts of Europe (members of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel), who were the “lion”, as well as elements of the “bear” and “leopard” (Central and Eastern Europeans).

Rome itself fell in 476 A.D., and from it, down through history, there were prophesied to be seven successive ‘heads’ – or seven revivals of the “Roman Empire.” These were as follows:

<b>Head</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Kingdom</b>
1st head	554 A.D.	Emperor Justinian of Rome
2nd head	800 A.D.	Charlemagne of the Franks
3rd head	961 A.D.	Otto the Great of Germany
4th head	1519 A.D.	Charles V of Austria
5th head	1804 A.D.	Napoleon Bonaparte of France
6th head	1929-45 A.D.	Mussolini/Hitler of Italy and Germany
7th head	NOT YET COME	United Nations NWO

In A.D. 554, Emperor Justinian cobbled together what was called “the Imperial Restoration of the Roman Empire.” This was the first revival, or first “head” to spring out of the ancient Roman Empire, successively.

Another, second revival, or “head,” was accomplished by the Frankish king Charlemagne, on Christmas Day, the year 800 A.D., when he was crowned as Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire by Pope Leo III. He was the son of Pepin the Short, who founded the Carolingian dynasty. Pepin became king in 751 A.D. and Pope Steven II

gave his approval when he anointed Pepin and his sons in 754. Charlemagne created a vast empire in the west including much of the old Roman Empire. “He was the first Germanic ruler to assume the title of emperor, and the ‘empire’ he *revived* lasted in one form or another for *a thousand years*” (“Charlemagne,” *Worldbook Encyclopedia*, vol.3, p.291). Did you notice? The *Worldbook* plainly says that his kingdom was a “revival” of the Roman Empire!

The third revival or “head” was the German King Otto I, the Great. Otto “was the first king to become Holy Roman Emperor. . . In 941 he crossed the Alps and declared himself the king of Italy . . . In 961, Otto crossed the Alps to put down an uprising in Rome. For this service, Pope John XII crowned him emperor of what was later known as the Holy Roman Empire” (“Otto I, the Great,” *Worldbook*, vol.14, page 666-667).

The fourth revival or “head” was the Hapsburg dynasty. Rudolf Hapsburg became the first member of the Hapsburg family to be elected Holy Roman Emperor in 1273. From 1438 until 1806, when Napoleon conquered Germany and the Hapsburgs, and their Holy Roman Empire, most of the emperors were Hapsburgs. Charles the Great, of the Hapsburg dynasty, was also known as Charles V (1500-1558) and ruled over more countries than any other European monarch. He became King Charles I of Spain in 1516, and was made Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire in 1519.

The fifth head of the revived Roman Empire was none other than Napoleon Bonaparte of France, who ended the Hapsburg dynasty. Napoleon conquered all continental Europe. He triumphed in Italy, invaded Egypt, conquered Austria, and in May, 1804, the French senate voted him the title of Emperor. “The coronation ceremonies took place at Notre Dame cathedral on December 2. As the pope prepared to crown him, Napoleon snatched the crown from the pontiff’s hands and placed it on his own head, to show that he had personally won the right to wear it” (“Napoleon,” *Worldbook*, vol.14, page 14).

Interestingly, from the Imperial Restoration of the Roman Empire, in 554 A.D., till the fall of Napoleon, in 1814 A.D., lies a period of 1,260 years exactly. The “beast” was prophesied to rule for a period of “42 months” (Rev.13:5), speaking “blasphemies,” and this certainly occurred during the Middle Ages, throughout the time when the Roman Catholic Church sat astride all these revivals of the Roman Empire! 42 months, in prophecy is a term of 42 30-day months, or 1260 days. In Bible prophecy, a “day” often equals a literal “year” in being fulfilled (see Num.14:34; Ezek.4:4-6). Thus the Beast throughout the Middle Ages reigned from 554 to 1814 – a period of *1260* consecutive years, before its reign was terminated by the British conquest of Napoleon Bonaparte and the French “head” of the Beast! “So closed a government that dated from Augustus Caesar” (West, p.337).

The sixth revival of the “Holy Roman Empire” was attempted by the Fascist dictator of Italy, Benito Mussolini (1883-1945). Mussolini founded Fascism and ruled as dictator of Italy for almost 21 years. He attempted to build Italy into a great empire and

took the title *Il Duce* (“the leader”). He signed a concordat with the Vatican in 1929, giving the Pope temporal powers in Vatican City. Mussolini urged the people of Italy to rebuild the glories of ancient Rome. He invaded and conquered Ethiopia in 1935-36. His reign ended, however, with the Allied victory over Italy in 1945. Associated with him in his “New World Order” was Adolf Hitler, of Nazi Germany. Both of them died in 1945.

The seventh and final resurrection, revival, or “head” of the Roman Empire is “yet to come.” And when it does come, it will “continue a short space” (Rev.17:10). This final resurrection will apparently last only seven years – the final seven years before the coming of the Messiah to bring it to its final debacle. This revival will rule with “ten horns” and will be the final resurrection of this ancient world-ruling system of government which in one sense dates back to ancient Nimrod, who founded the first world government this side of the Flood, in ancient Babylonia.

### ***“The Eighth”***

This final revival is also called “the eighth” (Rev.17:11) but “belongs to the seven.” How will this system be different, so that it is called “the eighth”?

Unlike the previous empires, which were all nations grown to great power, this final resurrection will be a *system of nations*, where the “ten kings” or “kingdoms” GIVE (willingly) THEIR POWER AND AUTHORITY to one man – the “Beast.” He will not be ruler over a particular country, but will be different, in that he will be the Head of the entire group of countries – that is, the United Nations – the New World Government! That will be the “eighth” system but the “seventh” head of the revived “Roman Empire”!

### ***The Seventy Weeks Prophecy***

In another amazing prophecy of the time of the end, Daniel was told, “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.” The prophecy continues:

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks [seven sevens, or 49 years], and threescore and two weeks [an additional 62 sevens, or 434 years, which makes a total of 483 years] . . . And after the threescore and two weeks [that is, after these periods of time which total 483 years, when the 434 years are finished] shall MESSIAH be CUT OFF [be killed], but not for himself [he was to be killed for our sins – see Isaiah 53:1-12]: and the people of the prince that shall come shall DESTROY the city and the sanctuary; and the END thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the END of the war desolations are determined” (Daniel 9:24-26).

Notice the amazing fulfillment of these prophecies! In the seventh year of king Artaxerxes, king of Persia, which was 457-8 B.C., he issued a decree that fulfilled this

prophecy (see Ezra 7:6-26). If we count 483 years from 457 B.C., we come to the year 27 A.D. -- the very year that Jesus Christ (Yeshuah the Messiah) began His incredible ministry!

The first part of this incredible prophecy, therefore, points directly to the **FIRST COMING OF THE MESSIAH, YESHUAH**, who began His ministry in 27 A.D., and was “cut off” or crucified three years later, at Passover, 30 A.D.

But there is yet a final portion of this prophecy to be fulfilled. Notice how it points to the **SECOND COMING OF THE MESSIAH**, and completes the final seven years of this prophecy, which tells us when the Kingdom of God will be established!

“And he [the prince of the people who will destroy Jerusalem and the temple] shall confirm the covenant [a treaty, agreement, probably over the Old City of Jerusalem, giving its control to the Vatican and United Nations] for **ONE WEEK [SEVEN FINAL YEARS]**: and in the midst of the week [the final seven years of this age – so, after 3 ½ years] he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease [he will cut off sacrifices from the Temple, even as Antiochus Epiphanes did in 167 B.C., and pollute the sanctuary], and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, **EVEN UNTIL THE CONSUMMATION**, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate” (Daniel 9:27).

This final “week” of years will very likely begin in 2015, the very year of the Blood Red Moons on Passover and Sukkot. This year will be a very important year in the development of the **NEW WORLD ORDER**. Thus the final “week” of Daniel’s prophecy will possibly last for seven years, and culminate in 2022-2023 A.D.

*This final week of years is in a very special sense the final fulfillment of the “TIMES OF THE GENTILES”* – it is the final attempt by Satan the devil to establish **HIS KINGDOM**, a counterfeit of the Kingdom of God, with his **FALSE MESSIAH** or Deliverer at its head, who will claim to be God, and the true Messiah (see II Thess.2:3-12; Dan.7:23-25; Dan.11:30-39; Matt.24:15-21). And in a very special sense, the **REALLY EMPHATIC “Time of the Gentiles”** will be the **FINAL THREE AND ONE HALF YEARS OF THIS AGE – THE TIME OF GREAT TRIBULATION!**

### ***The Last 3 1/2 Years***

The final 3 and 1/2 years of this false rule of the false Messiah will be the cruelest, wickedest, most sadistic and horrible time of all human history. Jesus Christ referred to it as “great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matt.24:21).

The gospel of Mark records His words, “For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved [alive -- see Moffatt translation]; but for the elect’s sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath

shortened the days” (Mark 13:19-20). Luke adds, “For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled” (Luke 21:22).

Daniel's prophecies culminate in this same hectic, terrifying, awesome period of time. He wrote, “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a TIME OF TROUBLE, SUCH AS NEVER WAS since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book” (Daniel 12:1).

Jeremiah also foretold this same incredible tumultuous time of prophetic fulfillment. He wrote:

“Alas! for that day is great, so that NONE IS LIKE IT: it is even the TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE; but he shall be saved out of it” (Jeremiah 30:7).

Apparently, the coming Beast-Dictator-Tyrant, predicted by Biblical prophecies, will attempt to “shmalz” the world and the nations for the first 3 1/2 years of his reign, as the most influential LEADER IN THE WORLD. But his real authority will not be given to him until midway through the final “week of years.” He will rule over the whole world for the *final three and one half years* – governing the whole world, perhaps dividing the world into ten regions of government (Rev.13:1). Thus, the first 3 1/2 years of the final “week” of years, there will be a time when the world will experience the birth pangs of the formation of a one-world government – turbulent times, increasing international chaos, misery and world trouble – including the overhaul of the world financial system, and growing threat of war and terrorism – and this will lead the nations to pick a man who will usher in a one world government.

All will seem well for a while. The changes will appear beneficial. Crisis will appear to be averted. The world will appear to aright itself and regain stability. During this relative “peace,” he will gain the confidence of the world leaders, but then he will change his visage. That is, in the middle of the final week of years, his “true colors” will begin to come out, and manifest themselves – his countenance will darken, and another side of his personality will come to the forefront! The benign lamb will metamorphose into a diabolical ogre, a scowling tyrant – a ravenous wolf, hungry and rapacious!

“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.5:3).

John says of this coming king of the world, “And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to *continue forty two months*. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make WAR AGAINST THE SAINTS, AND TO OVERCOME THEM: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall WORSHIP HIM, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain

from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear” (Rev.13:5-9).

The prophet Daniel also tells us more about this incendiary individual and his true bestial nature. He recorded:

“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of FIERCE COUNTENANCE, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft [witchcraft] to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by PEACE [hypnotizing the world, by his magnetic personality and glowing promises] shall he destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. . . . And the vision . . . is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days” (Daniel 8:23-26).

The Hebrew word for “fierce countenance” is *az* and means “strong, vehement, harsh.” It is from the root *azaz*, a primitive root meaning “to be stout, harden, impudent, prevail, strengthen, be strong.” *Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Dictionary of the Bible* has it, “(A) adj. (1) strong, vehement, spoken of a people, Num.13:28; of a wind, Exod.14:21; of the waves, Neh.9:11; Isa.43:16; of anger, Gen.49:7; Prov.21:14. (2) strong, fortified, Nu.21:24. (3) harsh, cruel, hard, of a king, Isa.19:4. 'hard of face,' i.e., impudent, shameless, Deut.28:50; Dan.8:23. (B) subst. strength, mighty, Gen.49:3.”

Who will this man be?

Of course, time itself will reveal the final answer to those who are close to God and who are studying the prophecies of God's Word and watching world developments carefully.

### ***The Times of the Gentiles – Ended!***

John also records in prophetic revelation, in chapter 11 of the book of Revelation, that the temple of God will be rebuilt in Jerusalem during these “end times” (Rev.11:1). He is told, “Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: *and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months*” (Rev.11:2).

At the end of this seventieth week, this final seven years, the “time of the Gentiles” will come to its abrupt close. It will be cut short. How? The apostle John declares, “The angel whom I saw standing on the sea . . . swore by Him who lives forever and ever . . . that there should be TIME NO LONGER, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as he declared to His servants the prophets” (Rev.10:5-7).

This seventh angel refers to the seventh and final trumpet blast, John goes on, “Then the seventh angel sounded [his trumpet]: and there were voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever’ (Rev.11:15). At this time Christ will return, when “The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged. And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth” (Rev.11:18).

Zechariah declares, “Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. . . . Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You. . . . And the LORD shall be King over all the earth” (Zech.14:3-4, 5, 9).

The “times of the Gentiles” will be ended – by FORCE!

### *The Last Days*

Although we cannot state with certainty when these events will occur, at this time, it is very likely going to be within the next ten years that the Messiah will return – before 2025! I DO NOT INTEND TO SET DATES, BUT LOOK AT THE GROWING EVIDENCE OF ESCALATING WORLD WOES!

The very fact that these prophecies are finally being understood at this time proves that we are living in the “last days.” As Daniel was told: “And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed TILL THE TIME OF THE END. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the WISE shall understand” (Daniel 12:9-10).

Nevertheless, even though we live in the “time of the end,” when these prophecies would be revealed, these dates are not set in concrete. We do not know the exact date or hour of the return of the Messiah. That is why Jesus tells us, “But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. WATCH YE THEREFORE: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH” (Mark 13:32-37).

Are YOU really watching? Are your eyes wide open, and are you keeping abreast of world events and political developments? Jesus warns us very clearly that we must WATCH – be on our spiritual toes – and be VIGILANT! He declared, “Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” (Luke 21:36). Are your eyes peeled? Are you awake? Meditate on it. Think about it! NOW!

# List of Articles and Booklets

These articles are sent FREE of charge, as Yahveh our God provides.

**Take note: We can only send 7-10 articles or booklets at a single time. Do not request more than this amount.**

## Basic Doctrine

- \_\_ Who Is the Messiah? Incredible Proof Yeshua is who He said He was!
- \_\_ A New Look at the Historical Jesus
- \_\_ How LONG Was Jesus in the Grave? Exposing the Good Friday and Wednesday Crucifixion Theories!
- \_\_ The Pharisees, Hasidim and Early Nazarene Christians
- \_\_ Which Is the True Biblical Calendar of God?
- \_\_ What Is the 'New Moon'?
- \_\_ When Was Christ Born?
- \_\_ Where Was Yeshua Crucified?
- \_\_ The Plain Truth about LAW AND GRACE!
- \_\_ A New Look at Colossians
- \_\_ A New Look at the Book of Galatians
- \_\_ Galatians and the "Works of the Law"
- \_\_ What Are the REAL Salvation Issues?
- \_\_ Bible Health LAWS – Are Unclean Meats Still Unclean?
- \_\_ The Keys to Robust Health
- \_\_ The Power of Prayer
- \_\_ The Bible – Science or Superstition?
- \_\_ Bible Criticism – Intellectual Idolatry?
- \_\_ How To Walk with God
- \_\_ What is the True Gospel?
- \_\_ What Is Real Repentance?
- \_\_ All About Water Baptism
- \_\_ The Truth about Laying on of Hands and Anointing
- \_\_ How Should God's Ministers Be Ordained?
- \_\_ The Power of Faith and Prayer
- \_\_ A New Look at the "FRINGES" of the Law!
- \_\_ The Truth about "Holy Garments"
- \_\_ The Exodus – Myth or Reality?
- \_\_ Who Was the Pharaoh of the Exodus?
- \_\_ The Mystery of the Olive Tree
- \_\_ Once Saved Always Saved?
- \_\_ Life on Earth Before Adam?
- \_\_ James' Ossuary Box – Incredible Proof of the Existence of Christ!
- \_\_ Should We Observe the New Moons!
- \_\_ Is Obedience to God Required for Salvation?
- \_\_ What Is the 'Unpardonable Sin'?
- \_\_ Why Did Jesus Curse the Fig Tree?
- \_\_ The Passion of the Christ
- \_\_ Is There LIFE After Death?
- \_\_ What's All This about the Resurrection?
- \_\_ The Spirit in Man Mystery
- \_\_ What's All This about the Place Called "Hell"?
- \_\_ Satan's Fate – Will the Devil be Tormented Forever?
- \_\_ Saul and the Witch of Endor
- \_\_ The Parable of the Ten Virgins
- \_\_ What Is a Genuine Christian?
- \_\_ The Mystery of the Book of Job
- \_\_ God's Laws about Divorce and Marriage
- \_\_ Is There Government I the Church of God
- \_\_ A New Look at Moses' Seat
- \_\_ The Plain Truth about Church Authority

## The Holy Days of God

- \_\_ The Annual Holy Days Reveal the Awesome Plan of God
- \_\_ The Shocking Origin of Christmas!
- \_\_ A New Look at Easter
- \_\_ The Origin of Halloween
- \_\_ What Days Should We Observe?
- \_\_ Sabbath Versus Sunday – Which Day Should We Observe?
- \_\_ PASSOVER – Its Hidden Meanings and Mysteries
- \_\_ Yeshua's Last Week on Earth – a Day By Day Reconstruction
- \_\_ When Should the Passover be Observed?
- \_\_ What Do You Mean, "The Sixth Hour"? When Did Christ Appear Before Pilate?
- \_\_ The Mystery of "Between the Two Evenings"

- \_\_ Luke and the Passover Mystery
- \_\_ The Incredible Passover Plot!
- \_\_ What Is the “New Testament Passover”?
- \_\_ A New Look at the Passover!
- \_\_ Four Special Bible Correspondence Course Lessons on PASSOVER!
- \_\_ Pentecost (Shavuot) – The Mystery and Significance Revealed
- \_\_ Pentecost – the FINAL Analysis!
- \_\_ Pentecost – Sunday or Sivan 6?
- \_\_ The Incredible Truth about Pentecost!
- \_\_ How Should we COUNT Pentecost?
- \_\_ Luke 6 – New Testament Proof on Pentecost
- \_\_ Counting the Omer – Its Incredible Meaning
- \_\_ Sefirat Ha Omer – a Key to Overcoming!
- \_\_ Sadducees Vs. Pharisees – Who Controlled Temple Worship in the Time of Christ?
- \_\_ A New Look at the Sadducees and Pharisees
- \_\_ Amazing New Revelation on the Feast of Trumpets
- \_\_ Fascinating New Understanding on the Feast of Tabernacles
- \_\_ Secrets of the Sukkah – New Insight on the Fall Festival
- \_\_ A New Look at Yom Kippur and the Azazel Goat
- \_\_ Shemini Atzeret – a New Look at the “Eighth Day”
- \_\_ The Mystery of Hoshana Rabbah Revealed
- \_\_ What’s All This about Tithing?
- \_\_ The Sacred Names of God
- \_\_ Dinosaurs in the Time of Adam?
- \_\_ Angels, Women,, Giants, UFOs and the Occult – Return of the Nephilim
- \_\_ Christian-Messianic Passover Hagaddah
- \_\_ The Birth, Ministry, Death, and Resurrection of Christ
- \_\_ Is HELL Eternal?
- \_\_ Is the Cross Christian?
- \_\_ What Was the Mark of Cain?
- \_\_ Is the Star of David Pagan?

#### **End-Time Apostasy**

- \_\_ Was Herbert Armstrong the Elijah to Come?
- \_\_ Where God’s Church Went Wrong!
- \_\_ Prophetic Errors of Herbert W. Armstrong
- \_\_ Back to Babylon
- \_\_ How Are the Mighty Fallen!
- \_\_ Joseph Tkach – Apostle or Apostate?
- \_\_ Joseph Tkach – Saint or Monster?
- \_\_ Gerald Flurry and the Philadelphia Church of God
- \_\_ The House of Yahweh Exposed
- \_\_ Apostasy in the End of Days
- \_\_ Zechariah 11 and the End-Time Vultures

#### **The Nature of GOD**

- \_\_ The Mystery of God – Who or What Was Christ Before His Human Birth?
- \_\_ What Do You Mean, “The Only True God”?
- \_\_ Was Jesus Christ “Created”?
- \_\_ The Mystery of Lucifer and the Logos
- \_\_ The Genesis Factor – Is God Reproducing Himself?
- \_\_ The Pre-Existence of Christ – Fact or Fable?
- \_\_ Is Jesus “God”?
- \_\_ Is God a “Trinity”?
- \_\_ The Origin of the Logos
- \_\_ Did God Create a Devil?
- \_\_ The Early Church Fathers and the Logos

#### **Bible Prophecy**

- \_\_ Who Is the United States in Bible Prophecy?
- \_\_ Israel in the Last Days – Is America Ephraim or Manasseh?
- \_\_ Noah’s Universal Flood – a Warning to Our Generation?
- \_\_ Coming: A Modern Roman Empire?
- \_\_ Panorama of Prophecy
- \_\_ What Is the “Mark” of the Beast?
- \_\_ Will the Messiah Return in a “Jubilee Year”?
- \_\_ China Taking Over Panama Canal & America in Prophecy
- \_\_ Babylon the Great and the New World Order
- \_\_ “END OF DAYS” – *Incredible New Insight* on End-Time Prophecy
- \_\_ Where Are the Seven Churches of Revelation?
- \_\_ The Last Days: Daniel 7 and the New World Order
- \_\_ Daniel’s 2300 day Prophecy
- \_\_ Daniel 8 and the End of Days
- \_\_ Daniel 9 – Amazing PROOF Christ is the Promised Messiah!
- \_\_ A New Look at Daniel 11
- \_\_ Daniel 11 – FINAL Warning

- \_\_ Daniel'2 1260, 1290, and 1335 Days
- \_\_ The Book of Revelation Decoded
- \_\_ God's Mysterious 6,000 Year Plan
- \_\_ Far Beyond STAR WARS!
- \_\_ A New Look at Bible Chronology and Prophecy
- \_\_ Armageddon – How Much Longer?
- \_\_ The “Time of Jacob’s Troubles” – Have They Begun?
- \_\_ Planet “X” and Worlds in Collision!
- \_\_ Who Is the 144,000 of Revelation?
- \_\_ Who Are the Two Witnesses?
- \_\_ Spiritual Breakthrough – Awesome Power of Faith, Prayer and Fasting
- \_\_ Meditation – Hidden Key to Spiritual Growth
- \_\_ 2012 and Beyond – End-Time Prophecies
- \_\_ America at the Crossroads – Have We Passed the Point of No Return?
- \_\_ Rothschild’s Choice – a Shocking Look at “Conspiracy Theory”
- \_\_ The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse Ride Forth
- \_\_ Simon Magus and the Greatest Conspiracy of All Time
- \_\_ Sign of the Unicorn – Who is the Tribe of End-time Manasseh?
- \_\_ Isaac Newton and the End-Time Prophecies of Daniel
- \_\_ The Quartodeciman Passover Controversy and the Early Church\
- \_\_ Was the “Lord’s Supper” Really the Passover?
- \_\_ “How Can I Become a True Christian?”
- \_\_ Countdown to the Messiah – How Much Longer?
- \_\_ The 70 Years, Jubilee Cycles, Daniel’s 2300 Days, and Seven Times Prophecies
- \_\_ How Many Times Did Peter Deny Christ?
- \_\_ How Many Thieves Were Crucified with Christ?
- \_\_ Whatever Happened to Enoch and Elijah?
- \_\_ Mysteries of the Great Pyramid of Gizah
- \_\_ What Is the Doctrine of the Antichrist?
- \_\_ The Tribe of Dan and the Antichrist\
- \_\_ Masonic Symbols and the Origin of America’s Great Seal
- \_\_ Prophecy from the Zohar
- \_\_ Just What Is Jewish “Kaballah”?
- \_\_ Nimrod and the Tower of Babel Cataclysm
- \_\_ Just Who Are the Modern Jewish People?
- \_\_ The History of Apostasy and the Perfect Storm
- \_\_ Origin of the 360 Day Year
- \_\_ 40 Proofs on Counting Pentecost
- \_\_ What Do You Mean, “Born Again”?
- \_\_ Seven Proofs the Lord’s Supper Is NOT the Passover!
- \_\_ Apollyon Rising, 2012 and the End of Time
- \_\_ Should Christians Wear Make Up and Cosmetics?
- \_\_ Hannukah and the Abomination of Desolation
- New Articles**
- \_\_ As It Was in the Days of Noah -- The 120 Years Prophecy Revealed
- \_\_ 2012, Quetzalcoatl, and the Wrath of Satan
- \_\_ Is God Giving Us 15 Extra Years?
- \_\_ The Stunning Future of America Revealed by the Isaiah 9:10 Effect
- \_\_ Is the Antichrist Here Today?
- \_\_ Who Will Win the White House -- Mitt Romney and the White Horse Prophecy
- \_\_ Judgment Day – the 390 Day Prophecy
- \_\_ Will the Antichrist be the Son of a Harlot?
- \_\_ Traitors, Treason and the Enemy Within
- \_\_ Should a Christian Vote?
- \_\_ Is the Law of God Still in Force Today?
- \_\_ Barack Obama’s Faustian Bargain with the Devil
- \_\_ Cry for America, the Beloved Country!
- \_\_ Daniel’s Image, the Four Beasts and the “King of Assyria”
- \_\_ The Power of Living Faith
- \_\_ Ancient Chronology and End-Time Prophecy
- \_\_ A Voice in the Wilderness
- \_\_ If John the Baptist Were Here Today
- \_\_ “Elijah Shall Come and Restore All Things”
- \_\_ The Astonishing Life of David
- \_\_ Repentance and the Thirteen Attributes of God
- \_\_ Signs of tkhe Antichrist!
- \_\_ God’s Holy Days or Pagan Holidays – Which?

# Who Are America and Great Britain in END-TIME *Prophecy*?

Are the United States and Great Britain mentioned in the Bible? If so, under what names? What is the real evidence of our national heraldic emblems and symbols? Where do we *really* come from? Could we be totally ignored?

Millions have been mystified, and perplexed about our ancient pedigree. Who are we descended from? Believe it or not, the ancestors of the English speaking peoples of the world *are found throughout* the pages of Scripture. But our true IDENTITY has been SEALED – hidden from view until *NOW!* Who are we – really? How has this knowledge been lost through the centuries?

The United States and Britain are *often* mentioned in END-TIME Bible prophecies! But most people don't understand WHO IS WHO! The world has been in TOTAL ignorance of the amazing prophecies in the Bible about EPHRAIM! The whole book of Hosea the prophet seems to FOCUS on this people! But WHO ARE THEY? Ephraim now stands IDENTIFIED in the world today AS AMERICA! Great Britain stand identified as the people of "Manasseh"!

The evidence is overwhelming. Ephraim was prophesied to be much greater than his older brother Manasseh! Moses wrote of the "thousands of Manasseh, and the TEN THOUSANDS of Ephraim" (Deut.33:17). One of the "identifying marks" of Manasseh is the "unicorn," according to an ancient Jewish midrash. The "unicorn" is found on the Royal Seal of Great Britain, and is found everywhere through the British Isles, on pubs, public buildings! Correlating evidence from history, the Talmud, Jewish commentaries, the ancient study of heraldic emblems and the Biblical record, William F. Dankenbring sets forth the amazing CASE FOR EPHRAIM being the United States! The fact that the United States is descended from ancient Ephraim stands PROVEN by the Word of God!

Order your copy today! 316 pages. Price: \$20, plus \$5 for shipping.

Yes, by all means, send me your new book! Please send \_\_\_\_\_ copies.

Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send orders to: Triumph Prophetic Ministries.,  
PO Box 842,  
Omak WA 98841

## New Moons and Holy Days for 2015

March	Nisan	Eve Sabbath 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Certain
April	Iyar	Eve Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Certain
May	Sivan	Eve Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Certain
June	Tammuz	Eve Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Borderline</i>
July	Av	Eve Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Certain
August	Elul	Eve Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Certain
September	Tishri	Eve Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<i>Borderline</i>
		Eve Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Certain
October	Chesvan	Eve Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Certain
November	Kislev	Eve Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Certain
December	Tevet	Eve Sabbath 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Certain
January	Shevat	Eve Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Certain
February	Adar	Eve Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Certain
March	Adar 2	Eve Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Certain

### Holy Days Spring

Passover Nisan 14 – Sabbath 4 <sup>th</sup> April (seder that evening)
Feast of UB Nisan 15 – Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Omer Counting Begins Nisan 16 – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
Last Day of UB Nisan 21 – Sabbath 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Pentecost – Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May

### Holy Days Fall

<p>New Moon <i>Borderline Possible</i>. LUNACAL Forecast:- The New Moon first appears on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015 between 18:52 and 19:25 provided that it is not cloudy. It is very difficult to see, ease of visibility 0.2. Probability of visibility, 23% of testimony 56%.</p>	<p>NEW MOON <i>CERTAIN</i>. LUNACAL Forecast:- The New Moon first appears on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015 between 13:35 and 19:04 and fades between 19:16 and 19:59 provided that it is not cloudy. It is easy to see, ease of visibility 1.2. Probability of visibility, 98% of testimony 99.8%.</p>
Eve Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Eve Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
Trumpets – Tishri 1 – Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Trumpets – Tishri 1 – Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Atonement – Tishri 10 – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Atonement – Tishri 10 – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept
1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Sukkot – Tishri 15 – Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Sukkot – Tishri 15 – Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Shemini Atzeret – Tishri 22 – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Shemini Atzeret – Tishri 22 – Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October

## Letters from Our Readers

“Thanks again for the great spiritual insights from the word and bread of our beloved Brother and Savior Yeshua the Christ. As I read your latest booklet, I’ve come to see why we are at a transitional point. How much more warning do the people of God truly need to understand God is spreading loud and clear. I’am glad that your messages and sermons have continued to enlighten my heart, spirit and soul. Each study is an eye opener and a way of understanding why God is using you to unmask the true nature of the church, the world and the Babylon system and government of the Antichrist.

“How can one stand and not really see this One World Order headed this way? We are at the end of this generation as spoken of by Yeshua. The wheels have fallen off the cart and our president has used the horse to push the cart. Satan is using entertainment to woo the people to sleep while he comes through the back door of our borders. ISIS are in Paris and we know they are here in the USA. The welcome mat was rolled out by our leaders, who don’t care for God, much less know Him, or honor Him in any way.

“Continue to pray and call out to our Father. We must be prepared to meet our God. Good work in the past, we the bride of Christ look toward your voice and calling, John the Baptist with the spirit of Elijah, to sound the trumpet as loud as you can. The Enemy is here!! Muslim Brotherhood! How deceived are our country and churches. I love you, Cappy, and your staff, who do an awesome job of feeding with meat from the table. I love you and stay on my knees for God to continue your protection.”

-- South Carolina

“I’ve read several times about the date of Noah’s Flood 4350 years ago and I agree and want to share with you some corroborating evidence from actual true science – as opposed to fairy-tale evolution ‘science.’

“I lived on the Wabash river bordering Indiana and Illinois, close to Vincennes, Indiana, for about 25 years.

“One weekday I was off work sitting on my deck when I heard a motor boat pull up and stop in front of my place. Since the river bank is cut into and in a vertical drop off, I wondered why they stopped there. I watched the area and soon a man came up through the brush toward my place. He didn’t look the part of a fisherman or someone up to no good but was nicely dressed and had a distinguished look.

“He came up and introduced himself as ‘Mr. So and So’ from the Geology Department at Indiana University – a department head. He said he wanted to do some research on a place on the cut in part of my river bank and that they would pay me. I told him I really did not want a whole bunch of people ‘tramping’ around my place and digging it all up, and he said no, he only wanted about a bucket full of soil.

“I asked him what he was going to do and he showed me what he was interested in. He said when a fairly large earthquake happens, sometimes it will force up sand to the top. When an even larger quake happens it can force up pea-size rocks. What he was looking at was something incredibly large. Larger than he had ever seen in his 30 years. He showed me a vertical seam of dirt, about a foot wide, and golf ball size rocks that went up and spread out over the then ground surface, which was about three feet lower than the present surface.

“He just couldn’t get over a quake happening that massive. I told him he didn’t have to pay me if he would let me know how old, long ago, it was. That was his goal and he said he would let me know.

“About a month or so later he drove up and said he had established a date the incredible quake

had happened. He said plus or minus 50 years it was 4,300 years ago. I said, 'Wow, that's when Noah's Flood happened!' and told him briefly that not only did it rain hard for 40 days and nights but the ground broke open and water also came up from below.

"He must have been a hardhead evolutionist or atheist because he looked at me like I just flew in from Neptune or Mars!

"I thought that was so amazing. I was sure of the date you mentioned and that was fantastic proof as far as I was concerned. What do you think?"  
-- Indiana

COMMENT: Wow, indeed! This sounds like an amazing corroboration of the Flood of Noah's time, to me. Just one more awesome fact to add to the pile of evidence that God exists, and His Word is TRUE!

"Thank you so much for your book *America and Great Britain – in Heraldry and Prophecy*. This book contains the urgent truth we need in our nation today. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back again to bondage.

"USA/Ephraim is older than 200 years now, but how many people stop and think what all this means? Almost nobody wants to accept the cold hard truth, we live today in the phase of 'dependence' and 'self-entitlement' where the government guides people by the hand, not God. And so it's written about our country 'Strangers have devoured his strength, AND HE KNOWETH IT NOT . . . Yea, gray hairs (we are old) are here and there upon him, YET HE KNOWETH NOT' (Hos.7:9).

"How can Ephraim not know or remember he is of old age and lack of strength? The Scripture tells us that 'if any be a hearer of the word, and NOT A DOER, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself and goeth his way, and straightforward FORGETTETH what manner of man he was' (James 1:22-24).

"The moment we as a nation rejected the Holy Laws of God (Torah) we went astray. 'But whoso LOOKETH INTO the Perfect Law of Liberty, and CONTINUETH THEREIN, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a DOER OF THE WORK, this man shall be blessed in his deed' (v.25).

"We are a 'forgetful nation,' but not to get the Greek word *epilesmone* or 'forgetful' mistaken with the Hebrew word *menashsheh* (Manasseh) which means 'causing to forget.' This is a common mistake that many people such as Gerald Flurry had made. And they build theories around concepts as this one. They root through tons of good wheat to find three pieces of chaff, if the chaff lends weight to their belief and argument. I was guilty of this too and because of a preconceived worldview I had, I used to pick and choose evidence. In many things I was so wrong! At first I was really sincere, but after I learned more things than the average Christian I started having a certain level of 'Spiritual pride' and this attitude blinded me to new truth. But I had to stop and humble myself and through prayer and more Bible studying I broke free from that attitude. This is the very perfection of man, to find out his own imperfection of thought about God's Word and to repent and stop doing things our way and start doing things His way.

"People can say Manasseh is the United States [USA] and Ephraim is Great Britain, but we must think about these things as they are, not as we wish them to be. And let the Scriptures, along with archaeology and solid historical facts speak for themselves.

"You are like the only one that recognizes that Ephraim is the USA and publish it to the public, not just about this topic but also in some doctrinal issues, it seems like you stand alone. At first I read how you mention what your name means, and also how you quoted Habakkuk 1:5 and Acts 13:41 referring to Triumph Prophetic Ministries. I was somehow shocked and had a lot of doubt but I couldn't just dismiss the things you said without first studying the Scriptures to verify if those things were so.

"Well, there have been about 6 years that I have been carefully reading your articles and Prophecy Flash and all I can say is that instead of finding flaws in your beliefs I end up finding flaws in mine. "I'm still passing all your articles

through the microscope of Scripture and if I ever find something inconsistent with the Word of God I will humbly write you about it. But from me and my family, I want to thank you for all your effort to expose the Truth to the world and your name is in our daily prayers.

“Our society is out of control. Our leaders are selling us out to slavery. The NSA is ‘watching in vain.’ Our borders are vulnerable, ISIS and Iran don’t fear us, North Korea doesn’t fear us, Russia is in our backyard with nuclear weapons and doesn’t fear us. Just when Venezuela and Cuba (Maduro and the Castro brothers) were collapsing, and were exactly where we needed them, now our president wants to help our enemies and show the ‘flexibility’ he promised to them.

“Our health agencies are ‘watching in vain.’ After Ebola we noticed how weak our emergency agencies are. Antibiotics contributed to the belief that science could cure everything but around what we call ‘blood moons’ we were afraid of Ebola, which interestingly is a ‘hemorrhagic fever’ antibiotic resistant or ‘superbug’ that announced loud and clear that we are entering a post-antibiotic era. Our government is ‘watching in vain.’ Our churches are ‘watching in vain.’ Our leaders don’t acknowledge God in their plans and even show hostility towards Him. Surely it is written: ‘Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the LORD keep the city, THE WATCHMEN WAKETH BUT IN VAIN’ (palms 127:1).

“Thank God for his awesome Ministry of yours that is shouting the Truth from the mountain of Ephraim. May God bless me with my freedom this year so I can go out and help with whatever I can. Thank you and keep up the good work. May YAHVEH bless you!”

-- Tennessee

“The latest issue of PF magazine is a great work in showing readers the dire straits our country and world is in. May it be Yahweh bless you with more of His information.”

-- California

“I really love your Prophecy Flash magazine. It is VERY informative. Out of all of the religious literature and material that I receive, this is my favorite. Keep doing YAH’s work and

preaching HIS Word! The TRUTH will set you free! You are doing a mighty work, my dear Brother! I will pray for you and your family! Be strong and courageous! May YAH be WITH you, LEAD you, GUIDE you, USE, STRENGTHEN you, ENCOURAGE you, SMILE down on you, GIVE you PEACE, KEEP you, and BLESS you, your FAMILY, and your MINISTRY ALWAYS! Shalom!”

-- North Carolina

### “Nov. 6, 2012 - The Day America Died

The people have spoken.  
They desired more of the same from their king of  
an unknown land.  
They will get what they wanted but not what  
they expected!

A king with a mandate. Four more years to finish  
the task.

Moving “forward” to completion.  
He will loot their wallets, raze their cities, and  
hobble their freedoms.

A destroying wind who takes many prisoners.  
Before him, a breath that poisons with lies.  
Behind him a wake of destruction and  
desolation.

His words are the sting of an adder. His smile the  
leer of a jackal.

The pompous one armed with the keys to the  
city.

Keys that were forged in the smelter of hell.

The first four years began the siege.  
The next four will bring the destruction.  
A new army of dark occupation has walked  
through the city gates.

It was welcomed with applause.  
The clapping of the blind ones.  
Their coming wounds welcomed with loud  
cheers.

So through the gates he arrived.  
He will loot their riches and strip their wells dry.  
He will torment them with a sneer and peel their  
land with a nod.

America had her turn.  
She did not turn.  
Now their King from the Land of Ra will have  
his turn.

-- *Nathan Leal, “The Watchman’s Cry”*

“I heard your sermon on the net last Sabbath and it was great – very great. If only the people could see where Pinnocioobama is headed for.

“Really good articles in the last Prophecy Flash. Yes, your voice is sounding a lot better.

“You must have changed brands of whiskey (ha ha).”

-- South Dakota

“I cannot thank you enough for offering these teaching guides free of charge, for I am indigent and unable to pay for all this most valuable information, but I am sure willing to pass it forward.

“Our Heavenly Father is raising up an army of prayer warriors within these prisons and praise God for His promise of watching over His Word to perform it. Amen!

“May God’s Amazing Grace continue to bring you revelation, truth and wisdom in all the ways to share it. Amen!”

-- Texas

“What is a Traitor?”

*“A nation can survive its fools and even the ambitious. But it can’t survive treason from within.*

*“An enemy at the gate is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banners openly against the city.*

*“But the traitor moves among those within the gates freely, his sly whispers rustling through the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself.*

*“For the traitor appears not as traitor; he speaks in the accents of his victims, and he wears their face and their garments and he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men.*

*“He rots the soul of a nation. He works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of a city. He infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to*

*be feared.”*

-- Cicero, 45 B.C.

“Note: If only our people would read history they would never have voted for our Traitor in the White House. Our countrymen need to pray for our Judeo/Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East. The beheading of 21 Coptic Christians is our call to wake up. We have to all repent and ask our Lord to save our Nation.”

-- Texas

“I had been reading Jonathan Cahn’s new book on the Shemitah (which you wrote about in the Nov-Dec. issue) and I noticed how he suggested that 70 A.D. was likely the Jubilee year since the Temple fell to the Romans that year. He discusses the past two Jubilee years of 1917 and 1967 but makes no mention of Rabbi Judah ben Samuel’s 10 Jubilee prophecy – which lends great support to the timing of the Jubilee cycle, considering that he wrote in 1217 A.D. Counting Jubilees backwards, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Jubilee from 1217 will land on 67 A.D. If you consider fall 66 A.D. to fall 67 A.D. to fall 67 A.D. (Jubilee year), this is both the beginning of the Jewish revolt that temporarily kicked out the Romans and it triggered Rome’s response of sending Vespasian to put down the revolt. This did not conclude with 70 A.D. but it did begin in the Jubilee year of 66-67 A.D. So what was lost because of 66-67 A.D. was not returned until 1966-67 A.D. = 1900 years or 38 Jubilees. 70 A.D. was indeed appointed as the end because of our Messiah’s prophetic word and 40 years being the set time for a trial or change in Scripture. Even the unbelieving Jews testified of the ominous signs that troubled them for these 40 years in the Talmud!”

-- North Carolina

“Greetings in the blessed name of our wonderful LORD and Savior Jesus Christ!

“I GREATLY appreciate the articles you sent, especially the ones regarding ‘The Philadelphia Church of GOD’, and Gerald Flurry, you see I used to receive the Plain Truth magazine for several years, then I sort of drifted off, then when I came to prison I got into the Bible and I remembered Mr. Armstrong and a lot of his teachings, so I asked around for the address but someone gave me the address to ‘The Philadelphia Church of God’, and I got mixed up

with them, but some how I felt there was something missing about their teachings. Something did not ring true.

“Then I got your address and started receiving and studying the ‘PROPHECY FLASH!’ And all these GREAT articles you sent me and I can tell you now, IT’S LIKE A COOL DRINK OF WATER!”

“I am requesting some more material if it’s alright. I received the other articles from you last night in the mail and I stayed up all night reading!”

“I do have a question however. How can I become a member of your fellowship??? I am a sincere born-again Christian who has sincerely accepted and received Jesus Christ as my LORD and Saviour.

“I was once a member of the Seventh-Day Adventists, are they part of the True Church?”  
-- Texas

COMMENT: We have a representative in Texas who may be able to contact you and counsel with you. A person becomes a member of our Church through personal counseling, repentance of sin, accepting Christ as personal Saviour, and willingness to obey God and live by His Word. Then God will give them His Holy Spirit so they can grow spiritually (John 16:13, Acts 5:32). Read our articles on “What is a True Christian?”, “All about Water Baptism,” and “The Secret of Real Repentance.” Also, read our article on “The Seventh Day Adventists in Prophecy.” They do constitute one of the end-time branches of God’s Church, although they also have certain doctrinal short-comings and errors (such as the Investigative Judgment, and the belief that the earth will be desolate for 1,000 years, and not understanding that the Holy Days of God are to be obeyed by all men). They themselves, since the days of Ellen G. White, one of their founders, admit and see themselves to be the “Laodicean church.”

\* \* \*

*“They were stoned, They were sawn asunder, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goat skins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; of whom the world was not worthy: they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and dens and caves of the earth.”*

-- Heb 11:37-38

“It began with Stephen, saints dying for Jesus: stretched on the rack, boiled in oil, cast in among serpents, thrown to lions. Four to twenty million killed by the Roman Empire, and thirty million since: skinned alive, burned at the stake, babies dashed against walls, pregnant women ripped open. Millions murdered by Nazis, a million Sudanese butchered by Moslems – many by crucifixion. In Cambodia, a million more Christians, and Christians in Nigeria, too. Those brethren, gone to the Lord before us, stand beneath the altar and never cease to cry: ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?’ (Rev 6:10).

“Out of the deserts of the Middle East came a false prophet, and out of the same Euphrates Valley came his followers, the final foes of the Church and Israel. ‘Three unclean spirits like frogs’ is what the Bible calls them. They are the international Islamic terrorist organizations and militant states of Iraq, Iran and Syria who fund and protect them. . . . The malevolent influence of that devilish trident can be felt over the whole world as ‘they gather kings of the earth together for the battle of the great day of God almighty.’” (Taken from ‘The False Prophet’ by Ellis H. Skolfield).

“If you are interested, there is a book written by Chuck Morse; ‘The Nazi Connection to Islamic Terrorism, Adolph Hitler and Haj Amin al-Husseini.’

“There were at least 100,000 Muslims that fought on the Nazi side in World War II.

“There is an article written by Samuel Blumenfeld for *News With Views* called ‘The Nazi Connection to Islamic Terrorism’. Dated April 15, 2004. I believe that Samuel Blumenfeld has since passed away.

“I don’t understand why the church does not see that Islam, the False Prophet and Allah are mentioned in Bible Prophecy. Search and you shall find. ‘My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.’ Is the Church afraid they may be found wrong on some of their teachings?

“To further your knowledge of the truth in Prophecy and the truths that are found to be in the Bible. The Church needs to take a good look at some of the writings of Ellis H. Skolfield.

Such as the following: *Islam In The last Days* and *The False Prophet*.

“They are free downloads off of the Internet and they would be worth while for you to read and see the truth about Islam in the end times.

“With all that is going on in this world concerning Islam and all of the Muslims that are now living here in America and The influence the Muslim Brotherhood has on our Government and around the world. With Christians being slaughtered around the world by ISIS. Will we here in America experience the same in the near future? It is past time for the Church to wake up and see what is going on. Will the Church stand up for Jesus if the church is threatened with beheading? Is the Christian Era over and are we now living in the time of the END?”

-- Arkansas

“I am a practicing Christian and active Bible student. I enjoy studying and ‘rightly dividing’ words of Truth. I keep up with current events as they relate to Bible prophecy. I can surely see more pieces of the puzzle coming together at an alarming, accelerated rate in these End Times. I just completed reading the Nov-Dec. 2014 issue of Prophecy Flash. WOW! Awesome.

“Yes, please sign me up to receive this magazine so I can toss out the Philadelphia Trumpet and other garbage akin to it. I am exposed to all sorts of literature in this environment but I yearn most for Truth and Sound Doctrine which line up with the Bible. . . . Please know that I will share any literature you may send with other Truth-Seekers when I am through reading. I hope and pray that Jesus comes soon (maranatha). Hold fast! Isaiah 25:9!!!”

-- Georgia

“Good teaching, knowledge, wisdom, easy to understand, you are very blessed, William F. Dankenbring, and all the personnel that work with you. Wonderful job!”

-- Texas

“I am contacting you Sir, because I think it's important you know that God has used you as a prophetic instrument in my life in recent days. I read a piece that you wrote in Prophecy Flash, Volume 28, No 3, July-August 2014, that was titled ‘Are These REALLY the Last Days?’

“Mr. Dankenbring, God inspired me this past September to research and publish either a web page or brochures to warn people that significant events are about to start occurring in the next several months. In doing my research God was quick to make me study and focus on the following areas; Financial Markets, Daniel’s 9: 24-27 Prophecy, Isaac Newton’s Interpretation of Daniel’s Prophecy, God’s Feast Day Celebrations and the Blood Moons.

“With each of these items of research fresh on my mind, God directed me to an article on the 10 Days of Awe that mention Revelation 2:10 that actually states that there would be 10-years of Tribulation. This article suggested that the 10 days between Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement, were symbolic of an actual 10 years of Tribulation, excluding the two days from Feast of Trumpets and a day from Yom Kippur, leaves 7 days remaining that are the 7-years of tribulation. This article also stated scripture that said there would be 6 working days that the East Gates in heaven would be closed.

“Well as soon as I read this God placed into my mind, if the gates are closed for six working days than they must be open for the other four. As you can see by this time I had a great deal of interest in the concept of a 10 year tribulation.

“It wasn’t until the Lord directed me to your article, Sign #12 – the Ten ‘Sefirot’ of God and the Ten ‘Days of Awe’ that the light bulb turned on which prompted me to do some quick calculations on this 10-year tribulation concept. I’m sure by now, you are aware that our country is going to have a collapse of the US Dollar by September 2015. I also hope that you are aware that there will be a Great Jubilee event that will occur on September 23, 2015.

“Using the exact time frame that you put in your article, 2012 through 2022 I was able to validate that your assumption is correct. In addition, the part you mentioned ‘the first three years would be invisible’ also gave me greater insight on the 10-year concept. God has now validated that this 10 year period that you mentioned in your article is correct and He has provided me with the circumstantial evidence to prove it!”

-- Email

COMMENT: That article is still available free of charge to all who request it.

# The Mystery of God's True Calendar

Does it really matter when we observe God's annual Holy Days? Does it matter if we are just a few days off? There is an old saying, "Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades." But does it really matter if we get God's days right?

The Word of God does tell we should observe His annual Feast Days as "holy days to the Lord" (see Leviticus 23). But how do we know when they occur? What calendar should we use? The Biblical holy days are obviously based on the Biblical calendar – the original calendar God gave to Moses and Israel. Only a few really understand the Jews replaced the original calendar in 357-358 A.D. due to Roman persecution, and substituted a mathematical construction in its place – based on the periodic movements of the earth, moon and sun over the course of the 19-year time cycle. This was an astounding feat – but only accurate up to a point, and cannot replace true observation of the new moons, upon which the months are based.

Is it all right to tell God, "Well, I only sinned a little bit!"? God's Word says, plainly, "The wages of sin is DEATH" (Rom.6:23). God says, "The soul that sins, it shall DIE" (Ezek18:4, 20). So which is going to be? Are we going to obey GOD? Or go the route that "seems right" to a man, but ends in DEATH (Prov.14:12, 16:25)?

If you had an appointment to see a king on a particular ate, sat a particular time, and you went on the wrong dday – you got the dates mixed up – would it be all right? Would the king allow you to interrupt his schedule, and tame up his time, w hich he had NOT set aside for you? Would he allow you to CHANGE THE DATE ON YOUR OWN CREDENCE?

*Obeying God* is not "Looney tunes" and funny business. God set aside certain days as HOLY, and He meets with us on THOSE days. If we are not present, then TOO BAD *-for us!* *We miis Him to our own sorrow and hurt.* The way that *seems right* to men may "seem" right, or "okay," but it leads to SIN and sin leads to and ends up in death—the death penalty! (Prov.14:12). If it is serious business to keep an appointment with a BOSS or human employer or a KING "on time," and to be punctual, HOW MUCH MORE IS IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP GOD'S APPOINTMENTS ON TIME?

*God does not want us to worship Him carelessly, or in a slovenly, haphazard, inconsistent manner.* Jesus Christ declared, "The time is coming, IT HAS COME ALREADY, when the real worshippers will worship the Father will worship the Father in Spirit and in REALITY; for these are the worshippers that the Father desires. God is Spirit, and his worshippers must worship him in Spirit and in reality" (John 4:24, Moffatt).

Yes, please send me your book on *A New Look at God's True Calendar*. I want to know the TRUTH. I want to "prove" the truth (I Thess.5:21). I understand it is FREE of charge. Thank you for your help. Please send it to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

Send orders to: Triumph Prophetic Ministries, PO Box 842, Omak WA 98841

Triumph Prophetic Ministries  
 PO Box 842  
 Omak WA 98841

# *The Mystery of the Nephilim*

## *Did “Angels” Marry Women Before the Flood?*

Did ancient beings from another dimension come down to earth, and breed with human women, producing offspring known as “the Nephilim,” Zamzummin, Rephaim – the “giants” of antiquity? Who were they? What was their purpose? Can “angels” – celestial beings – become flesh and blood and cohabit with women, siring children? What really happened in the days of Noah, that brought on the wrath of Almighty God?

In Genesis 6:1-4, we read: “The *sons of God* saw that the daughters of men were fair, and they took wives of all that they desired and chose. . . There were giants in the earth in those days – and also afterward – when the *sons of God* lived with the daughters of men, and they bore CHILDREN to them” (Amplified Parallel Bible). Who were these “sons of God”? The Septuagint Version has this verse, “the sons of God (*Alexandrian*, ANGELS of God) having seen the daughters of men.” Who were they? What does history reveal?

### **Mystery of the Nephilim and Angels**

Please send me your book on Angels and the Nephilim.

#### **Feast of Tabernacles DVDs for 2014**

Send for your own 8 special 90 minute Bible Study DVDs from the Feast of Sukkot, Feast of Trumpets and Yom Kippur, 2014. Price: \$50.00.

- The Mystery and Real Meaning of Trumpets
- The Mystery and Real Meaning of Yom Kippur
- The Mystery of the Feast of Sukkot – the Feast of Ingathering
- The Mystery of the Sukkah
- The Mystery of Waving the Lulav – and Real Joy!
- The Mystery of the Beit Ha Shoevah – the Water Drawing Ceremony
- The Mystery of Hoshana Rabba – the Great Day of the Feast!
- The Mystery of Shemini Atzeret – the Eighth Day and Beyond

Yes, please send me your DVDs. Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ to cover cost.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_