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the Messiah**

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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!

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How Close Is the Great Trihulation and the Coming of the Messiah?

More Americans are now on food stamps and government assistance than are fully employed! Government and private debt keeps on spiraling upward into the stratosphere. War in the Middle East, rumblings in Asia, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions and bizarre weather add to the growing sense of unease and malaise. Is Armageddon approaching? Is the end of the world as we know it drawing down to a smashing close?

When will be the end of these things? Daniel was inspired to write, “Many shall be made white and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand” (Daniel 12:10). John wrote that all the world would be deceived in the end-time deception, except for those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (Rev.13:8). Will you be caught up in the end-time deception? Or do you “love the truth” (II Thess.2:10), one whose name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life?

-- William F. Dankenbring

Twelve Signs of the End Times

Are We really living in the prophesied “end times” – the “last days” of this world system? How much longer do we have? Here is startling new information which indicates that the “end” of this world and civilization are fast approaching and there is only a few years left until the “end of all things” as we have known them and the coming of the Messiah to rescue His people and the inhabitants of the earth from oblivion!

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

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

What are the real “signs” of the times in which we live, today? What does Bible prophecy reveal concerning the signs that we are approaching the “end of the world,” as we know it? What does the evidence show?

What are the real identifying “signs” of the times?

Sign #1 -- Israel

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

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

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

How long is a Biblical “generation”? Psalm 90 tells us, “The days of our lives are seventy years” (verse 10). Thus a human generation would be 70 years. If we count 70 years from the founding of the state of Israel, in May 14, 1948, we come to the year 2018!

Sign #2 – 2300 Days

It is commonly understood that there is a “day for a year” principle in understanding Biblical prophecy. That is, often when the Bible says a “day,” the interpretation of prophetic fulfillment is a “year,” or a “prophetic year” of 360 days.

When the Israeli spies searched out the land of Canaan for forty days, and then returned to Moses with a negative report, saying the children of Israel were not strong enough to overcome the inhabitants of the land, God was furious with their lack of faith. So He said to them, “For FORTY YEARS -- one year for each of the forty days you explored the land -- you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you” (Num.14:34).

This same principle of a day for a year is illustrated by Ezekiel the prophet. God told the prophet, “Then lie on your left side and put the sin of the house of Israel upon yourself. You are to bear their sin for the number of days you lie on your side. I have ASSIGNED you the SAME NUMBER OF DAYS AS THE YEARS of their sin. So for 390 days you will bear the sin of the house of Israel. After you have finished this, lie down again, this time on your right side, and bear the sin of the house of Judah. I have assigned you forty days, A DAY FOR EACH YEAR” (Ezek.4:1-6).

Taking this principle, then, Daniel heard the question of HOW LONG would it take for the VISION he saw in Daniel 8 to be fulfilled, or accomplished -- from beginning to end. That is, from the beginning moment when the Grecian “goat” attacked and pulverized the two-horned Persian “ram” -- till the END of the vision, when the “sanctuary” would be cleansed or restored, during the “TIME OF THE END” (Dan.8:17; also 8:13, and 5-7).

The prophesied length or duration of this vision was to be 2300 “days” (v.13). Using the “day for a year” principle, we have therefore 2300 YEARS of fulfillment.

Alexander the Great attacked and conquered the assembled Persian army at the river Granicus in 334 B.C., storming across the river with fury, with only 30,000 troops. In so doing, he changed the course of the history of the world from that moment, with one world empire falling, and another rising. Since the prophecy begins with this event, we must count the 2300 years from that very date. Beginning in 334

B.C., counting 2300 years, we come to the year of 1967 A.D.

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 2300 \text{ days} = \text{years} \\
 \underline{-334 \text{ B.C.}} \\
 1966 \text{ A.D.} \\
 \underline{+1} \quad (\text{no year zero}) \\
 1967 \text{ A.D.} = \text{year of "Six Day War"}
 \end{array}$$

The Six Day War was 46 years ago. Obviously, it occurred during the “final generation” which began in 1948, determined by the “fig tree” of Israel’s rebirth. It occurred 19 years after the establishment of the state of Israel – one complete 19-year “time cycle,” a key computation of signs of the heavens, which return to their point of origin every 19 years (the intersection of the orbits of the earth, sun, and moon relative to each other). This leads us to the NEXT “sign.”

Sign #3 – the Jubilee Years

The apostle Peter declared, to the assembled Jews of his day, “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that *times of refreshing* may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you -- even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to RESTORE EVERYTHING, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets” (Acts 3:19-21).

The “times of refreshing,” and time of “restoring everything,” would logically occur on a Jubilee year -- the designated year of liberty, freedom, forgiveness of all debts, and restitution of all lands and properties and inheritances (Lev.25).

Jesus Himself, when He began His ministry, said, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim FREEDOM for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to RELEASE the oppressed, to proclaim the YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR” (Luke 4:18-19, NIV).

Although this Scripture was fulfilled in *type* at Yeshua’s first coming, it will be fully fulfilled in its TOTALITY at His Second Coming! This Scripture also describes the “Jubilee year” -- the “year of the Lord’s favor,” the year of freedom and “release.” At the Second Coming of Christ, the Israelite prisoners in foreign lands around the world will be given their FREEDOM, and the oppressed everywhere will be RELEASED!

The year of “release” and “Liberty” in ancient Israel occurred every fifty years and was known as the “Jubilee year” (Leviticus 25). It symbolized the year of the return of Christ. He will return on a “Jubilee year”!

When is the next “Jubilee year”?

Times of Israel’s Punishment

Almighty God declared to ancient Israel, if they forsook Him and disobeyed His covenant with them, He would punish them as a nation “seven times” (Leviticus 26:14,18, 21, 24,28). What is this “seven times”?

According to Scripture, a “time” is a year in being fulfilled. Daniel speaks of a “little horn” rising up in the last days and ruling for “a time, times, and half a time” – 3 ½ years (Dan.7:25). John in the book of Revelation interprets this to be equivalent to 42 months, or 1260 days – 3 ½ years (Rev.13:5; 12:6, 14).

How long then is “seven times”? A biblical prophetic year, based on the original year, was 360 days long. Each day stands for a year in fulfillment. Therefore, 7 years of 360 days each comes out to 2,520 years that Israel would be punished!

Ancient Judah went into captivity as punishment for her sins in 604 B.C., taken captive by king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.

Notice how it all works out. Let’s apply this principle to the “seven times” punishment God said He would pour out on his people if they broke His covenant (Lev.26).

If we count 2520 years from 604 B.C., we come to 1917 A.D.!

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 2520 \text{ years} \\
 \underline{-604 \text{ B.C.}} \\
 1916 \\
 \underline{+1 \text{ (no year zero)}} \\
 1917 \text{ A.D.}
 \end{array}$$

What happened in 1917 A.D. that relates to the kingdom of Judah?

Counting from 604 B.C., 2,520 years brings us to 1917 A.D. – the very year General Allenby conquered Jerusalem and wrested control of Palestine from the Turkish

Empire during World War I! *In that very same year, the Balfour Declaration in Great Britain paved the way for the return of the Jewish people to their homeland in the Middle East.*

Arthur James Balfour (1848-1930) served as the Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1902 to 1905 and was a leader of the Conservative Party for over 20 years. The Balfour Declaration issued in 1917 bore his name. He served as Foreign Secretary in the coalition war cabinet of David Lloyd George from 1916 to 1919.

The Balfour Declaration dealt with the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. In 1922 the League of Nations endorsed the declaration and gave Great Britain a mandate to rule over Palestine. The British mandate ended in 1947. In 1948, the Jews in the territory mandated to Britain established the independent state of Israel.

1917 was the pivotal year. Notice! Once again, a very significant fulfillment of prophecy occurred, 2,520 years after the original nation of Judah was taken into captivity by Babylon in 604 B.C. This amazing prophetic fulfillment, like that for the kingdom of Israel, clearly validates the prophetic principle of 2,520 years of punishment on God's people for disobedience – for both Israelites and Jews.

The Jubilee Cycles

Since the “Jubilee cycle” is a yearly cycle of 50 years, the 50th year being the “Jubilee” year, or year of release, liberty, and freedom – the great year of “blessing” (see Leviticus 25:8-15). Since the punishment on Judah was completed in 1917, it makes sense that we should begin once again counting “Jubilee cycles” from that date. If we do so, several interesting things develop. Notice!

$$\begin{array}{r} 1917 \\ +50 \\ \hline 1967 \end{array}$$

Counting from 1917, then, the next “Jubilee year” was in 1967-68 – the year of the Six Day War when Israel smashed its Arab enemies, re-conquered the Golan Heights, the West Bank of the Jordan River (Samaria), and the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount – the holiest site in the world!

If 1917 was a Jubilee year, and the next one was 1967, when would the NEXT one be?

$$\begin{array}{r} 1967 \\ +50 \\ \hline 2017 \text{ A.D.} \end{array}$$

Here is another “sign of the times”!

Sign #4 – 70 “Weeks”

In the book of Daniel, chapter 9, we read:

“SEVENTY WEEKS are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish [margin, to restrain] the transgression, and to make an end [margin, to seal up] 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.

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem [margin, to build again Jerusalem] unto Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall [margin, breach, or ditch], in troublous times.

“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be CUT OFF, but not for himself [margin, and shall have nothing]: 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 [margin, it shall be cut off by desolations].

“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for ONE WEEK: and in the midst of the WEEK he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations [margin, and upon the battlements shall be the idols of the desolater], he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate [margin, desolater]” (Dan.9:24-27).

What a strange prophecy! It outlines strange events to occur in and around Jerusalem, till the coming of the Messiah and the end of the age. What are these mysterious “seventy weeks”?

The historical fulfillment of this tantalizing prophecy is explained in our article “Daniel’s 70 Weeks Prophecy.” It reveals how the original fulfillment points to the very year Jesus Christ began His ministry and proves He is the anointed Saviour and Messiah of Israel. But there is also a latter days, “end time” fulfillment of this prophecy as well!

Notice!

The Hebrew word for “weeks” in the prophecy of the 70 weeks, is the word *shavuot*. It also designates the “Feast of Shavuot,” or “Feast of Weeks,” which follows Passover, fifty days later. We are told to “count seven weeks,” till the 50th day, from the day after Passover, counting beginning Nisan 16, and the fiftieth day is “Shavuot,” the Feast of Weeks. Its name is derived from the counting of seven weeks from Passover, thus, “Feast of Weeks.”

The Hebrew word Shavuot, therefore, also refers to an ANNUAL HOLY DAY, which is counted, and looked forward to with great expectancy and joy. Anciently, it represented the day of the covenant God made with Israel on that day at Mount Sinai.

The Hebrew word “Shavuot” literally means #7620, *shavua*, (plural *Shavuot*), and means “literally *sevens*, *i.e. a week*.” It also means, #7621, “something sworn, an oath.” It was at Mount Sinai, after a period of seven sevens, that the Feast of Shavuot was arrived at, and it was the day God and Israel swore an “Oath” – a Covenant of Marriage.

So literally, the prophecy of Daniel is the prophecy of “seventy sevens” or even “seventy Shavuot” – that is, Festivals of Shavuot. If we look at it that way, then seventy such Festivals would equal 70 years, as the Feast occurs once a year!

Now, let’s take a fresh look at this intriguing prophecy.

“Seventy weeks [Shavuot] are determined.” Seventy Feasts of Shavuot would be 70 years!

“. . . for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression . . . to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.” (Dan.9:24).

So this prophecy says (also) that there will be seventy years to the end point – the coming of the Messiah and the Kingdom of God, ending the period of man’s transgression on the earth.

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince . . . (v.25). The United Nations voted to partition Israel in November 1947, and Israel became a state May 14, 1948. Both of these occurred during the Hebrew year 5708. This would be the date for the restoration of Israel and Jerusalem.

“There shall be seven weeks and sixty two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall [of protection], even in troublesome times” (v.25b). Seven “weeks” also means “seven Shavuot,” or Feasts of Weeks – meaning “seven years.” Sixty two “weeks” likewise can mean 62 years. So we have a period of seven years, and a period of 62 years. From Israel’s inception in 1948, there was war. The nation was born in a bloodbath as surrounding Arab nations immediately attacked.

In May, 1948, Israel had to fight the surrounding Arab nations which invaded her territory, and the following years were “troublesome times.” War again broke out in 1956, and in 1967 the “Six Day War” was fought, and the “Yom Kippur War” in 1973, then the invasion of Lebanon in 1982, and the subsequent Palestinian intifada in 1987, lasting to the present time.

“And after the sixty two weeks Messiah [anointed one] shall be cut off . . .”

62 “weeks” is also 62 Shavuot = 62 Shavuot or “years.” From 1948, counting 62 years, brings us to 2010 A.D.

1948
+62
 2010 A.D.

After these “62” Shavuot, ending in 2010, the “anointed one” – a designation for the *anointed people of God, Israel* – shall be “cut off” – that is, begin to be “cut off” as a nation, as a people, and destroyed.

What happened in 2010? The Muslim Barack Hussein Obama became president of the world’s last remaining superpower in 2009 – the United States – and by 2010 he began compromising Israel’s security, independence, and forcefully turning against America’s only true ally in the Middle East. Currying favor with the Arab oil producing nations, he has begun cutting Israel off at the knees. Denying them missiles and bunker-busting bombs. Threatening them with sanctions, and trade embargoes. Treating their diplomats and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with contempt, hostility, scorn and derision.

Israel has begun to be “cut off” – the anointed people are being persecuted by their supposed sole remaining “friend” and ally in all the world.

“And the people [army] of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. . .” (verse 26).

Israel will be invaded! Jerusalem destroyed! Jihad will reign! Desolations and destruction will rage and follow till the end of the period of conflict and warfare.

“Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering” (v.27).

The final “week” – THE FINAL SEVEN YEARS – could very likely be from 2010 to 2017 – the last week of years! In the middle of this final period Temple sacrifices and prayers will cease. The dark prince will force them to stop.

“And on the wing of ABOMINATIONS shall be *one who makes desolate*, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate [or, desolator, marginal reading]” (verse 27b).

This constitutes a shocking, incredible new view of Daniel’s 70 weeks prophecy, as it applies to the END TIME, – a pattern of fulfillment beginning in 1948 and ending 70 years later – in 2017-2018 A.D.

If this scenario is accurate, then we are sitting on the very cusp of the Great Tribulation prophesied for the “end of days” and are hurtling into the “crisis at the close” of this world civilization, as the Moffatt translation puts it!

Sign #5 – the 120 Years

Remember, Yeshua the Messiah said in plain language, “*As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man*” (Matt.24:37).

The world today is rapidly becoming just like it was during the days of Enoch, Methuselah, and Noah! Once again, great wickedness is filling the earth! Great immorality, sexual depravity, and corruption is polluting the earth! Once again, violence and the threat of international violence and terrifying wars are escalating around the earth!

And Christ said, “All this is but the *beginning* [the early pains] of the *birth pangs* [of the intolerable anguish]” (Matthew 24:8, Amplified Parallel Bible).

So amazingly, the description of the woes and crimes of mankind, and the wicked angels, was a frightening TYPE and EXAMPLE of what conditions on the earth would be like *in the generation that will see and experience the return of the Messiah!*

But what about the “120 years”? How are we to understand them? What significance do they have for our end-time generation? Do they help pinpoint the final “end-time generation” and give us a clue, or hint, as to WHEN that time will occur?

The Mysterious 120 Years

God said His Spirit would not always strive with man, but that He would give him 120 years. The books of Jubilees and Jasher both show that God gave mankind 120 years of powerful warnings, from Methuselah and Noah, preachers of righteousness, of their impending doom and judgment, before the Flood came upon the world and wiped out every last man except those left alive on the Ark, who numbered eight souls.

Jasher continues, “And after the lapse of many years, in the four hundred and eightieth year of the life of Noah, when all those men who followed the Lord had died away from amongst the sons of men, and only Methuselah was left, God said unto Noah and Methuselah, saying, Speak ye, and proclaim to the sons of men, saying, Thus saith the Lord, return from your evil ways and forsake your works, and the Lord will repent of the evil that he declared to do to you, so that it shall not come to pass.

“For thus saith the Lord, *Behold I give you a period of one hundred and twenty years*; if you will turn to me and forsake your evil ways, then will I also turn away from the evil which I told you, and it shall not exist, saith the Lord.

“And Noah and Methuselah spoke all the words of the Lord to the sons of men, day after day, constantly speaking to them. But the sons of men would not hearken to them, nor incline their ears to their words, and they were stiff-necked. *And the Lord granted them a PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS*, saying, If they

will return, then will God repent of the evil, so as not to destroy the earth” (Jasher 5:6-11).

The Flood and the End-Time Catastrophe

The Flood occurred in 2348 B.C., according to the chronology of James Ussher, the most famous Christian scholar of his time. Therefore, the time of warning began 120 years before that or 2468 B.C.

Biblical prophecy is often *dual* in fulfillment. That is, there is often a forerunner, or “type” fulfillment, and then the final, end-time fulfillment. Does this mean that there will be a final 120 years witness leading up to the second coming of the Messiah, who will once again bring judgment and devastation upon a wicked, sinning mankind?

When Christ returns, He will judge the nations in righteous fury and with Divine vengeance!

One key explanation of the “120 years” interprets them as “Jubilee years.” That is, the ancient Jubilee cycle God gave His people is a 50 year cycle. 120 Jubilee cycles would mean a period of 120×50 or 6000 years in fulfillment. Adam was created in 4004 B.C. Six thousand years from that time brings us to the year 1997 A.D.

What is the significance of that date?

One Jubilee cycle, or 50 years, before that date brings us to 1947 – the year of the United Nations resolution to divide the Holy Land and partition it to restore the state or nation of Israel, on their ancient territory!

Fifty years before that date, another Jubilee cycle, takes us to 1897. That was the year when the modern Zionist movement began. Zionism is the movement designed to reestablish the Jewish state in Palestine, the ancient homeland of the Jews. Theodore Hertzl, an Austrian journalist who covered the Alfred Dreyfus trial in France, developed political Zionism, which worked for political recognition of the Jewish claim for a Palestine homeland.

Hertzl was a reporter at the famous trial in 1894 of Alfred Dreyfus, a Jew, the French army officer who was falsely charged and convicted of treason. The Dreyfus trial convinced Hertzl that if anti-Semitism could be such a powerful force in an enlightened nation such as France, which boasted of freedom, equality, and fraternity, then Jews could not assimilate in a non-Jewish society. To Hertzl, the only solution was to establish a Jewish nation – an independent Jewish state.

Hertzl organized the Zionist movement on a worldwide scale at the First Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897.

The movement gained momentum during World War I, with the passage of the Balfour Declaration, in Great Britain, in 1917, which pledged British support for a Jewish national homeland in Palestine. Turkey, the previous ruler of Palestine, had been defeated by the British and driven out of the region, in World War I.

In 1947, the United Nations approved the partition of Palestine into a Jewish state and an Arab state. This was the end of one Jubilee cycle, 1897-1947. The following Jubilee cycle ended in 1997, which was also the end of 6,000 years (120 Jubilees) from the creation of Adam and Eve.

Interestingly, if we count “120 years” from 1897, and the beginning of political Zionism and the movement for Jews to return to Palestine and establish a Jewish state, it brings us to 2017 – as the time when the end-time warning of 120 years would be completed, and “the final cataclysm would come – the End Time catastrophe, likened to the Flood of Noah’s day!

This could be the awesome return of Jesus Christ – Yeshua the Messiah – to punish sinners and to save the world from utter, total destruction, annihilation of all life on the planet, and establish the Kingdom of God!

Sign #6 – the 7000 Year Plan

The apostle Peter seems to have this Scripture in mind when he writes, in the New Testament, "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that *ONE DAY is with the Lord as a THOUSAND YEARS, and a thousand years as ONE DAY*. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the *day of the Lord* will come as a thief in the night: in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Peter 3:8-10).

When the Messiah returns, He will inaugurate a millennial kingdom lasting one thousand years. As John wrote, when Messiah comes, the Adversary -- Satan the devil -- will be bound for one thousand years (Rev.20:1-3). During that same period, John says, "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and REIGNED WITH CHRIST *A THOUSAND YEARS*. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the *thousand years were finished*" (Rev.20:4-5).

This "millennial rest" of 1,000 years is termed a "Sabbath rest" by Paul in the book of Hebrews. Paul speaks of this mystery in the 4th chapter of Hebrews, saying:

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. . . For he spake in a certain place of the *seventh day* on this wise, And God did rest

the seventh day from all his works. . . . There remains therefore a REST to the people of God" (Heb.4:1-9).

The Moffatt translation is even plainer. It says: "There is a *sabbath-Rest*, then, reserved for the people of God" (Heb.4:9). Moffatt goes on, "(for once a man enters His rest, he rests from work just as God did). Let us be eager then to enter that Rest, lest anyone fall into that same sort of disobedience" (Heb.4:10).

Clearly, then, the millennial reign of the Messiah is pictured in Scripture as lasting one thousand years, and is called a "Sabbath Rest."

Why a "Sabbath" rest?

Let's understand this! The Sabbath day, according to the Word of God, is the seventh day of the week. Almighty God commanded: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. *Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. But THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH* of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work . . ." (Exo.20:8-10).

The pattern of the seven day week, concluded by a Sabbath day of rest from work, labor, and toil, is a picture of the Plan of God. If the Sabbath of rest from "man's works," lasts 1000 years (Rev.20:4), then it stands to reason that the previous SIX "days" would equal SIX THOUSAND years in fulfillment!

Thus when Peter said a "day" with the Lord is as a thousand years, he was not just joking, or being rhetorical! Literally a "day" in God's plan is a thousand years, and therefore a "week" in God's plan is *seven thousand years!*

Archbishop Ussher was a great Biblical historian and theologian. He was born in Nicholas Street, Dublin, in 1581 A.D., and was one of the first scholars admitted to Trinity College, at the tender young age of 13. Ussher believed the Bible was literally true, like other scholars of his day, and attempted to work out the precise day and time of Creation, and when we could expect Christ's second coming. He was an expert in Hebrew, Latin and Greek, and was assisted by one of the largest libraries in all of Western Europe.

Ussher concluded Creation occurred on noon, October 23rd, 4004 B.C. His reasoning was simple: Since history showed Nebuchadnezzar died in 562 B.C., and Biblical chronology showed his death was 3,442 years after Creation, then Creation had to be 4004 B.C. 3442 plus 562 equals 4004. Simple.

Ussher's scholarship was published in 1650 as *The Annals of the World*. Ussher also deduced that the Temple of Solomon was finished on 2004 B.C., 2000 years after Creation, and Christ was born 4 B.C., 4000 years from Creation.

Ussher believed, as many did in his time, that the end of the world or age would occur 6000 years from Creation. His calculations were widely accepted at the time and

were inserted into the margins of many published Bibles of the Authorized King James Version in 1701.

6000 years from 4004 B.C. brings us to the year 1997. However, as we can all see, at this time, the world did not end and Christ did not return at that date. Why not? Was Ussher wrong? Or is there more to the story?

The Book of Jubilees

The Jewish book of Jubilees tells us that the 6,000 years of man's rule should not be counted from the date of Creation, but implies that we should count from the date of Adam and Eve's transgression in the garden of Eden -- when they came under the influence of the serpent, Satan the devil. *This was seven years after their original creation!*

Although we cannot state with absolute certainty, the indication from Biblical prophecy and Biblical evidence, is that the 6,000 years from Adam and Eve should be counted from the time they sinned, and were expelled from the Garden of Eden. That's when the countdown began. The book of Jubilees tells us that this occurred seven years after their original creation in 4004 B.C. Notice:

"And during the first week of the first jubilee Adam and his wife had been in the garden of Eden for SEVEN YEARS tilling and guarding it. And we gave him work and we were teaching him to do everything which was appropriate for tilling. And he was tilling. And he was naked, but he neither knew it nor was he ashamed. And he was guarding the garden from the birds and beasts and cattle and gathering its fruits and eating. And he used to set aside the rest for himself and his wife. And what was being guarded he set aside.

"At the END OF SEVEN YEARS which he completed there, *SEVEN YEARS EXACTLY*, in the second month on the seventeenth day, the *serpent came* and drew near to the woman" (Jubilees 3:15-17).

As we know, Eve and Adam both sinned, were enticed into transgression, and banished from the Garden. This occurred most likely, therefore, seven years after their original creation, in 4004 B.C. -- or in the year 3997 B.C. The seven years of idyllic paradise should not be counted in the 6,000 years during which mankind has been subject to the "god of this world," Satan the Adversary (II Cor.4:4, Eph.2:2). Thus we have:

4004 B.C.	6000 years	2003 A.D.
<u> -7</u>	<u>-3997 B.C.</u>	<u> +1</u>
3997 B.C.	2003 A.D.	2004 A.D.!!!

Some may wonder why we "add" a year in the final column, to reach 2004 A.D. The answer is simple. There is no year "zero." Therefore, when counting from B.C. to A.D., we must "add" an extra year for the years to correspond to reality.

Of course, the year 2004 was ten years ago, from 2014 (this coming year). What happened? Is there another mysterious prophecy which will enlighten us as to why the “end” did not come in 2004 A.D.?

Sign #7 – the 15 Years

Hezekiah was a godly king who “did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done” (II Kings 18:3). During his reign the king of Assyria came up against Jerusalem and besieged it. God Himself defended the city, “And it came to pass on a certain night [Passover?] that the angel of the LORD went out and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead” (II Kings 19:35).

Hezekiah became deathly sick when he was 39 years old. In fact, God sent the prophet Isaiah with a message to the king, saying, “Thus says the LORD: Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live” (II Kings 20:1).

Hezekiah was so moved by this announcement of his impending early death that he prayed to the LORD mightily, saying, “Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before you in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in your sight” (verse 3). He wept bitterly.

God heard his prayer of anguish and grief, and sent Isaiah back to the king, saying, “Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will HEAL you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. And I will add to your days FIFTEEN YEARS. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David” (II Kings 20:5-6).

Isaiah laid a poultice of figs on the boil afflicting Hezekiah and he recovered (verse 7). Hezekiah then asked for a sign that the LORD would indeed heal him. Isaiah gave the king a choice. He said, “This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing of which He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees or go backward ten degrees?”

Hezekiah replied, “It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go backward ten degrees.” So Isaiah the prophet “cried out to the LORD, and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz” (II Kings 20:8-11). In other words, the earth stopped its diurnal rotation, paused, and then backed up ten degrees, thereby lengthening the day by at least 40 minutes, the time it would require the sun to travel 10 degrees across the sky!

This was all not just a “sign” to Hezekiah – it was a sign for us at the end of the age, as well! The heavenly sign which accompanied Hezekiah’s healing will be repeated

by heavenly signs in our time.

Jesus Christ declared, “And there will be SIGNS in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth, distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring” (Luke 21:25).

God gave Hezekiah a “sign” in the heavens that He was going to extend his time on earth. Even so, before Christ returns, God is going to create “signs” in the heavens. One of those signs involves the sun going down. As the prophet Amos declared, “And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord GOD, That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight” (Amos 8:9).

Micah declares, “Therefore you [the prophets and ministers who make God’s people stray – see Micah 3:5] shall have night without vision, and you shall have darkness without divination; the sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be dark for them” (Micah 3:6).

Habakkuk warns, “The sun and moon stood still in their habitation; at the light of Your arrows they went, at the shining of Your glittering spear. You marched through the land in indignation; You trampled [threshed] the nations in anger; You went forth for the salvation of Your people, for salvation with Your Anointed” (Hab.3:11-13).

When God caused a heavenly sign in the days of Hezekiah, a sign of coming salvation and healing, He then added fifteen years to Hezekiah’s life span. When God intervenes in the end of this age, will He grant fifteen more years, above and beyond the “allotted time,” to give His people fifteen more years to repent, and to get ready and to prepare themselves for the coming of the Lord?

Amos declares, “Prepare to meet your God, O Israel” (Amos 4:12).

The story of Hezekiah and the added 15 years is given in II Kings 20 and in Isaiah, chapter 38. Why is it repeated twice? Is this an indication that it will be fulfilled twice – once in the era of Hezekiah, and a second time, its true fulfillment, at the end of the age, before the coming of the Messiah? Why is it mentioned in II Kings, as a historical fact, but then also the whole story is detailed in the prophetic book of Isaiah, which is written for the END TIME GENERATION? Is it because the original encounter is a prophetic TYPE for us to consider, today?

I always wondered why the account, already given in the book of Kings, was also expounded at length in the book of Isaiah the prophet. It was mystifying – it seemed unusual. God does not “repeat Himself” – unless there is a very good reason. DUALITY is a vital principle of prophetic interpretation! Much of Biblical prophecy is DUAL!

There was an ancient Babylon, there is a modern end-time Babylon (Rev.18:1-4). There was the ancient fall of Jerusalem, and a future fall of Jerusalem (Zech.14:1-4). There was the abomination of desolation in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes, and there

will be a second abomination of desolation in the END time (Dan.11:31, Matt.24:15).. There was a first Adam, and a second “Adam” – Christ (I Cor.15:45-49).

No doubt God placed the account of Hezekiah’s added fifteen years in the prophecies of Isaiah to teach us an important, vital prophetic TRUTH – something for us to pay heed and to understand!

Why did God give king Hezekiah fifteen additional years, when He had already announced that the king was going to die? Isn’t this a type of God’s mercy and love, patience and faithfulness?

When Hezekiah’s life was extended, He thanked God profusely, and thought deeply upon his ways. He prayed, and vowed, “I shall walk carefully all my years in the bitterness of my soul. O LORD, by these things men live; and in all these things is the life of my spirit; so You will restore me and make me live. Indeed it was for my own peace that I had great bitterness [suffering]; but You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back” (Isaiah 38:15-17).

Similarly, God is giving US more time than originally planned. The 6,000 year plan would have been concluded – time was up – in 1997 or 2004. But God has EXTENDED THE TIME till the second coming of Christ, to JUDGE the earth, giving us more time to REPENT, and straighten out our lives, and to PREPARE to meet Christ at His coming!

Consider this: If we add the 15 years to the year 2004, which represents 6,000 years from the year Adam and Eve sinned against God, and count inclusively, beginning with 2004, then the countdown brings us to the year 2018 A.D. – picturing the extended time period to the coming of the Messiah, bringing salvation to His people!

Why has God given us an extra 15 years, as the prophecy of Hezekiah indicates? The answer is found in Peter’s prophecy. Peter wrote, “The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” (II Pet.3:9, NIV).

Sign #8 – the Prophecy of Ezekiel

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

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

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

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

“For I have laid upon you the *years of their iniquity, according to the number of days*, 390 days [representing 390 years]; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel” (Ezekiel 4:1-5).

This is talking about the times of Israel’s punishment!

In Leviticus 26, God says to Israel, if they disobey Him and break His covenant, reject His Torah, His laws and way of life: “I will chastise and discipline you *seven times more* for your sins” (Lev.26:18); “I will bring seven times more plagues upon you” (v.21); “I will smite you seven times for your sins” (v.24); “I also will chastise you seven times for your sins” (v.28).

Notice! So if you take 390 years of punishment God decreed on Israel, and multiply it by “7” times, you come to 2,730 years. $390 \times 7 = \underline{2,730}$ years.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2730 \text{ years} \\
 \underline{-718 \text{ B.C.}} \\
 2012 \\
 \underline{+1} \text{ (because no year zero)} \\
 2013 \text{ A.D.}!
 \end{array}$$

In 718 B.C. Israel was conquered, taken captive and deported from the land and carried off beyond the Euphrates River. 2730 years later brings us to 2013 A.D. What is so significant about this year?

Could 2013 be the year of the beginning of “great tribulation” and the “seventieth week” or the final week of years of Daniel’s prophecy?

Sign #9 – Ephraim’s Prophecy

Another very interesting prophecy is found in the seventh chapter of Isaiah. God tells the prophet, “In *sixty five years, Ephraim will be broken* [lit., “shattered”], so that it will not be a people” (Isa.7:8, NKJV). The NIV has it, “Within sixty five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people.”

In a parallel prophecy, Isaiah says of Ephraim, “See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins. The cities of Aroer [Syria] will be deserted and left to flocks which will lie down, and no one to make them afraid.

“The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim, and royal power from Damascus . . . In that day the glory of Jacob will fade; the fat of his body will waste away” (Isa.17:1-4).

I have often pointed out that Ephraim, in the Bible, represents primarily the United States of America. The Anglo-Saxon people, our forefathers, are of the ancient Hebrew tribe of Ephraim, Joseph’s son to whom was promised the blessings of the birthright. See my new book *America in Heraldry and Prophecy*.

These verses in Isaiah foretell a devastating defeat and catastrophe for end-time Ephraim, or the United States. Fortified cities, or “fortresses,” as the King James Version has it, will disappear or be destroyed. This implies war and terrorism on a massive scale.

When will this happen? Isaiah warns it will occur in “sixty five years.” But 5 years from what date? If these verses have a message for the end-times, our day, what is the message? What is this mysterious “sixty five” years? When would it be counted from?

Since much end-time prophesy is predicated on the founding of the state of Israel, the flowering of God’s “fig tree,” then consider the following: *If we count 65 years from 1948, the year of the founding of Israel, then we come to the year 2013 A.D.! And remember, the Biblical year overlaps the Roman year. Therefore, the year 2013 really means fall 2013 to fall 2014.*

Could this date be an indication that this year the United States is going to suffer some major catastrophic reverses in its outlook and prosperity? Could it be the year we lose our independence, and martial law is enacted to maintain political stability and control over the masses?

Will another war soon break out in the Middle East and involve America?

Will its worldwide consequences lead to the devastation of Damascus, Syria, and its ruination? Isaiah foretold, “See, Damascus will cease to be a city, and will become a heap of ruins” (Isa.17:1). America is threatening to attack Syria at the present time, accusing the Syrians of using weapons of mass destruction against their own people and children.

Is Jeremiah prophesying of this very day? He wrote, “Against Damascus. Hamath and Arpad are shamed, for they have heard bad news, they are fainthearted; there is trouble on the sea [American destroyers equipped with cruise missiles are off the Syrian coast]; it cannot be quiet. Damascus has grown feeble, she turns to flee, and fear has seized her. Anguish and sorrows have taken her like a woman in labor. Why is the city of praise not deserted, the city of My joy? Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, says the LORD of hosts. I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Ben-Hadad” (Jeremiah 49:27). Is Syria about to fall? Is the prophesied destruction about to occur?

Will Muslim terrorists respond by setting off terrorist nuclear weapons – even satchel sized weapons – within the borders of the United States? Will biological-chemical agents be unleashed in American cities? Will America’s fleet – her pride and power – suffer a devastating attack? Isaiah prophesied for Ephraim – modern America, “The fortress will disappear from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus. . . . On that day the glory of Jacob will be brought low, and the fat of his flesh will grow lean” (Isa.17:3-4, NRSV).

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

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

Sign # 10 -- a New Look at the Mayan Calendar

Does the Mayan calendar also predict the “end of the age” in the year 2012?

According to the Mayan calendar, we are living in the Mayan “end times.” The Great Cycle of the Mayan Long Count calendar, we are told, ends at the winter solstice in 2012 A.D.

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

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

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

These numbers are surely interesting. In the days of Noah the year was one of 360 days (5 months were 150 days, so 12 months were 360 days – see Genesis 7:11, 8:3-4). The number 144,000 is also interesting, as it is the number of the “firstfruits” redeemed to God at the coming of the Messiah (Rev.14:1-4).

The present Great Age of the Mayas, the fifth, is believed to have been initiated by the famous Quetzalcoatl in 3,113 B.C. During that time the sequence of seasons and the duration of days and nights became disarranged.

But does the Mayan calendar really “end” in 2012? Here is an incredible fact. The answer is, NO!

The Mayans lore held that the present Sun or Age would end with the 13th Baktun, or 1,872,000 days later. If you divide this number by a year of 365.25 days, you get 5,125 years. If you subtract 3,113 years (B.C.), the date of the beginning of the Mayan calendar, from 5,125, what year do you get?

Let’s see.

$$\begin{array}{r} 5125 \text{ years (13}^{\text{th}} \text{ Baktun)} \\ 3113 \text{ B.C. (starting date)} \\ 2012 \text{ A.D} \\ \underline{\quad +1} \text{ (no year zero)} \\ \mathbf{2013 \text{ A.D.!!!}} \end{array}$$

Hold the phone! Everyone has been focused on 2012 as the end of the Mayan calendar. However, in going from B.C. to A..D. dates, we must cross over the BC-AD horizon, and there is no year “zero” Therefore, you must “add 1” when computing dates from B.C. to A.D. .

In other words, the Mayan calendar really ends December 21, 2013 – not 2012 A.D.! Incredible!

How has the world, and Mayan investigators, overlooked this principle? It is a common mistake. Astronomers often make it. But historians ought to know better.

The end of the Mayan 13th Baktun is really December 2013 A.D. – the very month the ISON comet in all its glory and brilliance is scheduled to make its appearance on the stage. This is the real time presaging the “end” of the world, as we know it, or the “end times.”

Sign #11 – the Peace Process -- the "Covenant of Death"

The peace pact between Israel and the Palestinians is a fraud. Secretary of State John Kerry in August 2013 said in nine months there will be a peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians. Nine months is the gestation period of a human fetus, interestingly. Nine months from August 2013 brings us to April 2014, the time of the Passover!

Will we achieve “peace” at that time? It will not work. God says to modern Israel:

"Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, because you have said, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol [the grave] we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.'

"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation: Whoever believes will not act hastily [or rush into some false, foolish treaty]. . . . The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters will overflow the hiding place. Your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it. As often as it goes out it will take you; for morning by morning it will pass over, and by day and by night [could this be a reference to continual missile bombardments and attacks?]; it will be a terror just to understand the report'" (Isaiah 28:14-19, NKJV).

The present "peace pact" is fictitious fraud. God warns in His Word, "While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' DESTRUCTION will come on them SUDDENLY, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape" (I Thess.5:3).

Jeremiah adds, "Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale? How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it" (Jeremiah 30:6-7).

Will 2014 see incredible war break out in the Middle East?

Is this the final beginning of the "time of Jacob's trouble"?

Interestingly, this coming Passover 2014 is the beginning of a set of a triad of Blood Red Moons – lunar eclipses – the first one occurring on Passover itself and the second one during the Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) in the fall!

Sign #12 – the Blood Red Moons

We will have four blood red moons for the third time in any of our lifetimes during 2014-2015. The first one occurs on Passover 2014. At the previous time when we had a tetrad of Blood Red Moons, significant things happened affecting God's people, Israel. In 1948 the Nation of Israel was born followed by war, when the Blood Red Moons occurred. And then when the 1967 Six Day War broke out, when the Old City and the temple mount was taken back, there was another set of Blood Red Moons.

So what is going to start happening in April-May 2014? Are we in for some major prophetic events in the near future?

In 2014 - 2015 a rare sequence of Red Blood Moon lunar eclipses will occur on the Jewish Holidays of Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot). In addition to the Tetrad occurrence, 2 solar eclipses will complement the 4 lunar eclipses on the Jewish

New Year and the Feast of Trumpets and the ISON comet will hover in the sky during the Feast of Hanukkah in December 2013. .

2013 - 2015 Jewish Holiday Eclipse & Comet Schedule

						
28 Nov 2013 Hanukkah Comet	15 Apr 2014 Jewish Passover	08 Oct 2014 Feast of Tabernacle	20 Mar 2015 Jewish New Year	04 Apr 2015 Jewish Passover	13 Sep 2015 Feast of Trumpets	28 Sep 2015 Feast of Tabernacle

What do these things mean? Jesus Christ declared, “Immediately after the distress of those days, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken” (Matt.24:29, NIV).

Mark has it, “But in those days following that distress, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken” (Mark 13:24-25, NIV).

Luke declares, “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the sign of the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

“When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:25-28).

The *Amplified Parallel Bible* has this passage of prophesy: “And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth [there will be] distress([trouble and anguish) of nations in bewilderment and perplexity [without resources, left wanting, embarrassed, in doubt, not knowing which way to turn] at the roaring (the echo) of the tossing of the sea. Men swooning away or expiring with fear and dread and apprehension and expectation of the things that are coming on the world; for the [very] powers of the heavens will be shaken and caused to totter. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with great (transcendent and overwhelming) power and [all His kingly] glory (majesty and splendor). Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near.”

Surely, when we look at the accumulation and totality of prophetic evidence, in the light of current world affairs, there can be no doubt whatsoever that we are living on the cusp of the end times – in fact, teetering on the brink of “Day of the Lord” – poised precariously on the edge of the cataclysm known as the Great Tribulation. These twelve signs point to the inescapable conclusion that we are the “end time” generation. This is it! The time is here. The time is now!

And the coming of Christ is near – even at the very door!

Prophecy Briefs

The Most Lying President

There have been so many lies flooding out of Washington lately that's it's hard to keep up with them all, much less rebut them. But let's tackle as many as we can today.

And let's start with a lulu that took place last week, when Barack Obama was interviewed on *CNBC*. John Harwood asked him about the appropriateness of some of the recent Presidential rhetoric. In his reply, Obama said, "I think it's fair to say that during the course of my Presidency I have bent over backwards to work with the Republican Party, and have purposely kept my rhetoric down."

Can you believe it? The most divisive, vitriolic, partisan President we've had in years, claims that he has "bent over backwards" to work with Republicans and that he's actually "kept my rhetoric down." Calling your opponents extortionists, arsonists, extremists and other choice epithets is apparently Obama's idea of keeping his rhetoric down.

After hearing his ludicrous claim, I looked very closely at my TV screen. To my amazement, Obama's nose didn't grow a bit. It should have shot out so far that it knocked his interviewer off his chair.

Another whopper the President has repeated numerous times is that before today, raising the debt limit has never been a subject of negotiation between the White House and Congress. Or as Obama likes to put it, the debt limit has never been used "to extort a president or a government party."

His Treasury Secretary, Jack Lew, has repeated the same nonsense, saying "until very recently, Congress typically raised the debt ceiling on a routine basis... the threat of default was not a bargaining chip in the negotiations."

The truth is exactly opposite of Obama's claims. Time and time again, Congress has demanded — and gotten — compromises from whoever was sitting in the White House (whether Republican or Democrat) before agreeing to raise the debt ceiling. According to the Congressional Research Service, Congress raised the debt ceiling 53 times between 1978 and today. Of those, in only 26 cases, or less than half of the time, were no conditions attached.

Even in cases where other stipulations were included in the debt increase, some members of Congress refused to go along with the deal. Such was the case in 2006, when then-Senator Obama voted against raising the debt limit. Listen to what the two-faced dissembler said back then:

The fact that we are here today to debate raising America's debt limit is a sign of leadership failure. It is a sign that the U.S. government cannot pay its own bills. It is a sign that we now depend on ongoing financial assistance from foreign countries to finance our government's reckless fiscal policies. Increasing America's debt weakens us domestically and internationally. Leadership means that "the buck stops here." Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem and a failure of leadership. Americans deserve better.

I couldn't have said it better myself. We do deserve better. By the way, when the hypocritical Obama delivered those remarks, the debt ceiling was being raised to \$8.965 trillion. Today, after five years of his trillion-dollar annual deficits, the debt ceiling stands at \$16.7 trillion. And that's not high enough for the big spenders in his administration. Talk about putting more burdens "onto the backs of our children and grandchildren." (Personalliberty, "More of Obama's Massive Lies, Oct.11, 2013).

Obama's Power Quest

President Barack Obama is on a power grab in his refusal to negotiate with Republicans on the federal budget and debt ceiling, and he doesn't care if Americans get hurt by it, former Sen. Rick Santorum says.

"This is not about shutting down the government . . . this is about one thing, and it's always about one thing with this president, it's about power," Santorum told "The Steve Malzberg Show" on Newsmax TV .

"The president believes he can increase his power by taking this tack, and he is willing to hurt innumerable people along the way, including anybody in need of any government services, including our military.

"The president is willing to [shut the government down] if, in the end, he believes that he will diminish Republicans, increase his chances of solidifying more power, and be able to get the radical things that he wants to do to Congress," he said Tuesday.

Santorum, a Pennsylvania Republican who is thought to be mulling a run for the 2016 GOP presidential nomination, says Obama is heavily supported by the media in that goal.

"It's a president who understands that the media is in the tank with him, that they are going to support him no matter what he says," Santorum said.

"I mean here is a president that is basically saying, 'I will not negotiate.' I don't know what governmental entity that you can govern and say . . . 'I'm going to govern and not negotiate with anybody who disagrees with me' . . . Yet, the way that it's being spun out there, the president's a reasonable guy."

The only way Obama will back down, Santorum says, is if the shutdown becomes a political negative for him.

"But as long as that doesn't turn, as long as he is gaining ground and, to date, he's gaining ground, as long as that is occurring, he's not going to back away, and he'll inflict whatever pain is necessary," Santorum said.

He added that one reason Obama has been

winning the public-relations war is that Republicans have been "all over the map" in their demands.

"They were not united as a party, they were undercutting each other, including undercutting the folks who were out there trying to make the case that Obamacare was the focal point — which would have been a great thing had all Republicans lined up and made Obamacare the focal point," he said.

"Obviously, everyone knew that defunding Obamacare was not going to happen, but making the point about how bad Obamacare [is] should've been the issue.

"They got there divided . . . Now you see even Republicans on the left splitting off and potentially joining Democrats to try to pass a bill that would undermine everybody." (Rick Santorum, October 8, 2013).

Obamacare – Worst Thing Since Slavery

Retired pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson unleashed his strongest attack yet on Obamacare on Friday, saying that President Barack Obama's signature domestic policy achievement was "the worst thing that has happened in this nation since slavery."

"It is slavery, in a way, because it is making all of us subservient to the government," Carson, who retired in May from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, said at a speech at the conservative Values Voter Summit in Washington. "It was never about healthcare. It was about control

That's why, when this administration took office, it didn't matter that the country was going off the cliff economically, all forces were directed toward getting this legislation passed," Carson added, with his comments drawing much applause from the event's 2,000 attendees.

"Why did they want to pass it so badly?" before answering with a comment from Vladimir Lenin. "He said that socialized medicine is the keystone to the establishment of a Socialist state. That's the problem."

The summit, which ends on Sunday, is

sponsored by the Family Research Council, the Washington-based Christian right-leaning think tank that the Southern Poverty Center has labeled an anti-gay hate group.

Other sponsors include such nonprofit organizations as the Heritage Foundation, the American Family Association, American Values, and Liberty Counsel Action.

Among those speaking on Friday included Republican Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas, Mike Lee of Utah, Rand Paul of Kentucky, Marco Rubio of Florida, and Tim Scott of South Carolina. Others included House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania.

Former Arkansas Gov. and GOP presidential candidate Mike Huckabee and Heritage Foundation President Jim DeMint are also scheduled to speak at the summit.

Carson, who has been mentioned as a possible Republican presidential candidate in 2016, continued his attacks on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and other policies of the president that began with his comments in February at the National Prayer Breakfast as Obama sat on the dias .

Many of his remarks on Friday drew sustained applause from the audience .

"It is the most valuable thing you have," Carson said, referring to one's health. "Everything else pales into insignificance, compared to your health. And that's the reason why your health should be controlled by you and not the government."

He segued into his Obamacare critique by saying, "It's really time for the people, we the people of America, to stop being afraid of the government and put it in its place .

"Government plays a very important role when, in fact, it believes in the Constitution. That's the problem. When they begin to neglect the Constitution, when they begin to impose their own will."

Hinting at President Obama's decision to delay portions of the healthcare law for big business, Carson continued: "When they look at laws of the land and they say, 'OK, I think I'll enforce

this one. This one I won't.' When they begin to treat people differently.

"When they say that people in the Executive Branch and in the Legislative Branch don't have to participate in certain programs, but everybody else has to.

"That's not America. That's Russia," Carson said. "How did we allow that to happen in this nation?" (Newsmax, Oct.11, 2013).

Sodomizing America

SODOMIZING AMERICA--Plans are in order to build a Hall of Fame for homosexual athletes in Chicago. It should be called "The Hall of Shame."

There is now much promotion for a "homosexual Bible." It would delete all references to homosexuality as a sin and make it instead a virtue. I noticed this past week that now several churches are debating the sexual identity of Jesus. They point to the relationship of David to Jonathan, Paul to Timothy and Titus, and Jesus to John and claim the real heroes of the Bible were homosexuals.

The U.S. has lost much respect as a world leader under the present administration. Quoting a commentary for a March 2010 newspaper article appearing in *Prager Zeitung*, a German-language Czechoslovakian newspaper: "The danger to America is not Barack Obama, but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the Presidency. It will be far easier to limit and undo the follies of an Obama presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their president. The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Mr. Obama, who is a mere symptom of what ails America. Blaming the prince of the fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince. The Republic can survive a Barack Obama, who is, after all, merely a fool. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools, such as those who made him their president." (Noah Hutchings, "Letter from the Pastor," June 2013).

A new ruling by the IRS is that gay "married" couples will be considered married the same as the traditional marriage of one man and one

woman under U.S. tax laws. A news item dated August 4, 2013, reported that kindergarten children will begin sex education class this fall to prepare them for accepting the homosexual lifestyle as normal.

Christian News Service on August 16, 2013, reported that Facebook, which is open to every computer in the world, now has a full open page with the statement *"Mary should have had an abortion."*

To encourage its membership to accommodate homosexuality with the Bible, a large prominent church in Canada had on its billboard the Sunday of September 4, *"Jesus had two daddies."* This past month, a court in New Mexico fined a photographer \$7,000 for refusing to photograph a homosexual wedding. There are hundreds of reports now appearing that teachers, ministers, news men, and government employees are being fined, fired, or even jailed for saying anything derogatory about the homosexual lifestyle. Begin looking up; Jesus said He would come back when the world would be like Sodom and Gomorrah. In Romans 1 Paul said that any nation that became like Sodom would be destroyed. Buckle up your seat belts; I believe we are almost there. (Noah Hutchings, "Letter from the Pastor," October 2013).

72% of Israelis Want to Partition Temple Mount

Interestingly, a full 72% of Israeli Jews favor partitioning of the territory of the Temple Mount so that Muslim control and administration is restricted to the Al-Aqsa mosque, and where Jews would have access to other parts of the grounds. A large plurality favor legal initiatives that protect Jewish rights of access to the Mount, including the right to conduct prayers there. (The Jerusalem Connection Report, July 19, 2013).

One Third of Israelis Want Temple

Nir Hasson from Gadol.com declares a recent poll finds that **"Right-wing organizations devoted to the Temple Mount** are buoyed by a new poll they commissioned finding that 30 percent of Israeli Jews support rebuilding the Jewish Temple on the site.

"When the poll, commissioned by the Joint Forum of Temple Mount Organizations, asked

Israeli Jews, "Are you for or against erecting a Temple on the Temple Mount?" 30 percent answered in the affirmative, while 45 percent were against and 25 percent said they were not sure.

"The Temple Mount is Judaism's holiest and most important site. The survey was released ahead of next week's Tisha B'Av Jewish day of mourning for the destruction of the First and Second Temples. The last few years have seen changing attitudes to the Temple Mount among the national religious and ultra-Orthodox sectors."

Who Really Used Chemical Weapons in Syria?

We have yet to see secondary confirmation of the following breaking news from the second largest French newspaper, Le Figaro, but if accurate, it means the Nobel Peace Prize winning president has just engaged in yet another unsanctioned by Congress war.

From Le Figaro: "According to our information, the regime's opponents, supervised by Jordanian, Israeli and American commandos moving towards Damascus since mid-August. This attack could explain the possible use of the Syrian president to chemical weapons.

"According to information obtained by Le Figaro, the first trained in guerrilla warfare by the Americans in Jordan Syrian troops reportedly entered into action since mid-August in southern Syria, in the region of Deraa. A first group of 300 men, probably supported by Israeli and Jordanian commandos, as well as men of the CIA, had crossed the border on August 17. A second would have joined the 19. According to military sources, the Americans, who do not want to put troops on the Syrian soil are arming rebels in part controlled by radical Islamists, quietly for several months in a training camp set up at the Jordanian border- Syrian fighters FSA, the Free Syrian Army are handpicked.

Forget Israeli and Jordanian commandos working together. This was an American operation. On the 17th and 19th of August some 600 American trained and armed commandos entered Syria and on August 21, *they shot missiles with nerve gas heads on 11 rebel sites. This gave Obama the pretext to demand the bombing of Syria to "teach Assad a lesson."*

What the real objective was the annihilation of Israel.

This ghastly motive is shockingly revealed in a Wikileaks: *From Wikileaks, released 3/6/2012, typos and grammar errors as in original. . . .*

Israel was incapable of stopping a decade of missile attacks on southern cities such as Sederot. In 2006, the north of the country was all but emptied of people as Hizbullah defeated the country in 34 days with a mere 4000 rockets. For 13 years I was a missile operator in the Israeli Air Force and with assurance I can say there is nothing that can overcome a massive rocket attack. If Syria's regime is pushed too far, it has an estimated 100,000 missiles, many with gas and biological warheads, to put an end to Israel. Hizbullah and Hamas will likely join in the fun with another 70,000 rockets.

To those deluded Israelis who think America is doing them a favor by eliminating Assad's chemical weaponry, remember, you are the real target. When your defenses collapse, and they will if the American gangsters get their way, prepare to find out how much the Arabs hate you when the rapes, mutilations and slow deaths begin in the latest Holocaust. (Email from Barry Chamish, "The Syrian Revenge on Israel, Sept.12, 2013).

Is Obama Already a Virtual Dictator?

These are just a few of the Executive orders that have been passed and some of the works that will bypass Congress and the House. There are others that are as bad or worse. As the man below said, you may google any of these orders and there are more that affect every man, woman and child in America -- especially when they begin moving whole areas of a city/state, develop work crews against people's will, etc. What will happen to families will be devastating. You are watching it unfold. We need to pray He will cut the time short. He promises to!

THESE ARE THINGS THAT WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT US ALL IN THE NEXT 4 YEARS and beyond. FOR THE SHOCK OF YOUR LIFE, READ BELOW, and take a minute to comprehend what you are reading especially the last few paragraphs.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS ISSUED by U.S. Presidents in the last 100 years.

Teddy Roosevelt - 3

All Others until FDR - 0

FDR - 11 in 16 years

Truman - 5 in 7 years

Ike - 2 in 8 years

Kennedy - 4 in 3 years

LBJ - 4 in 5 years

Nixon - 1 in 6 years

Ford - 3 in 2 years

Carter - 3 in 4 years

Reagan - 5 in 8 years

Bush - 3 in 4 years

Clinton - 15 in 8 years

George W. Bush - 62 in 8 years

Obama - 923 in 4 1/2 years!

If you don't get the implications you're not paying attention.

During my lifetime, all Presidents have issued Executive Orders. For various reasons, some have issued more than others.

YES, THERE IS A REASON THAT THIS PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED TO TAKE CONTROL AWAY FROM THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE.

Even some Democrats in the House have turned on him, plus a very small number of Democrat Senators have questioned him. Rightfully so – WHAT IS OBAMA REALLY TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH???

Remember what he told Russia 's Putin: "I'll be more flexible after I'm re-elected" What did Congress do in those 40 months? (The House - considerable. The Senate – almost nothing, not even a budget nor allow any House Bill to be considered.)

Now look at these:

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10990 allows the government to take over all modes of transportation and control of highways and seaports

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10995 allows the government to seize and control the communication media.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10997 allows the government to take over all electrical power, gas, petroleum, fuels and minerals.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10998 allows the government to take over all food resources and farms.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11000 allows the government to mobilize civilians into work brigades under government supervision.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11001 allows the government to take over all health, education and welfare functions.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11002 designates the registration of all persons. Postmaster General to operate a national registration.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11003 allows the government to take over all airports and aircraft, including commercial aircraft.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11004 allows the Housing and Finance Authority to relocate communities, build new housing with public funds, designate areas to be abandoned, and establish new locations for populations.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11005 allows the government to take over railroads, inland waterways and public storage facilities.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11049 assigns emergency preparedness function to federal departments and agencies, consolidating 21 operative Executive Orders issued over a fifteen year period.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11051 specifies the responsibility of the Office of Emergency Planning and gives authorization to put all Executive Orders into effect in times of increased international tensions and economic or financial crisis.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11310 grants authority to the Department of Justice to enforce the plans set out in Executive Orders, to institute industrial support, to establish judicial and legislative liaison, to control all aliens, to operate penal and correctional institutions, and to advise and assist the President.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11921 allows the Federal Emergency Preparedness Agency to develop plans to establish control over the mechanisms of production and distribution, of energy sources, wages, salaries, credit and the flow of money in U.S. financial institutions in any undefined national emergency. It also provides that when a state of emergency is declared by the President, Congress cannot review the action for six months.

Feel free to verify the "executive orders" at will....and these are just the major ones. I'm sure you've all heard the tale of the "Frog in the Pot"... Watch Obama's actions, not his words! By his actions he will show you where America is headed.

Obama has issued executive orders that sees to "harmonize" U.S. economic regulations with the rest of the world. These executive orders are yet another incremental step that is pushing us closer to a North American Union and a one world economic system.

Obama used the stage at the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther Kings I have a dream speech to announce two new executive orders infringing on your second amendment rights. The first bans the importation of antique military firearms for sale to sportsman and collectors.. He intentionally mislabels them military grade weapons to deceive the sheeple, but make no mistake the order was written specifically to ban the importation of surplus M1 carbines, M1 Garands, 1903 Springfields and other antiques coveted by collectors and sport shooters. This order is the death knell for the civilian marksmanship program. Congress had previously passed the sportsman protection act in 1986 which among other things guaranteed that the importation of the historic relics for collectors and the CMP would not be impeded by unreasonable regulations.. But Emperor Obama does not bend to the will of the people or the rule of law. He will impose on his subjects what he wishes when he wishes. Kind of like Papa Joe Stalin or the short Austrian with the funky mustache!

Unfortunately, most Americans have absolutely no idea what is happening.

The American people need to understand that Barack Obama is constantly looking for ways to integrate the United States more deeply with the rest of the world.

The globalization of the world economy has accelerated under Obama, and this latest executive order represents a fundamental change in U.S. economic policy. Now federal regulators will be required to "harmonize" their work with the international community.

If this seems hard to believe, then prove it to yourself. Google it!

COMMENT: We are obviously drawing very close to the Great Tribulation spoken of by all the Bible prophets, and Paul, Peter, Jude, John and Christ Himself! Ae you getting ready?

Rabbinic and Biblical Prophecies of the Coming of the Messiah!

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What are the most clear signs that we are living in the ‘End of Days’ – the time just before the return of the Messiah? They are revealed in both Scripture, and in the writings of Jewish sages, Rabbis, and Talmudic rabbis of ancient times.

Let’s notice what the ancient sources say on this question.

The Prophecies of Judah Ben Samuel

Judah Ben Samuel was a legendary and prolific German rabbi of the 12th century who made some astonishing and specific predictions about the future of Jerusalem and Israel that came true.

Judah Ben Samuel, also known as Judah he-Hasid (Judah the Pious), lived and worked from the end of the 12th century until the beginning of the 13th century in Regensburg, authoring a number of books in the German language.

Ludwig Schneider of Israel Today magazine has translated some of his work into English over the last few years, including "The Book of the Pious – Sefer Hasidim" and the "Book of Calculations – Sefer Gematriyot."

Following the Christian crusades to the Holy Land, between 1096-1270, a regular correspondence developed between the Jews in the Holy Land and the Christian West. Thus, for example, the rabbis in Worms and Regensburg in Germany knew that Saladin's Ayyubids had been ruling in the Holy Land since 1187.

At this time, Judah Ben Samuel published the results of his biblical calculations (Gematria) and astrological observations and summarized as follows: "When the Ottomans (Turks) – who were already a power to be reckoned with on the Bosphorus in the time of Judah Ben Samuel – conquer Jerusalem they will rule over Jerusalem for eight jubilees. Afterwards Jerusalem will become no-man's land for one jubilee, and then in the ninth jubilee it will once again come back into the possession of the Jewish nation – which would signify the beginning of the Messianic end time."

One jubilee is 50 years (Leviticus 25). It is the 50th year after seven times seven years, the year in which each person should regain ownership of his or her land. Ben Samuel's calculations were purely theoretical; there was absolutely no sign at that time of their being fulfilled. He himself was not able to experience their fulfillment, for it was only 300 years after his death that the first of his predictions were to come true.

The Mamluks, who had been reigning in Jerusalem since 1250, were conquered in 1517 by the Ottoman Turks. They remained for eight jubilees ($8 \times 50 = 400$ years), that is to say they were in Jerusalem for 400 years. Exactly 400 years later, in 1917, the Ottoman Turks were conquered by the British. The League of Nations conferred the Mandate for the Holy Land and Jerusalem to the British. Thus, from 1917, under international law, Jerusalem was no-man's land. Then, when Israel captured Jerusalem in the Six Day War of 1967, exactly one jubilee (50 years) after 1917, Jerusalem reverted to Jewish-Israeli ownership once again. Thereby, according to the prophecies of Judah Ben Samuel, the Messianic End Times began.

Many scholars have studied and made reference to Judah Ben Samuel's writings in an effort to understand how he reached his conclusions. Among those referencing Ben Samuel were Rabbi Isaac Ben Solomon Luria, a mystic dealing with the messianic world (Jerusalem, 1531-1572, Safed); Joseph Solomon Delmegido (1591 Candia - 1655 Prague), a mathematician and astronomer ("Mazref le-Chochma"), Azulai I (1724-1806), a famed bibliographer; Samuel David Luzzatto (1800-1865), a Bible scholar; historian Heinrich Graetz (1817-1891); and Torah scholar Jacob Epstein (1925-1993).

The secret of how Judah the Pious arrived at such accurate predictions has less to do with the actual calculations than it does with the fact that he had consecrated his life to God. His pupils Rabbi Isaac ben Moses (Vienna), Rabbi Baruch ben Samuel (Mainz) and Rabbi Simcha (Speyer) testify that Ben Samuel was a model of abstinence and selflessness and was awaiting with a burning desire the coming of the Messiah.

Ben Samuel was often called "Light of Israel." Even bishops came to him for advice. If anyone asked him where his wisdom came from he would answer, "The prophet Elijah, who will precede the Messiah, appeared to me and revealed many things

to me and emphasized that the precondition for answered prayer is that it is fueled by enthusiasm and joy for the greatness and holiness of God."

But to recap the astonishing predictions: In AD 1217 this scholarly and pious rabbi prophesied that the Ottoman Turks would rule over the holy city of Jerusalem for eight Jubilees. Now, keep in mind, he made this prediction 300 years before the Ottoman Turks seized control of Jerusalem in 1517. If indeed 1217 and 1517 were jubilee years as Judah Ben Samuel believed, then his prophecy was exactly right, because exactly 400 years after the Turks took control of Jerusalem they were driven out of the city and the holy land in 1917 by the Allied forces under the command of General Edmund Allenby – on Hanukkah, by the way.

But it gets more interesting still.

The rabbi also prophesied that during the ninth Jubilee Jerusalem would be a "no-man's land." This is exactly what happened from 1917 to 1967, due to the fact that the Holy Land was placed under British Mandate in 1917 by the League of Nations and literally "belonged" to no nation.

Even after Israel's war of independence in 1948-49, Jerusalem was still divided by a strip of land running right through the heart of the city, with Jordan controlling the eastern part of the city and Israel controlling the western part of the city. That strip of land was considered and even called "no-man's land" by both the Israelis and the Jordanians.

It was not until the Six Day War in 1967 when the entire West Bank of the Holy Land was conquered by the Israeli army that the whole city of Jerusalem passed back into the possession of Israel. So once again the prophecy made by the rabbi 750 years previously was fulfilled to the letter.

It certainly would be significant if both 1917 and 1967 were Jubilee years, considering the significance of what happened in Jerusalem on those years. But it gets even more interesting, because Judah Ben Samuel also prophesied that during the 10th Jubilee Jerusalem would be under the control of the Jews and the Messianic "end times" would begin. If he's right, the 10th Jubilee began in 1967 and will be concluded in 2017.

Jews Returning to the Holy Land

Perhaps the first and most notable SIGN that the Messiah is coming in OUR generation, is the return of Israel to the Holy Land, and its once again blossoming like a rose!

The prophet Ezekiel wrote, "But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall give your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they will soon be coming" (Ezek.36:8).

Says the ancient Jewish authority, the Talmud, “When this verse is fulfilled, and the mountains of Israel are once again green and yield fruit, you will know that the Messiah is on his way and soon to arrive” (Sanhedrin 98A, p.15).

“As long as the people of Israel are exiled from their land, the Land of Israel will remain desolate and barren of fruit. Thus, there is no clearer sign of the imminence of the final redemption and the people of Israel’s return to its land than the land once again growing its branches and yielding its fruit (*Maharsha*)” (“Notes,” *ibid.*).

Says Rabbi Eliezer, “There is also no sign of the imminence of the Messiah’s arrival more clear than this” – “For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; nor was there peace from the oppressor to him who went out or came in; for I set all men every one against his neighbor” Zech.8:10).

World-wide Trouble and Economic Ruin

Another sign of the impending return of the Messiah is world-wide affliction. World economies are so bad that jobs are scarce and people are hurting. The Scriptures allude to this. Isaiah wrote, “In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which they have made, each for himself to worship, to the mole and bats” (Isaiah 2:20).

Zephaniah states, “Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD’s wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy” (Zeph.1:18).

Says the Talmud: “When you see that nobody can hire himself out for work, nor can he even hire out his animals, you will know that the Messiah is soon to come . . . the Messiah will not arrive until the last coin is gone from the pocket, and people are left entirely empty-handed” (*Talmud*, Sanhedrin 28A).

Roman World Empire

Before the Messiah returns, a new Roman Empire or a world government patterned after the Roman Empire, must be set up among the nations. It is rapidly being cobbled together at this very moment. The New Testament calls this end-time world government “Babylon the Great” (Rev.17-18).. Isaiah the prophet calls it “the daughter of Babylon” (Isaiah 47).

This is another sign of the soon coming of the Messiah. The Jewish Talmud declares: “Rabbi Hama bar Hanina said: The son of David will not come until the despicable *Roman government* will be utterly wiped out from Israel, for the verse states (Isaiah 18:5): ‘For before the harvest, when the blossom is past, and the bud is ripening into young grapes, he shall cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and remove and cut down the branches.’ Rabbi Hana bar Hanina understands the word translated here as

‘sprigs,’ as a reference to the *despicable government of Rome*. *Only after that government is cut off will the final redemption come*, for the verse that follows states (Isaiah 18:7): ‘In that time will a present be brought to the Lord of hosts, by a people tall and smooth.’

“Rabbi Ze’eiri said in the name of Rabbi Hanina: ‘The son of David will not come until the arrogant of spirit are utterly wiped out from Israel, for the verse states (Zephaniah 3:11): ‘On that day you shall not be ashamed for all your doings, in which you have transgressed against me; for then I will take away from your midst those who rejoice in your pride, and you shall no more be haughty in my holy mountain.’ And the next verse states (Zephaniah 3:12): ‘And I will leave in your midst a poor and lowly people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord’” (p.16).

“The despicable government.” This expression is understood as referring to the Roman government that is despicable and despises the people of Israel. “Rashi and Ramah understand the expression to mean ‘sovereignty of little value.’ The Messiah will not come until the last vestiges of sovereignty and self-rule, meager as they might be, are utterly wiped out from Israel” (“Notes,” p.16).

The Talmud relates, “Rabbi Simlai said in the name of Rabbi Elazar the son of Rabbi Shimon: The son of David will not come until all the judges and officers are wiped out from Israel, and the last vestiges of Jewish self-rule disappear.”

Under “Notes” we read, “Some understand that Rabbi Simlai means to say that the Messiah will not come until the wicked judges and officers of Israel are utterly wiped out, for their sins and wicked deeds cause the exile to continue so long.”

Ignorance of Torah

Another sign of the End of this Age is widespread ignorance of the Bible and God’s Law, the Torah. Never has a generation been so ignorant of the Scriptures! Biblical ignorance today is dismal, even in the churches! It seems knowledge of every kind is multiplying, but most people are utterly ignorant of the Bible!

This was foretold by ancient Rabbis themselves, as they poured over the Scriptures.

In the Talmud we read: “Rabbi Yohanan said: When you see a generation declining in learning and knowledge, wait for the Messiah, for he is soon to come, as it is stated (II Samuel 22:28): ‘And the afflicted people you will save.’ Rabbi Yohanan said: When you see a generation inundated with many troubles like a river, wait for the Messiah, for the redemption is soon to come, as the verse states (Isaiah 59:19): ‘So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; when affliction comes like a river which the wind of the Lord drives forth.’ And juxtaposed to that verse is the verse that states (Isaiah 59:20): ‘But to Zion a redeemer shall come, and to them that turn from transgression in Jacob, says the Lord.’”

Can we save ourselves from the sufferings which will come before the advent of the Messiah?

“Rabbi Elazar’s disciples asked him: What can a person do to save himself from the sufferings before the advent of the Messiah? And Rabbi Elazar explained: Let him engage in the study of Torah and the performance of charitable deeds.”

God told Jacob, “And behold, I am with you, and will keep you in all the places to which you shall go” (Gen.28:15). Yet, later, a verse states, “Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed” (Gen.32:7). He saw Esau coming at him with a huge army, and was acutely afraid.

Why?

“If God promised Jacob that He would remain with him, why was he afraid? Rabbi Ya’akov bar Idi explains: Jacob was afraid lest his sins cause that promise to be cancelled” (Sanhedrin 98B, p.22).

Fear can be good if it inspires us to take action to save ourselves from disaster and trouble!

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge” (Prov.1:7). But the world is plunging into horror precisely because its inhabitants do NOT fear the Lord! The apostle Paul wrote, “Their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known.” Why? Because, he says – “There is no fear of God before their eyes” (Romans 3:15-18, NKJV).

The Time of Global Distress

One of the greatest signs that we are approaching the return of the Messiah is the universal increase of world troubles – the exponential rise in worldwide terrorism, hatred, anger between nations, and people.

The prophet Jeremiah states, “Ask now, and see whether a man gives birth; why, then, do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in labor, and all faces are turned green?” (Jer.30:6).

The Jewish Rabbi Ramah suggests that this verse means “that in the period before the Messiah, even the mightiest among men will stand with his hands on his loins, as a woman in labor” (p.23).

Even unbelievers want to know “when will the Messiah come” – not to prepare for Him, but out of mere curiosity, or to ridicule and jeer and heap scorn on the believer, as he goes his way.

A certain heretic said to Rabbi Abbahu: “ ‘When will the Messiah come?’ Rabbi Abbahu said to him: ‘He will come when darkness covers those people,’ people like yourself. The heretic said to Rabbi Abbahu: ‘Why do you curse me for no reason?’ Rabbi Abbahu said to him: ‘It is not I who curse you, for the verse states explicitly (Isaiah 60:2): “For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and fog the peoples; but the Lord shall shine upon you, and His glory shall be seen upon you”” (p.26).

The apostle Peter spoke of the same condition in the world in the end times. He wrote, “First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts and saying, ‘Where is the promise of his coming?’ (II Peter 3:3-4, NRSV).

We live in an age of skepticism, scoffing, and disbelief!

Prophetic Dates and Times

There are also cleverly hidden Biblical clues to the time of the End and the return of the Messiah. These clues do not mean we know for certain – but they give us valuable information!

One of the clues is found in the Talmud, Sanhedrin 98A. We read: “It was taught in a Baraita: ‘Rabbi Eliezer says: The Messianic age will last for *forty years*, as the verse states (Psalms 95:10): “Forty years will I loathe the generation”” (p.26-27).

Under “Notes” we read: “It has been argued that the *Messianic age* will serve as a PERIOD OF PREPARATION for Israel and the whole world for life in the World to Come. Hence, the dispute regarding the length of the Messianic age is essentially a dispute about *how long it will take to prepare the world* to rise to that level.”

Where do we get the number “forty years”?

God was angry with the generation of Israel that lost faith and refused to enter the Holy Land, in the days of Moses and Joshua, and punished them for 40 years (Num.14:34).

Is God also angry with this present generation, who captured the Temple Mount in 1967, through a miraculous war, with divine intervention, but refused to return to Him by demolishing the Dome of the Rock, which sits where the ancient Temple stood, and has refused to take sovereignty over the Temple Mount, and to rebuild His Temple? The nation ignored His command, “Build My House” (Haggai 1:8). They suffered, as a result, forty years of struggles with the Palestinians and surrounding Arab states. They showed no faithfulness to God or His laws.

Forty years ago, beginning in 1967, brings us to 2007. In 2007-2008 the United States suffered an incredible economic collapse which almost led to the collapse of the entire world economic and financial system. It was a wake up or warning call,

foreshadowed by the Feast of Trumpets – the annual Feast of God which itself calls upon God’s people to REPENT of their sins and to prepare to be judged for their lives and deeds.

The Feast of Trumpets is ten days before the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, which represents and stands for the Day of Judgment – the day when Christ the Messiah returns to JUDGE the earth and its inhabitants!

From 2007-8, if we add ten years, we come to 2017-2018. These last “ten years” are ten years of warning, of preparation, called The Days of Awe” by the Jewish people – the ten days from Rosh Hoshanah (Trumpets) to Yom Kippur.

Is God giving mankind TEN YEARS to get ready to meet God in judgment?

Many People Despise God’s Word

One of the signs of the End of the Age is that people today “despise” the word of God. They do not count it of any special worth, and do not study it to learn God’s ways. They seek after their pleasures and wickedness, instead.

President Barack Obama himself has shown this attitude when he scorned and scoffed at the Old and New Testament, saying the Old Testament taught slavery, and the New Testament taught turning the other cheek, which no government on earth would find practical – according to his opinion. Scoffing and scorning the Word of God would be commonplace in the end times.

The apostle Paul himself wrote, “For the time will come when men will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn away their ears from the truth, and be turned aside to fables” (II Tim.4:3-4).

Numbers 15:30-31 says, “But the person who does anything presumptuously [defiantly, lit. ‘with a high hand’] . . . shall be cut off [put to death] from among his people. Because he has *despised the word of the LORD*, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him.”

What does it mean, “to despise the word of the Lord”? There are many aspects to this question.

The Rabbis discussed this in the Talmud. “Among those sinners who do not have a portion in the World to Come is someone who says: ‘The Torah was not given from heaven but was written by Moses.’ Our Rabbis taught a related Baraita: ‘The verse that states (Numbers 15:31), “Because he has despised the word of the Lord, and has broken His commandment, that soul shall be utterly cut off,” refers to someone who says that the Torah was not given from Heaven but was written by Moses. According to another

explanation, the words “because he has despised the word of the Lord” refer to an *apikonos*, a heretic who denigrates the Rabbis and their Torah.

According to yet another explanation, the words, “ ‘because he has despised the word of the Lord’ ” refer to someone who acts impudently towards the Torah . . . The verse promises ‘that soul shall be utterly cut off,’ using the double verb form *hikaret tikaret*. That apparent superfluity teaches that the sinner will be cut off in two worlds. He will be ‘cut off’ [*hikaret*] – in this world and die a premature or sudden death; and he will be ‘utterly [*tikaret*] cut off’ – in the World to Come. . . If someone despises holy things, willfully defiling them, or despises the intermediate days of the Festivals, treating them as ordinary days, or breaks the covenant of Abraham, or acts impudently towards the Torah, or puts another person to shame in public, then even if he has to his credit Torah study and the performance of many other good deeds, he still has no share in the World to Come.”

Rambam says, “Someone who says that the Torah was not given by God, referring to the whole Torah, or even a single verse, or even a single word, falls under the category of those who deny the Torah, and does not have a share in the World to Come” (p.32).

Interestingly, Yeshua said much the same thing. He declared of the Word of God: “Do not think that 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 shall by NO MEANS PASS from the law till all is fulfilled*” (Matt.5:17-18).

But merely knowing the truth and keeping the commandments is not enough. We are commanded also to TEACH it to all who will listen, especially our own children!

Study, Learn, Remember, and Teach

In a related Baraita, “Rabbi Meir said: If someone studies Torah, but does not teach it to others, he is included among those referred to by the verse (Numbers 15:31): ‘Because he despised the word of the Lord.’ Since he does not teach others, he does not attach importance to his knowledge.”

Likewise, “Rabbi Nehorai says: “Anyone who is capable of engaging in Torah study, but does not do so, ‘has despised the word of the Lord.’

In another Baraita, “Rabbi Yehoshua ben Korhah says: Anyone who studies Torah, but fails to review what he has learned, is like a person who sows grain and fails to reap it. Rabbi Yehoshua says: Anyone who studies Torah but later forgets it, is like a woman who gives birth, but soon thereafter buries her newborn.” (p.34).

Man was created for toil, or work. Job 5:7 says, “Man is born for toil.” God told Joshua, “This book of the Torah shall not depart out of your mouth” (Joshua 1:8), tells us that man was created for the toil or labor of Torah study.

Says the Talmud, “One cannot acquire Torah knowledge without regular study, as the verse states (Proverbs 22:18): ‘For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them in your belly; let them dwell on your lips’” (p.35).

Hidden Hebrew Revelations

In *The Other Bible Code: Ancient Hebrew Revelations about Events of Our Time*, written by H. M. Davidson, we read, “In the third century, two centuries after the Romans had destroyed the Second Temple, ancient rabbis recorded a belief, transmitted to them from earlier generations, about the Temple Mount’s destiny:

[One sage] said: “The children of Ishmael [i.e. the Arabs] will instigate fifteen things in the Land of Israel in the latter days . . . #15.) *They will construct an edifice on the site of the Temple*”

“The Arabs, warned ancient Rabbis, would one day build an edifice on the Temple Mount.

“In 687, four centuries after these words were committed to writing, they were fulfilled. Under the leadership of Abdel Malik, the Arabs, who had recently conquered the Holy Land, built the Mosque of Omar atop Jerusalem’s Temple Mount” (page 28).

The Mosque of Omar, also called the “Dome of the Rock,” was built in 687 A.D. It is a sacrilegious abomination, defiling the holy ground on which it sits, brazenly and impudently defying the Living God.

Let’s take note of that infamous year, 687 A.D. If we count 1260 days/years from that conspicuous date, notice what happens:

$$\begin{array}{r} 687-88 \text{ A.D.} \\ + 1260 \text{ years} \\ \hline 1947-48 \text{ A.D.} \end{array}$$

1947 was the very year the United Nations voted to create the state of Israel, and 1948 was the very year the modern state of Israel came into existence!

Davidson writes, “Not only will the Arab people and the Jewish people be at each other’s throats at the End of Days over control of the Holy Land. Throughout ancient Jewish texts, the Arabs are depicted as being engaged at the End of Days in a fierce struggle against a civilization which will be the ‘Esau/Edom/Rome’ of its time” (p.37).

Esau, of course, was the brother of Jacob. He hated Jacob fiercely, accusing him of stealing his birthright. This hatred continued down through history, between the descendants of Esau and Jacob.

Who is Esau Today?

Why does Davidson speak of Esau/Edom/Rome? Are they connected?

Louis Ginzberg in his *Legends of the Jews* gives us additional information about Esau, connecting him and his posterity to Rome. According to the traditions Ginzberg relates, Rebekah suffered such severe pain during her pregnancy that she went to Shem and pleaded with him to inquire of God concerning the cause of her distress.

“And Shem replied: ‘My daughter, I confide a secret to thee. See to it that none finds it out. Two nations are in thy womb, and how should thy body contain them, seeing that the whole world will not be large enough for them to exist in it together peaceably? Two nations they are, each owning a world of its own, the one the Torah, the other sin. From the one will spring Solomon, the builder of the Temple, from the other Vespasian, the destroyer thereof” (*Legends*, 1968, vol. 1, page 314)

The Mother and Fountain of all persecution and religious apostasy has its source in Rome, and Roman Catholicism. Rome, also, fulfills the words of Esdras that ‘Esau is the end of this age, and Jacob is the beginning of the one that follows.’

“They [Esau and Jacob] will never be in the same estate. Esau will vaunt lords, while Jacob will have Kings. They, Israel and Rome, are the two nations destined to be hated by all the world. One will exceed the other in strength. First Esau will subjugate the whole world, but in the end Jacob will rule over all” (*Legends*, vol. 1, page 314)

Ginzberg further relates that

“God will call out to the Messiah: ‘Roar at this monster that devours the fat of the nations, that justifies its claims for recognition through being a descendant of Abraham by his grandson Esau, the nation that forgives all for the sake of money [as Luther enumerated in his Bull], that kept Israel back from the study of the Torah, and tempted them to deeds that are in accord with the wishes of Satan”’ (*Legends*, vol. 3, page 167)

Esau was very influential in Rome. No doubt that “Rome” in a very real sense epitomizes the “way of Esau.” In fact, the book of Jasher directly connects Esau’s descendants with the Romans!

“And the children of Chittim [Cyprus, Phoenicia, Rome] saw the valor of Zepho [a valiant descendant of Esau], and the children of Chittim resolved and they made Zepho king over them . . . Zepho reigned over the whole land of Chittim *and over the land of ITALIA* 50 years” (p.186).

So the Rome-Esau connection is verified! The children of EDOM or ESAU intermarried with the Italians, mixed with them, and *they become ONE PEOPLE!* Thus

Esau also stands identified as the people of Italy, the Romans, and the well spring of the Roman Catholic religious apostasy!

“The Age of Esau”

According to prophecy, the rivalry between Esau’s and Jacob’s descendants was to characterize the ongoing relationships of these two people throughout historical time. Finally, the “age of Esau” – this present evil world – will be replaced by the “age of Jacob” or Israel. The book II Esdras in the Apocrypha speaks of this prophecy:

“What will mark the parting of the times? Or when will the end of the first or the beginning of the second be?”

“And he said to me, ‘From Abraham to Abraham, for from him sprang Jacob and Esau, but *Jacob’s hand held Esau’s heel from the beginning. For ESAU IS THE END OF THIS AGE, AND JACOB IS THE BEGINNING OF THE ONE THAT FOLLOWS.* For the beginning of a man is his hand, and the end of a man is his heel’” (II Esdras 6:7-10).

Writes Davison, “In many ancient Hebrew and Aramaic writings, Rome – an obscure Italian village which emerged as an early hub of Western civilization and economic power – is identified as an early extension of the Esau/Edom personality” (*The Other Bible Code*, H. M. Davidson, p.6-7). The Babylonian Talmud, a treasure of information, identifies Esau/Rome’s scheming against the sons of Jacob as not just a plot or scheme, “but rather as a country: *Germany*” (Davidson,p.9, Babylonian Talmud, Megillah, 6a).

“Rome” in the End of Days

The civilization of “Rome” is the earliest branch or post-Biblical extension of Esau and his family. If it were compared to a tree, then Esau would be the “root,” and Roman civilization would be a major branch from that tree’s root. It has many branches.

In fact, the eighteenth century Lithuanian rabbinic giant, Elijah ben-Solomon Kramer, known as the “Genius of Vilna,” H. M. Davidson says, “argued *that half of the nations of the contemporary world are branches of the Esau/Edom/Rome tree*” (Davidson, page 37).

The sixteenth century Rabbi Yehuda Lowe, the “Maharal,” argued that characteristics which ancient Jewish writings attribute to Esau/Rome may be used to “identify the contemporary groups of nations which today bear the torch of Esau/Edom/Rome” (*ibid.*).

Thus, “Euro-Western civilization may be regarded as a BRANCH OF THE ESAU/EDOM/ROME TREE”, he explains.

European and Western civilization is the immediate heir of the culture of Rome,

with similar institutions, government, and laws. Also, like ancient Rome, modern Europe/America, and the Western world enjoy largely uncontested military, economic and political dominance over most of the world, and a vastly disproportionate part of the world's wealth.

Says Davidson, "And the *mind*-set of the contemporary West also suggests a kinship with Esau/Edom/Rome."

The West champions democracy, freedom, opportunity. Most people in the Western nations cheer these concepts, but these principles are not of themselves intrinsically good! A society consisting of thieves and crooks, even though it has a "democratic" government, will still be evil. Democracy and decency are not identical. Iraq today has "democracy" but is filled with hatred, conflict, and is on the verge of Civil War due to disagreeing factions of Islam battling each other for supremacy.

Says Davidson, "According to ancient Jewish sages, the essence of Esau/Edom/Rome was its emphasis on *outward form and appearance* over intrinsic goodness. Good manners took precedence over good morals. Etiquette over ethics. Judicial process and procedure over justice. System over substance" (p.39).

New York City and Ancient Rome

Ancient Rome was the hub of civilization during its time – a mega city which was the financial center of the world. Its torch or legacy, today, which would symbolically be called "Rome," would be New York City – a magnet for influential people, wealth, and business.

Davidson goes on, "In today's world, the city of New York has no equal as a financial hub. Many of the world's most influential companies are based in New York and it is in New York that their shares are traded. The adage, 'When Wall Street sneezes, the rest of the world catches the flu,' captures the essence of New York's financial hegemony over the rest of the world" (p.40).

"In addition," he says, "the presence of the United Nations in Manhattan underscores New York City's status as an unparalleled magnet for dignitaries from across the globe, much as Rome was in ancient days."

The Road Map

In Psalm 140:8-9, we read, "Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked man; further not his plotting – lest they be exalted." In the Babylonian Talmud, in a commentary on Psalm 140:8-9, the wicked man in this verse is identified as one of Esau's later day manifestations – namely, Rome. Israel here pleads with God to withhold the desires of "Rome" and to contain Rome's plotting.

Indeed, the world today seems to be plotting against Israel. The so-called "Road

Map to Peace,” which threatens Israel’s very future, is evidence of a vast conspiracy or global plot to ‘contain’ if not eliminate the Jewish state, in favor of Arab oil, on which the world’s economy depends.

In the same passage from the Talmud, Esau/Rome’s plotting is identified with or connected with Germany (Babylonian Talmud, Megilla 6a, H. M. Davidson, page 7).

Germany has been a fore-front of anti-Semitism in the twentieth century. Hitler’s pogroms, and his “final solution,” which led to the deaths of some six million European Jews, was not an isolated episode or anomaly. German resentment and antipathy toward the Jews was historic, and today still remains very strong against the Jewish state of Israel. The Germans, as a leader in the European Union, are strong advocates of the disingenuous “Road Map to Peace.” Germany has long been a powerful advocate of the Arabic lobby and the Palestinians, in their confrontation against Israel.

Says Davidson, “The Talmud continued that Jacob/Israel feared that if Germany and Rome were to end their mutual antagonism (as we see in the world, today, with Germany being a part of the “Western Alliance” and NATO) and combine forces, they would set forth to ‘destroy the world’” (page 8).

God warned the ancient Israelites to never forget the attack of the Amalekites, when they exited from Egypt under Moses. God said, “Remember what Amalek did to you on your journey out of Egypt, how he attacked you on the way, when you were faint and weary, and struck down all who lagged behind you; he did not fear God” (Deut.25:17-18, NRSV).

The Jewish and Israelite struggle against Amalek was not a one-time affair, but was to continue down through history. Amalek was to be blotted out, but it never happened.

A descendant of Amalek rose up to come close to annihilating the Jews during the Persian empire. An Amalekite by the name of Haman, viceroy to the king, sought to kill every Jew in the kingdom of Persia – genocide (Esther 3:13).

Haman and Hitler

Hitler succeeded in annihilating one third of the Jewish race alive at that time. In Jewish thought, there is a definite German-Amalekite connection.

The Talmud warned that another “Haman” would arise in the future. In a section dealing with the End of Days, and the coming of the Messiah, we read: “If the people of Israel fail to repent on their own, the Holy One, blessed be He, will set a king over them *whose decrees are as harsh as those of Haman*, and the people of Israel will repent against their will, and He will restore them to good” (Sanhedrin 97B, vol.21, p.13).

This prophecy was certainly fulfilled by Adolf Hitler, who, like Haman of old,

sought the total extinction of the Jewish race. The Holocaust woke up millions of Jews who during and after World War II sought refuge by fleeing to Palestine, to their original homeland.

Was the Nazi holocaust prophesied? Interestingly, a passage in the book of Esther describes the execution of Haman's "ten sons." A close look at the names of Haman's ten sons reveals a textual anomaly – three Hebrew letters are written very small in the Hebrew text – the Hebrew equivalents of T (tau), Sh (shin), and Z (zayin); and one, the Hebrew equivalent of V (vav), is written exceptionally large! (Esther 9:7-9).

Why was this anciently written this unusual way?

Says Davidson, "Such an oddity should draw attention. The ancient Hebrews understood that an enlargement or contraction of Biblical letters is always significant." In the Hebrew alphabet, every letter has a numerical value. In the case of the text in Esther, the three small letters have the numerical value as follows: T = 400, Sh = 300, Z = 7, for a total of 707. The numerical value of the large letter Vav is 6.

Here is where it gets remarkable – and mysterious! The very date on which Hitler's ten henchmen during World War II were hanged, even as Haman's sons were hanged, was October 16, 1946 – a date that coincided with the 707th year of the *sixth* millennium of the Hebrew calendar – the Hebrew year 5707. Notice – the large "Vav" (5) refers to the Jewish 6th millennium – The "707" refers to the century and year.

The execution date that year fell on the 21st day of Tishri – the day of Hoshana Rabbah, the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles. That date, in Jewish lore, is identified as the one day of the year picturing the "Judgment Day" of the Gentile nations of the world!

A reporter for *Newsweek* magazine, at the time, wrote about the execution of Julius Streicher, one of Hitler's Nazi henchmen. As he faced his own execution, by hanging, we read in *Newsweek*:

"Only Julius Streicher went without dignity. He had to be pushed across the floor, wild-eyed and screaming: 'Heil Hitler!' Mounting the steps, he cried out: 'and now I go to God!' He stared at the witnesses facing the gallows and shouted, 'Purim-fest, 1946!' (*Newsweek*, October 26, 1946, page 45).

The hanging of the ten henchmen of Adolf Hitler in 1946 was an uncanny latter-day replay of the hanging of the ten sons of Haman on the day of Purim, in 510 B.C. Hitler, like Haman, sought to kill and annihilate all Jews. And like him, he died a miserable death, and his ten henchmen were hanged like Haman's sons.

"Confusion of War"

Fast forward to the year 2006 – our day, today. The world is currently engaged in

the beginning stages of World War III – the war which has begun against worldwide Terrorism! It is a war pitting the Muslim world against the Western/Christian world. It involves Muslim terrorist groups and their Arab supporting nations – a Middle Eastern “axis of evil.”

In a prophecy found in Isaiah 21, God condemns the Arab nations for their treachery, perfidy and cruelty. God says, “As whirlwinds in the Negeb sweep on, it comes from the desert, from a terrible land. A stern vision is told to me; the betrayer betrays, and the destroyer destroys” (Isa. 21:1-2, NRSV). It is a scene of awesome destruction. The vision is so appalling, Isaiah cries out, “Therefore my loins are filled with anguish; pangs have seized me, like the pangs of a woman in labor . . . My mind reels, horror has appalled me; the twilight I longed for has turned for me into trembling” (Isa.21:3-4).

It is an oracle concerning the Desert – Arabia – and its inhabitants, the Dedanites, Tema, and the warriors of Kedar (verses 13-16).

Writes Davidson, “An ancient Jewish sage, culling from the insights into this chapter which he had received from earlier generations, states that the Arabs will wage an unprecedentedly heavy ‘*war of confusion*’ in the End of Days – and that the scene of this war will be ‘a great city.’ Furthermore – the ancient sage continues – this episode will trigger events which will lead to the coming of the Messiah and the Final Redemption of the world” (p.41).

A “war of confusion” suggests a war where the enemy is hard to identify – as in terrorists, who disguise themselves, and go underground, and strike by stealth. The term “a great city,” says Davidson, in ancient Hebrew literature, is “almost invariably a coded reference to Rome or its successor” (*ibid.*).

Thus here we are reading about “terrorism,” a war where your enemies are not obvious – and a “great city” – a modern day “Rome.”

Does this not sound like the staggering events of 9-11?

The ancient Zohar, an ancient book of Hebrew commentaries, in its section on the book of Numbers, gives details of devastation which would shake “Rome,” in the End of Days. Says Davidson, “Amplifying the prophecy of Bil’am, the Zohar predicted that on a certain calendar date the future Rome will suffer the tumbling of three high buildings or ‘strongholds’ [Aramaic: *shoorin eelaen*], and that this event will be among the factors triggering the process which will lead ultimately to the coming of the Messiah” p.42).

On 9-11, not only the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center collapsed after being driven into by hijacked airliners, but a third 47-story skyscraper, part of the same complex, also tumbled to the ground, at 5:20 pm, the same day.

The Zohar predicted this tremendous event would occur on the 25th day of the

month of Elul, in its most publicized edition. However, in the 18th century, the Genius of Vilna stated the text was off by two days – that the most correct version of the Zohar reads that this devastation would occur on Elul 23.

Says Davidson, “*September 11, 2001, was the 23rd day of Elul*” (p.42).

The Final War

The same source, the Zohar, also stated that Jewish-Arab struggle over the Middle East would transcend the boundaries of that region and spill over to the whole world, including Esau/Rome, during the End of Days.

Another text, Davidson relates, shows “the world will be plunged into a series of THREE multinational wars as the End of Days approaches. Neither of these first two wars will directly affect Jerusalem, but the third will focus on and include the Holy City” (p.44). (During World War I, General Allenby marched on Jerusalem, but the Turks abandoned the city without defending it!)

The final war will involve a vast invasion of Israel from the north country, Gog and Magog, together with Persia (Iran), and Cush (India), and other nations.

God says, “Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophecy against him” (Ezek.38:1-2, NKJV). Verse 5 says, “Persia [Iran], Ethiopia [Cush, that is, India and Ethiopia]], and Libya [Phut, north Africa] are with them . . . Gomer [China and Southeast Asia?] and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops – many people are with you” (vs.5-6).

This huge host will attack Israel.

The Jerusalem Talmud identifies “Meshech” with “Meesya.” Meesya is also called ‘Moscavi,’ and lies to the extreme north, Ezekiel says. The only city by that name, in that region, which is world renown, is the city of MOSCOW, in RUSSIA – the “land of ROSH.”

Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon says of the word “Meshech” – “Moschi, barbarous people inhabiting the Moschian mountains, between Iberia, Armenia, and Colchis.” He proposes that the Greek name “Moschi,” is the source of the name of the modern Russian city, Moscow.

The attackers’ aim is to annihilate all Israel. They will come in the “latter years,” against the Jews, “those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people” (v.8). Gog and Magog “will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud” (v.9). They will make an evil plan, saying, “I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates” (v.11).

Israel says, “They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, ‘Come, let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.’ For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy [lit., cut a covenant] against You: the tents of EDOM [Rome, western world alliance] and the Ishmaelites [Arab nations]; Moab and the Hagrites [Jordan]; Gebal [Lebanon], Ammon, and AMALEK [the Palestinians]; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre [leading financial/trade center – New York City]; Assyria [Germany] also has joined them” (Psalm 83:3-8).

Says Davidson, “Listed among them are representatives of the EURO-WESTERN BLOC AND THE ARAB BLOC – ‘tents of Edom and Ishmaelites’” (p.48).

Jerusalem – the Central Focus

The focus of this assault will be Jerusalem. Says the prophet Zechariah, “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a vessel of POISON to all the nations surrounding it . . . And on that day I will make Jerusalem a BURDENSOME STONE for all the nations; for all who burden themselves with it will be devastated – and all the peoples of the earth will be gathered against it” (Zech.12:2-3).

The prophet Joel depicted this devastating scene. He wrote, “For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also DIVIDED UP MY LAND” (Joel 3:1-2).

Joel declares, “Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a DESTRUCTION from the Almighty” (Joel 1:15).

“A people come, great and strong, the like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations” (Joel 2:2).

“A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns; the land is like the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness” (Joel 2:3).

“DatePalms of Smoke”

“And I [God] will place wonders in the heavens and on the earth: blood, and fire, and *date-palms of smoke*” (Joel 2:30). “The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls” (Joel 2:31-32).

The Hebrew word for “pillars” of fire is #8490, *timarah*, and means “a column.” It comes from #8558, *tamar*, meaning “to be erect; a palm tree.”

An erect column of smoke, which looks like a palm tree, is very reminiscent of a nuclear bomb blast – with a mushroom cloud atop a tall column of fire!

Says Davidson, “This heat, envisioned the prophet Joel, will generate date-palm-shaped pillars of smoke. A date-palm has a long, thin trunk and juts out at its top in every direction. Ominously, it is very similar in appearance to a tall mushroom. On that basis, a ‘date-palm of smoke’ would resemble the mushroom cloud phenomenon which appears in the sky in the aftermath of a nuclear blast” (p.54-55).

What effect will this devastation have on the armies attacking Jerusalem? Zechariah tells us: “And this is the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths” (Zechariah 14:12). As a result of this fiery conflagration, “It shall come to pass in that day that a great PANIC from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, and raise his hand against his neighbor’s hand” (Zech.14:13).

Isaiah writes, “He will kindle a burning like the burning of a fire. So the Light of Israel will be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in ONE DAY” (Isa.10:16-17).

“Hasten the Day”

In Isaiah 60:22, God says: “I the Lord will hasten it in its time.” Notice! According to the Talmud Rabbis, “The verse states that redemption will come ‘in its time,’ implying that redemption will only come at its predetermined time. And the same verse states that ‘I will hasten it,’ implying that redemption might come before that time! “Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi explained: If Israel merits it through repentance and good deeds, God will fulfill the promise, ‘I will hasten it,’ and bring redemption before its appointed time. But if Israel does not merit it, God will only bring redemption ‘in its time’” (p.18).

It will occur in its appointed time – and yet it will also be “hastened” – the process will be speeded up! Is this what the Messiah meant when He said, “And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved [alive]; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” Matt.24:22). Paul describes it, “For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth” (Romans 9:28).

The final act of the stage play, before the curtain descends upon this world and its gory civilization, will happen very suddenly. Malachi wrote, “And the Lord, whom you seek, will SUDDENLY come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in. Behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts” (Malachi 3:1).

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Letters from Our Readers

“Just heard on the hookup yesterday about your wedding anniversary. Many congratulations to you both.

“There is only Barbara and me keeping the Feast here in North Wales, but I know others are hooking up from home. Due to age, illness, lack of finance and other assorted reasons means that the numbers have dwindled somewhat this year. It sounds from your comments that everything is going well with the video streaming. Due to lack of signal we are unable to get the video streaming and are having to drive up to the top of a hill every evening in order to receive the audio hookup. It may sound a bit primitive, but there is something "magical" about hearing the Word of God preached while sitting in a car on top of a hill, by a field in which cattle and sheep are grazing together. We are definitely having a wonderful Feast.

“We both send our love and best wishes to everyone in Omak and also all those on the hookup.

“HAG SAMEACH!

“Bye for now, take care and may our Great God guide you always.
-- Nick, Barbara and Livestock Friends,
Great Britain

“We made it home safely. I enjoyed keeping the Feast with brethren of like mind. When we left the weather was calm. As we approached the Chelan area dawn was breaking and the sky was turning dark toward the west. With the sun rising in the east and the storm brewing in the west it caused the appearance of a double rainbow. Yes two rainbows next to each other although one was a little fainter than the other.

“I wanted to catch one last view of the Cascades. As we started toward Rte 2 it started to rain. Then deeper onto the Wenatchee Forest it poured and poured. My wife was terrified but I was at

peace. When we got to the higher elevations it started to snow. The road was covered with slush and the ground and trees were turning white. My wife grew more fearsome and I admit it did become more treacherous but I was still at peace. When we descended from the pass and exited the forest it turned to rain once again but not as heavy.

“I was determined to stop at Snoqualme to see the falls. My wife was doubting my sanity. On arrival to the falls the rain let up just enough time for us to go and take in it's view. It was the perfect time to see it with the over abundance of rain from the typhoon, the falls were majestically gushing as many visitors probably have never seen. Very very powerful. When leaving the falls the rain started again but just a gentle rain until we approached Seattle. Then the sun broke out for a while and we departed.

“Thanks for the fellowship”
-- New York

“Greetings in Yeshua Messiah! Chag Sameach! HalleluYah! **Congratulations** on your 46th wedding anniversary! Praise the Eternal! HalleluYah! Also, congratulations on your new live-streaming video on Ustream!

“Enjoying your Feast services daily, thanking Yah and Yeshua for a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles in Winnipeg and enjoying our Sukkah. The weather has been awesome here; sunny and warm, except for one day of rain on Thursday, but it was a beautiful, much-needed rain, as it had been pretty dry around here. It was a beautiful thunderstorm and cleared up in the evening.”

-- Canada

“Congratulations on your 46th wedding anniversary! It is quite an accomplishment, and to still be in harmony.

'Also, congratulations on your 50th year doing God's Work, Bill. I turned 51 in June of this year, 2013, and it is amazing to think that virtually all the years I have been alive on this planet, you have been at God's Work. What a mammoth undertaking. Congratulations again.

'And thank you to you and John (New York) for arranging for live streaming (USTREAM) to go live. It gives the impact of being right at the Feast. Way to go!'

-- Paul, Canada

"Greetings once again from the land of Israel:

"Once upon a time, perhaps about 3 or 4 months ago, I had asked you, if you had ever considered ditching P I C O stream for another system called Ustream and you had said that you were thinking about it for sometime now. We all knew that P I C O couldn't provide a good steady signal.

"Well this past Sabbath when I got ready for another Bible Study, I thought I would have to put up with another irritating, inconsistent P I C O stream signal once again.

"Well what do you know, there you were on a perfect signal from Ustream and with no intermittent hick ups. You had made a comment about your handsome face during the commencement of Ustream and the truth is, it is SIN that makes a person UGLY.

"I really do appreciate your bible studies, however, there are times when you are digressing from the word of God and digressing doesn't enhance the word of our Great God."

-- Israel

"From your brothers and sisters in Harper, Texas; we send greetings to you and all our brethren in Christ Messiah gathered together in Omak, Washington.

"What a marvelous blessing from our Father in Heaven to be able to hear and see you expounding God's Word by "Live Streaming". It was heart breaking to hear you recount the History of the Church of God. But we know and understand that God raised you up to give an eye witness account, to let the truth be known, and the record set straight. And perhaps your eye

witness accounting of this dark period in history of the early church will become part of the continuation of the Book of Acts.

"Thank you Mr. & Mr's Dankenbring for your endurance, loyalty, and faithfulness as stewards in God's household. May it be His good Will to keep you both strong in His word, not sparing but lifting your voice as a trumpet to show God's people their sins.

"May God's Blessing of Peace, Joy and Unity abound among all His people in this "*The season of our Joy.*" Your Brethren in Harper, Texas.

-- Texas

"As you know, those who don't remember their history are doomed and condemned to repeat the same old mistakes all over again just like our ancient ancestors who made some very bad choices in past times. For example:

"The houses of ancient Israel and Judah must have thumbed their noses at all of God's Laws and thought they were invincible from the Lord God of Israel by breaking all of God's Laws.

"It's totally amazing how fast this last generation has degenerated and succumbed to the point of a no return from a once mighty Christian nation.

"The name JESUS has now been cast out of the schools and relegated to the dust bins of America's government and military. Even the military chaplains are condemned and forbidden to be using the name Jesus, if the U S military leaders only knew, it is Jesus who gives the victory in times of war and battles. The U S military is making horrendous and dreadful mistakes.

"The U S military must have realized and known that America was founded on Christian principles and the early fathers of America were all solid bible readers.

"Because they were not distracted by stupid Hollywood and T V shows and professional sporting events that are made available to us and do waste our precious and valuable time.

"As we know, almost 400 years ago the Pilgrims left Europe in the year of 1620 because of the brain dead, brainless and godless governments and church leaders were persecuting Pilgrims because they were Sabbath Keepers. It's very

strange that historians never ever mention that fact and almost 400 years later we find ourselves in the very same situation. Persecuting Christians and lifting up and adoring Muslims how dreadful is that?

“There is no place to run to or hide from companies like Monsanto or they should be called ‘monsatan’ for forcing their evil products down people throats and backed up by crazy US government and the careless people who voted for same scumbags year after year. I hope that the voting people in the State of Washington have enough brain power to seize the moment and evict Monsanto evil G M O products out of their state and eat the organic food that God created for human health.

“The Israeli government is clueless as for as what to do about the state of Iran. As far as I know the Israeli and the U S military need not apply for the job, because the German military has already surrounded the state of Iran because Europe is also concerned about Iran's nuclear program.

“I assume that you already know all this info.”
-- Canada

“Thank you so, so, very, very much! For the ANOINTED CLOTH or PRAYER CLOTH! And all four (4) of your accompanying articles, namely:

1. "Prayer Cloths and Healing"
2. "The Awesome Power of Prayer and Fasting!"
3. "A Neglected, Vital KEY to Spiritual Growth--MEDITATION!" and
4. "The Awesome Power of Earnest Prayer!"

“I truly can never thank you enough for all how you've so, so, very, very greatly, tremendously blessed me with all of your kindness, generosity, spirituality, worship, and YHVH's and His Son Yahushua's righteousness in you, made manifest through your gentle speech, your writings/articles in the PF's, and all other articles, Bible Studies that you've published in multi-media, and all you've been so lovingly mailing to me all these so many, many years since January 1999!

“May YHVH tremendously increase your

strength, power and good courage! And your Mrs. Cappy Dankenbring's too!”

-- The Philippines

“Firstly, thank you for your magazine *Prophecy Flash* and the articles and booklets you have sent me. I was a member of the Worldwide Church of God back in '88 and '89 which opened many doors for me. I lost my way for twenty years and began looking for direction again as the world's churches do nothing for me. I was blessed when I found your magazine laying out on a shelf and took it back to my cell to read and knew I found what I was looking for. Thanks!! Keep up the Lord's work.”

---- Michigan

“You are family to so many thousands of us around the world, even to us who are unfortunates in prison. So many people in here, searching for something, anything, that can give them a reason for being. Most seem to be heading down the same path when they are released, because they have nothing else. Stalwart Christians are showing them that there is something else – there is a future for them – and that they are loved.

“The impact of your hard work, insight, and inspiration is tremendous for those seeking the truth. Many blessings also to those who are able to financially support your endeavors and dissemination of powerful, life-changing and soul saving materials to people like me. . . .”

-- North Carolina

“I hope that you all had a blessed time during last month's festivals and Holy Days. This was my first time observing these special days and Sabbaths and I was truly blessed! I fasted for the first time ever for Yom Kippur and came away from it feeling refreshed! I give all praise to our mighty God Yahveh and His Son Yeshua! I thank you for my last newsletters, articles, and books – I am so blessed everytime I read your teachings! . . .

“I keep every article/booklet that you send me. After reading, studying and comparing your work to the Bible, I share it with others in my ousing unit. We do studies, my friends and I, then if someone new inquires, I let them read it. We thank you and your church family for this matrial and your prayers!”

-- Georgia

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