

# The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, Daniel's 70 Weeks, and the Mystery of the "Seven Times"

The enigma of the "seven times" principle of Bible prophecy unlocks the doors of many key biblical prophecies for the end times. What do they signify? How do they compute with the years of Israel's punishment? How does the "day for a year" apply? How long is a prophetic year? What are the 2,520 days or years? How do they apply to Israel, Judah, and the Temple of God and its rebuilding? How do the Four Horsemen of Revelation figure into the picture? How does Daniel's 70 weeks prophecy figure into the equation? These Bible prophecies contain an URGENT message for all of *us!*

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In the book of Leviticus, God decreed that if His people disobeyed Him and broke His covenant, He would punish them "seven times" (Leviticus 26:18). This principle was repeated in the chapter four times (verses 18, 21, 24, 28).

## *"Times"*

What is a "time"? In the book of Daniel, we find that when king Nebuchadnezzar became proud, God punished him "seven times" and he lost his senses, and lived like a grass-grazing cow for seven years. "Seven times" were to pass over him, until he realized that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men (Dan.4:25). How long was this?

In Daniel 7, we also read that in the time of the end, a wicked ruler will rise up, intent upon changing "times and laws" of God, who will rule for "a time, times, and half a time" (Daniel 7:25) – or three and one half times.

This mystery is unveiled in the book of Revelation. Here the apostle John relates that the "beast" or wicked ruler of the end times who rises up will rule for "forty two months" (Rev.13:5). Forty two months is three and one half years! Therefore, the forty two months correspond with the three and one half "times."

This reveals that one “time” equals “one year” in prophetic fulfillment.

### *A Day for a Year*

However, another important principle of prophecy is the “day for a year” key. When Israel refused to enter the Promised Land, due to a lack of faith, God said He would punish them for 40 years – one year for every day the scouts searched out the land (Numbers 14:34). Also, in Ezekiel 4:6, we discover that God had the prophet lie on his side for 40 days, and 390 days, and declared that these would represent the number of “years of their iniquity” (verse 5), “each day for a year” (v.6).

A Biblical, prophetic year is 360 days – the same number of days as there are degrees in a compass. We find that the original year was evidently 360 days in length, prior to the Flood of Noah’s time. The Flood began on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the second month, and lasted for 150 days, ending on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the seventh month (Gen.7:11, 8:3-4). Thus 5 months equaled 150 days, showing that each month was 30 days in length. This would make 12 months equal 360 days!

Since God said He would punished Israel for their sins for “seven times,” and a time equals a year, and a year prophetically is 360 days, using the day for a year principle we discover that 7 times equals 7 x 360, which is 2,520 days. Each day then represents a “year” in fulfillment.

### *Northern Israel’s Punishment*

Israel was sent into exile, due to rebellion against God’s laws, in 718 B.C. The northern ten tribes were punished from that time for 2,520 years. The end of this period of punishment ended in the year 1803 A.D. – the year of the Louisiana Purchase, when the fledgling United States obtained a huge chunk of land from France – 827,987 square miles of territory -- for a paltry sum of \$15,000,000 dollars, or just \$18.11 per square mile. Put another way, 530,000,000 acres was bought for the sum of 35 acres for a dollar, or 2.83 cents per acre!

How significant is this? Since we know that the United States is the leading tribe of Joseph, the birthright tribe of Israel, this is extremely meaningful! Joseph was promised the birthright blessings, which had been prophesied for the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (I Chron.5:2; Gen.22:15-18; 49:22-26).

This was an amazing declaration by God that the times of punishment were over, and now the prophesied blessings would begin to surge forward! From that time onward, the United States, the tribe of Ephraim, the birthright tribe of Joseph, began to inherit the RICHEST BLESSINGS of the earth, including military dominance and economic might! The last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was known as “the American century”! The might and power of the United States of America was unrivalled in all the world!

How did all this come about? It was the result of DIVINE BLESSING! God fulfilled His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!

### *Judah's Punishment*

Similarly, the tribe of Judah, which remained in the Holy Land, also began to sin and break God's covenant. The nation of Judah went into exile in 604 B.C., taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar.

When we apply the same principles to Judah, we find that 2,250 years of punishment bring us to the fateful year 1917. 2520 years from 604 B.C. brings us to 1917 A.D.

What happened then? That was the very year when British General Allenby captured Jerusalem from the Turkish Empire, and the Turks were defeated in World War I, ending their long empire. That was also the year of the Balfour Declaration in England which permitted and encouraged Jewish immigration to the Holy Land, paving the way for Jewish resettlement of their ancestral homeland for the first time since the Diaspora, their exile by the Romans in 70 A.D. and 135 A.D.

### *Zechariah's Four Chariots*

The four horsemen of the apocalypse are the FOUR war-waging powers located in the four quarters of the earth – north, south, east and west. This is explained in Zechariah, chapter 6, where we read in the Tanakh:

“I looked up again, and I saw: Four chariots were coming out from between the two mountains; the mountains were of copper. The horses of the first chariot were bay [red]; the horses of the second chariot were black; the horses of the third chariot were white; and the horses of the fourth chariot were spotted – dappled” (Zech.6:1-3).

Zechariah asked what these four chariots represented. In reply, the angel told him:

“Those are the four winds of heaven coming out after presenting themselves to the Lord of all the earth. The one with the black horses is going out to the region of the NORTH. *The white ones have gone out to what is to the WEST of them*; the spotted ones have gone out to the *region of the SOUTH*; and the dappled ones [red ones] have gone out . . .” (Zech.6:5-7).

A footnote here, at the ellipsis of the preceding verse, in the Tanakh, states: “*Emendation yields ‘the bay ones will go out to the region of the EAST.’*”

A “chariot” in Scripture is often a symbol of a WAR-making army. Thus these four chariots are four kingdoms with mighty armies, each ruling in one of the four quarters of the earth – in the direction of the “four winds.”

### *The WHITE Horse*

The book of Revelation provides the rest of the story. Notice these same four horsemen identified, and their actions recorded. John writes of the “white horse,” at the opening of the FIRST SEAL, that he who sat on it had a BOW; and a crown was given to him, and he went out CONQUERING *and to conquer*” (Rev.6:1-2).

Putting the story together, the white horse rides from the WESTERN hemisphere. His rider wears a crown of rulership. He conquers, and goes forth to conquer more – but leaves the battle before completing his conquests. So it has been with the United States and Britain. We conquered the Germans and Turks in World War I; but didn’t really finish the job. Germany once again attacked just twenty years later, under Adolf Hitler. Once again we conquered Nazi Germany, and Imperial Japan, but we failed to de-Nazify Germany and made them our ally, as a “bulwark against the east.”

The white horse from the west has been defending liberty and freedom for people around the world for the entire century. After World War II, the United States and Britain led the way to save South Korea from conquest by the tyrants of North Korea. But we did not go on to conquer North Korea, to get rid of the abomination. The war ended in a “truce,” and a stalemate. And so North Korea still exists, as a thorn in the side of the world, now developing nuclear weapons. One significant estimate states that North Korea now has over 100 nuclear bombs in its rapidly growing arsenal.

In Vietnam, the White Horse attempted to deliver South Vietnam from conquest by North Vietnam. Over 36,000 Americans lost their lives in that bloody conflict. In this case, the White Horse stumbled, and eventually pulled out, and the war was lost.

In the Gulf War of 1991, the white horse rode to victory, and pushed Saddam Hussein’s forces out of Kuwait. But President Bush inexplicably failed to complete the job, and left Saddam in power. The white horse indeed rode out to conquer, but seems to have a miserable time finishing the job!

During Gulf War II, the White Horse once again rode to the rescue of the world. Saddam Hussein posed a significant threat to the peace of the entire world. But many countries failed to recognize the danger, or else were complicit with Saddam using him as their proxy to attack and weaken the power of the United States, the world’s only remaining “superpower.” To that end, Russia and China were found to be secretly arming him and furthering his attempts to acquire weapons. Russian companies were found guilty of supplying Saddam with night-vision goggles, electronic-jamming equipment and other modern weapons.

In addition to Russia, Germany also sold materials for weapons of mass destruction to Iraq, selling out America for profit and influence. France also did business with the Iraqis and Saddam.

White is a symbol of righteousness (Rev.19:8). The white horse is connected with the west (Zech.6:6, Tanakh). It represents a mighty military power in the West which has fought the forces of fascism, Nazism, and Communism. Which nation or group of nations would that be? Why, the United States and Great Britain, and their allies! The United States, in the western hemisphere, was largely responsible for saving the world in World War I, World War II, fending off Communism in Korea and Vietnam, and leading to the victory in the Gulf War and Iraq War.

### *The Red Horse*

“And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take PEACE FROM THE EARTH, and that they should KILL *one another*: and there was given to him a GREAT SWORD” (v.4)

The red horse is connected with the *east* (Zech.6:7, Tanakh). It is *Communism* – remember Red Square, in Moscow? The red flag of Communism? The red star, the “Reds,” etc.? The Jewish Tanakh in Zechariah 6:7 shows the red horses are connected with the east. Communism rose up in 1917, overthrew the Czars in Russia, and set about seeking to enslave and conquer the world. Millions lost their lives in Stalin’s purges. Millions more lost their lives in the purges of Mao Tse-tung, in Red China. And now, once again, the red horse in the East is threatening to rise up. Will North Korea attack South Korea?

Will China attempt to seize Taiwan? China is currently increasing its arms build-up, with missiles threatening Taiwan, and threatening the United States, warning her to “stay out” of China’s internal affairs, which it regards the Taiwan issue as being. One Chinese general has warned the U.S. that if it intervenes in a Taiwan-China clash, China would rain down nuclear weapons on the U.S. itself! America’s attempt to “buy” the love of China through permitting her special trade status, and allowing her to sell her products in America’s markets, is already looking to be the greatest miscalculation of international strategy ever made!

### *The Black Horse*

“And I beheld, and lo, a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice . . . say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine” (Rev.6:5-6).

The third horseman – the black horse – is connected with the north country (Zech.6:6) – that is, modern Europe and Germany. The black horse – Germany – attacked Poland in 1939 and initiated World War II with the aggression of Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich. Germany is today once again the political and economic powerhouse of Europe. When this horse rides, especially in the future, it is connected with famine, scarcity, and hunger. Today Europe is vying with America for leadership of the Western alliance.

### *The Pale Green Horse*

“And I looked, and behold, a PALE horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, TO KILL WITH SWORD, AND WITH HUNGER, AND WITH DEATH, and with the beasts of the earth” (Rev.6:8).

The fourth horseman – the pale horse – represents the “king of the south” – the Muslim world – and the threat that it poses to the world (Zech.6:6). The leader of this world grouping would be Egypt, identified in the book of Daniel as the “king of the south” (Dan.11). Led by Egypt, this horseman will “push” at the king of the north, leading to World War. Notice!

“And at the time of the end shall the king of the south *PUSH AT HIM*: and the king of the north shall come against him like a WHIRLWIND, with chariots [tanks], and with horsemen, and with many ships [including th U.S. and British navies]; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow, and pass over. He shall enter into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown” (Dan.11:40-41).

Note that by the time this happens, the Western and Northern kingdoms have merged and have become part of a New World Order! The ships referred to here can only be a reference to the ships of the world’s greatest navies, today, those of the United States, Britain, and Europe!

The “pale horse” of the apocalypse could also represent the growing power of the ecological movement! The Greek word translated “pale” in this verse is *chloros* which means “greenish, i.e., verdant, dun-colored – green, pale.” We get our word “chlorophyll” from this word. The “Green movement” is part of the ecological movement. Mikhail Gorbachev is prominent in this area. He is the head of Green Cross, International.

At the State of the World Forum, held at the Presidio, in San Francisco, Gorbachev told the assembled world leaders, “The environmental crisis is the cornerstone of the New World Order.” In a speech in Indiana in October, 1996, he openly declared, “World civilization as we know it will soon end. We have very little time and we must act.” By working with Maurice Strong and the United Nations, Gorbachev has been leading the way to prepare for a New International Order.

In order for these things to happen, however, the United States in particular, must be brought into complete conformity with this new world thinking. America is an integral part of the New World Order. Massive changes, therefore, are being orchestrated for the United States, to bring it into alignment with globalism. These changes are rapidly occurring in the name of “Homeland Defense” and international trade. America is rapidly becoming a “police state” because of the horrendous threat of terrorism!

### ***One Quarter of the Earth Slain***

The PALE horse is called the dappled horse in Zechariah. This horse rides in the SOUTHERN part of the earth, looking from Jerusalem. Geographically, this horse refers to the MUSLIM WORLD and southern hemisphere! Interestingly, the flags of the following countries all contain predominantly the color green: Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Libya, Benin, Zaire, Zambia, Mauritania and Brazil. The prophecy states, “And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades [the grave] followed with him. *And power was given to them [the four horsemen] over a FOURTH OF THE EARTH, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth*” (Rev.6:7-8).

*As these horses wrestle and fight and wrangle for domination of the world, all hell breaks loose, causing the death of ONE QUARTER OF THE EARTH POPULATION! That would be in the order of one and one half BILLION deaths – by sword, bombs, “death” [plagues, such as smallpox, black plague, etc.], chemical weapons, famine, starvation, and the effects of the devastation of WAR.*

This sounds like biological terrorism on a massive scale. Never has the world seen or experienced anything like it – not even the “black death” of the Middle Ages!

### ***Visions of the Future***

Interestingly, Albert Pike, a top ranking Mason, stated that it would require three world wars before the Antichrist would be produced. We have had World War I, World War II, and are now in the midst of World War III. He stated that the first major part of the Third World War would begin between Israel and her Arab neighbors, and then spread to encompass the whole world. The intifada began against the state of Israel in the fall of the year 2002. Following this was the Muslim terrorist attack on America, for its support of Israel. This spread to the war in Afganistan, to suppress the seat of al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden. And then the war spread to Iraq, a terrorist-sponsoring state, which became the “front lines” on the war against terror. And, by the way, Saddam Hussein did have weapons of mass destruction – but Soviet Spetznaz troops relocated them to Syria before the invasion, in order to hide them and preserve them for future use!

Also, it is interesting to note that science fiction author H.G. Wells in 1933 declared that World War III would come from events to occur in Basra. Wrote Dr. Dennis Cuddy, in *The Globalist: The Power Elite Exposed*:

“After the Second World War, the United Nations will be the second attempt at World Government, but Wells understands that this attempt will also not be successful. Thus, the plan for the ‘Modern World State’ would succeed in the *third attempt*. . . and would come out of something that would occur in Basra, Iraq” (page 50).

### ***The Fall of Modern America and Israel***

The prophet Hosea records:

“The pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall *Israel and Ephraim [the United States] FALL in their iniquity*; Judah [the Jews and modern Israel] also shall FALL with them. . . . They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children [lawless and rebellious youth!]: now shall A MONTH DEVOUR THEM with their portions” (Hos.5:5-7).

However it comes about – via internal strife and violence, terrorism, economic collapse, or simply a quiet, subtle takeover by the forces of the New World Order – our western nations will end up in dire circumstances, with economic slavery and loss of freedom and sovereignty. Our enslavement will become complete as our nations become merged with the New World Order. Our resources and military will then be used on the behalf of that World Government. This “New World Order” is spoken of in the book of Revelation as “Babylon the Great” – it will be a colossal military juggernaut and mercantile commercial trading Empire spanning the globe (Rev.13:4; 18:1-24).

For proof that Biblical “Ephraim” is the United States, read our explosive NEW book, *America and Great Britain – Our IDENTITY Revealed: Ephraim and Manasseh in the End of Days*.

These world changes are quietly steam-rolling toward a grand smash climax and nuclear world war which will be cut short by the coming of the Messiah in the not very distant future!

How about you? Are YOU awake – tingling with every nerve ending, vibrantly expecting the soon return of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Messiah, to rescue this world from self-destruction and nuclear obliteration and self-inflicted cosmocide?

How much longer do we have to wait?

### ***World Fast Asleep***

Is there a way we can know, and be certain that we are correct, at least within a very few years, when Christ is going to return to this hell-bent, blood-soaked, wicked planet to straighten out the mess mankind has made?

Strange, isn't it, that in this age just before the coming of the Messiah, the message you don't seem to hear PREACHED very much is the truth about the COMING OF THE MESSIAH and the KINGDOM OF GOD! How often do you hear thundering sermons on the immanency of the coming of Christ to JUDGE the world? Seemingly, never; people just don't believe it any more; it seems too vague, too nebulous, too indistinct and far-off to most people who profess to be “Christians”!

### ***A Most Amazing Revelation***

It is interesting to note, here, that according to God's calendar, the calendar of the



Scriptures, the “month” is determined by the revolution of the moon around the earth; the “year” is determined by the revolution of the earth around the sun; and the “day” is defined as one revolution of the earth upon its own axis, twenty four hours in length. But what astronomical feature is there in the solar system, or universe, that determines or regulates the seven-day “WEEK”?

*There is none!* The “week” has *no astronomical basis whatsoever!* The “week” is of DIVINE origin!

Why, then, did God Almighty, ordain and create the seven-day week, whose origin goes back to this Genesis account of creation? Why the week? Is there inherent in the design of the week a hidden prophetic meaning – a tremendous significance of which the world is totally unaware?

In the second epistle of Peter, we read the following: “First of all, you must understand that IN THE LAST DAYS SCOFFERS WILL COME, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, ‘Where is this “coming” he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation” (II Pet.3:3-4).

Doesn’t that attitude characterize our generation, today? This is the Age of Skepticism and Unbelief!

But notice this! Peter continues: “But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a DAY IS LIKE A THOUSAND YEARS, and a THOUSAND YEARS ARE LIKE A DAY. 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. But the day of the Lord will come LIKE A THIEF” (verses 8-10, NIV).

The coming of Messiah will catch the world by complete surprise! The masses and multitudes will not be expecting it, any more than they did 2000 years ago! The thief comes at night, unexpectedly, upon the homeowner. Even so the nations of this world will be completely oblivious to the nearness of the second coming of the Messiah – the Anointed One! This attitude of soporific ignorance and skepticism and unbelief – is the major characteristic of the world around us today, and this “virus” has infected thousands in the very Church of God itself, including major leaders during this end time!

But notice even more – Peter said that a “day” with God is as a “thousand years.” Peter was corroborating the statement made by Moses, the man of God, in Psalm 90. We read, “For a thousand years in your sight are LIKE A DAY that has just gone by” (Psalm 90:4, NIV).

Peter used this expression in connection with the coming of the “day of the Lord” in his second epistle, which we just read. Could this be a vital PROPHECY – a Key that unlocks hidden prophetic meaning in the Word of God? Could this be the KEY to understanding the time element of the Second Coming of Christ?

The nearer we come to the end of 6,000 years of man's dominion over the earth the less and less people believe we are living in the "end time." Nevertheless, the concept that there would be 6,000 years of man's history before the coming of the Messiah was commonly believed in the early Church. The *New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* states: "The early fathers most commonly looked for the second advent at the end of 6000 years of the world's history" (1910, VII, p.376).

Over eighteen centuries ago, the Epistle of Barnabus stated plainly:

"Of the sabbath He speaketh in the beginning of the creation; 'And God made the works of His hands in six days, and He ended on the seventh day, and rested on it, and He hallowed it.' Give heed, children, what this meaneth. 'He ended in six days.' He meaneth this, that IN SIX THOUSAND YEARS THE LORD SHALL BRING ALL THINGS TO AN END; for the day with Him signifieth a thousand years ; and this He himself beareth me witness, saying; 'Behold, the day of the Lord shall be as a thousand years.' Therefore, children, in six days, that is in SIX THOUSAND YEARS, EVERYTHING SHALL COME TO AN END. 'And He rested on the seventh day.' This he meaneth; when His Son shall come, and shall abolish the time of the Lawless One, and shall judge the ungodly, and shall change the sun and the moon and the stars, then shall He truly rest on the seventh day" ("Epistle of Barnabus," chap. 15, from *The Apostolic Fathers*, trans. J. B. Lightfoot, p.151-152).

Adam and Eve were created in 4004 B.C. They were tempted by the Devil and transgressed God's commandments seven years later, according to the book of Jubilees, or in the year 3997 B.C. If we count 6,000 years from 3997 B.C., we come to the year 2004 A.D. – just four years ago!

*We are now living in the 'TIME OF THE END'!* Write for our article, "God's 6000 Year Plan --- Are We Nearing the End of the World?"

### ***Daniel's Vision of the Ram and Goat***

In the book of Daniel the prophet is a most puzzling prophecy that has dumfounded Biblical students and researchers for thousands of years. It is found in chapter 8. We read: "In the third year of King Belshazzar's reign, I, Daniel, had a vision . . . In my vision I saw myself in the citadel of Susa in the province of Elam; in the vision I was beside the Ulai Canal. I looked up, and there before me was a ram with two horns, standing beside the canal, and the horns were long. One of the horns was longer than the other but grew up later. I watched the ram as he charged toward the west and the north and the south. No animal could stand against him, and none could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great.

"As I was thinking about this, suddenly a goat with a prominent horn between his eyes came from the WEST, crossing the whole earth without touching the ground. He came toward the two-horned ram I had seen standing beside the canal and charged at him in great rage. I saw him attack the ram furiously, striking the ram and shattering his two horns. The ram was powerless to stand against him; the goat knocked him to

the ground and trampled on him, and none could rescue the ram from his power. The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven” (Dan.8:1-8).

The angel Gabriel explains to Daniel the basic meaning of this vision. In verse 20, he says, “The two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia” -- that is, the Persian Empire. “The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn between his eyes is the first king” -- that is, Alexander the Great. “The four horns that replaced the one that was broken off represent four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power” (vs.20-22). After the death of Alexander by fever in Babylon, his natural brother and two sons were murdered. The kingdom was therefore divided up between Alexander’s four top generals, with Seleucus obtaining Syria and Babylon in the east, Cassander ruling Greece and Macedonia in the west, Ptolemy ruling in Egypt to the south, and Lysimachus ruling over Thrace, Cappadocia, and northern Asia Minor in the north.

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.14). 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. What happened in 1967 A.D.? How was this prophecy literally fulfilled?

### ***The Amazing Fulfillment***

In 1967 the state of Israel defeated the combined armies and air forces of the surrounding Arab nations in Six Days that shook the world. Was this incredible victory foretold in the pages of Bible prophecy?

In 1984, God Almighty began to reveal to me the most amazing and mind-boggling keys to understanding Daniel’s enigmatic and mysterious prophecy of the “2300 days” (“evenings and mornings”) found in Daniel, chapter 8. It’s time we take another look at this pivotal Bible prophecy and its awesome, intriguing significance for us today!

In the Six Day War, against seemingly hopeless odds, in less than three hours the Israeli air force destroyed three hundred Egyptian aircraft on the ground, losing only 3-4 planes in the bargain. In June of 1967 the world was astounded as in Six Days, the small nation of Israel demolished the combined land and air forces of Egypt, Syria and Jordan, recapturing the Sinai, seizing the Golan heights, the West Bank of the Jordan River, and the Old City of Jerusalem.

When Jordan entered the war, the Israelis attacked with a vengeance. To many, it was like the “day of the Lord” in Biblical prophecy. Quickly, the West Bank was seized from Jordanian forces, and the Old City of Jerusalem, from which Jews had been expelled during the time of Emperor Hadrian in 135 A.D., once again fell into Jewish hands. The news rang out in Israel -- “HAR HA’BAYIT B’YADENU!” “The Temple Mount is in our hands!” Throughout Israel, there was a spontaneous burst of incredible joy and exultation -- newly-weds embraced, mothers hugged children, fathers and sons danced, comrades in arms shouted with glee, everywhere Jews embraced, danced and sang: “This is the day the LORD hath made . . .” David Ben Gurion, the Prime Minister of Israel at that time, said in a quavering voice, “This is the greatest day of my life!”

It was truly a Day of *Nissin v’niflaot* -- “*miracles and marvels*”!

After having been exiled from Jerusalem for some 1832 years, it seemed like a dream come true. Once again Jewish feet trod on the holy places of Zion! The enemies of Israel were vanquished *in six days!* Who could believe it? Surely the hand of the Almighty was evident in this spectacular victory -- this momentous epic event!

### ***The Incredible and Miraculous SIX DAY WAR***

Says the *Worldbook Encyclopedia* in regard to this marvelous event:

“UN troops prevented raids across the Israeli-Egyptian border after the 1956 war. But Arab raids continued from Syria and Jordan into Israel, and Israeli forces raided those countries in return. Border clashes increased greatly in the mid-1960’s.

“In May 1967, Israel and the three Arab countries all alerted their armed forces for possible war. At Egypt’s demand, the UN troops left the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula. The Egyptians then again closed the Gulf of Aqaba to Israeli ships.

“On June 5, 1967, Israeli planes attacked airfields in Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. The Israelis destroyed the Arab air forces almost completely. Then they defeated the Arab armies. By June 8, Israeli troops occupied the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Peninsula, and Jordanian territory west of the River Jordan, including Jordan’s half of Jerusalem. On June 10, Israel captured Syria’s Golan Heights. The war was over in six days.

“When the brief war ended, the Israelis controlled Arab territory totaling more than three times the area of Israel itself. In June 1967, Israel officially made Jordan’s half of Jerusalem a part of Israel” (“Israel,” p.393).

This astounding war occurred exactly 2300 years from the pivotal battle between Greece and Persia that began Daniel's vision of the eighth chapter. This furious battle, like its predecessor 2300 years ago, was fought against overwhelming odds, and the outcome was decided by Divine Providence. Something occurred during this battle in 1967 which proves it was the terminus of this ancient prophecy. The Jews seized the Old City of Jerusalem, historic Jerusalem, and along with it THE SACRED TEMPLE MOUNT, where history shows that Solomon's Temple, and the Second Temple, were both constructed!

But now, incredibly, in 1967, for the first time since those ancient days, the Jews once again established Jewish CONTROL and sovereignty and authority over the TEMPLE MOUNT OF JERUSALEM! Gentiles had ruled the region for almost two thousand years. Now, once again, it was under Jewish control – and the way was once again *prepared* for the rebuilding of the ancient Jewish Temple.

Is this astonishing victory for Israel in 1967 significant? A nation of 2 1/2 million put to rout the armies and military forces of Arab nations with a combined population of over 140 million. This was “a staggering achievement,” in the words of Winston S. and Randolph S. Churchill. Colin Legum in *The Observer* called the Israeli victory “a *miracle of arms*” (*ibid.*, p.194-195). He added that one of Israel's leading soldier-politicians remarked: “The only analogy I can think of is if Britain had found herself in occupation of Berlin just three days after Dunkirk. The suddenness of the transformation from a situation of acute danger to unparalleled victory is too much for any people to absorb. It will take time to get over it” (*ibid.*).

On June 27 three laws were passed through the Knesset annexing the Old City of Jerusalem and reuniting it with the New City on the next day.

### ***The Awesome Significance***

What is the real significance of this amazing fulfillment of Biblical prophecy? Since prophecy terminates with the year 1967, that year itself must be a key linchpin in the overall plan of God. It must be extremely significant. Could it be the key pointer that tells us we are *now living in the “time of the end”*? For more details, write for our article, “Daniel's 2300 Day Prophecy Revealed!”

The Messiah, Jesus Christ, told us, “Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled” (Matt.24:34). What is “this generation”? He is talking about the generation that *sees these signs of fulfilled prophecy* given in the Mount Olivet prophecy. Surely the fulfillment of the 2300 day/year prophecy is a major dating key in God's overall plan. It must pinpoint the “last generation” of which Christ speaks.

In Biblical language, a “generation” is generally a period of forty years (Numbers 14:34). Therefore, the END of this generation *could have been* within a period of 40 years from 1967, bringing us to 2007 A.D. However, in 1967 the Jews did NOT obey

God, and begin to rebuild the Temple of God in Jerusalem. Even though they recaptured the Temple Mount, Jewish general Moshe Dayan gave control over the holy site to the MUSLIMS! So an opportunity to fulfill prophecy and usher in the coming of the Messiah was LOST!

*Almost 40 years have gone by since that date!* Even as God caused ancient Israel to WANDER in the wilderness for 40 years, because they did not have FAITH in God to enter into the Promised Land – they “feared the GIANTS” – even so, this generation lacked FAITH in God to bring about His promises, and refused to seize the Temple Mount and REBUILD GOD’S HOUSE! So they, too, like their ancestors, have been punished with 40 YEARS of strife, trouble, warfare, suicide-bombers, terrorism, Hamas, Hizbollah, and incessant Palestinian VIOLENCE!

Those 40 years are now up.

The time is HERE! The time is NOW! The time has come to make plans to REBUILD GOD’S HOUSE!

### *The Prophecy of a New Temple*

Now let’s notice another prophecy which ties in with these. In the book of Haggai, God rebukes the Jewish people for their failure to rebuild His House – the Temple of God.

The Lord says to them,

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Consider your ways! Go up to the mountains and bring wood and BUILD THE TEMPLE, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified,’ says the LORD.

“ ‘You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘Because of My house that is in RUINS, while every one of you runs to his own house.

“ ‘Therefore the heavens above you withholds the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit’ (Haggai 1:7-10).

Notice! God says to “Consider our ways.” Think upon the paths we are trodding, the decisions we are making in our lives. Weigh, evaluate, seriously contemplate, the situation the world is presently in. It is SERIOUS! God thunders, THINK ABOUT YOUR LIFE!

Now in ancient times, the people of Judah took heed to Haggai’s advice, to the word of God. They took ACTION and rebuilt His house.. “Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the high priest, with *all the remnant of the people, OBEYED the voice of the LORD*, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent

him; and the people feared the presence of the LORD. Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, spoke the LORD's message to the people, saying, 'I am with you, says the LORD.' So the LORD *stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel* the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the *spirit of all the remnant of the people*; and they came and *worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God*" (Haggai 1:12-14).

Today, the House of God once again lies in ruins. Its place on the Temple Mount is horrendously occupied by a Muslim atrocity – the “Dome of the Rock” – where the pagan god Allah, whose sign is the crescent moon, is worshipped!

How long will this *OUTRAGE BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE?*

Almighty God thunders:

“For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (*it is a little while*) I will SHAKE HEAVEN AND EARTH, the sea and dry land; and I will *shake all nations*, and they shall come to the Desire of all nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give PEACE,’ says the LORD of hosts” (Haggai 2:6-9).

History tells us that this message came to the Jews in the second year of Darius, king of Persia (Hag.1:1). This was 520 B.C. The Jews became excited, stirred up, and rebuilt the house of God. It took them six years. We read in Ezra, “And they built and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel . . . Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar (the twelfth month), which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius” (Ezra 6:14-15).. This was in 515 B.C.

The glory of that Temple was even greater than the glory of Solomon's temple, with all its gold. Why? Because the Messiah came to that Temple! He taught in it! He revealed Himself to Israel in it! He brought the hope and promise of PEACE! But He and His message were rejected by a disobedient people, and they crucified Him, as prophecy foretold that they would (Isa..53:3-8; Dan.9:25-26). That temple was destroyed, as a result, in 70 A.D.

But now the world has one more opportunity to get it straight. Now the Jews and Bible believing Christians have the opportunity to once again BUILD THE HOUSE OF THE LORD!

**GOD COMMANDS US TO DO IT!** If we do not, we will be cursed with all the curses mentioned in the book of Haggai the prophet! Economic woes, leanness, thin bank accounts, debt and deprivation, drought and famine, water shortages and inflation, depression and financial difficulties. You name it – read Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28, for a starter.

God says to our generation: “BUILD MY HOUSE!” This is a law of God to Israel, both the nations of Israel and the nation of Judah! God says to us, “Now, set your hearts and minds on worshipping the LORD your God, and *go build the Sanctuary of the LORD your God* so that you

may bring the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD and the holy vessels of God to the house that is built for the name of the LORD” (I Chron.22:19, Tanakh).

“Consider your ways!” God says.

“Build the Temple!” God says.

“Go build the Sanctuary of the LORD your God!” the Almighty God thunders from heaven!

### ***The House of God to Be Rebuilt***

Zechariah declares, “Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy; *My house shall be built in it,*’ says the LORD of hosts, and a surveyor’s line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem” (Zech.1:16, NKJV).

God is anxious for the people to return to Him, and to rebuild His Temple. God declares:

“I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; *they shall never hold their peace day or night.* You who make mention of the LORD, *do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes, and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth*” (Isaiah 62:6-7).

God thunders, “Go through, go through the gates! *Prepare the way* for the people [who are to return]; build up, build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift up a banner for the peoples!” (Isa.62:10). In other words, get rid of the impediments in your own personal life, take out the road-blocks, and remove the sins, and lift up the banner of the LORD – Yahveh Nissi, the “Lord our banner”! Prepare the way for the return of the Messiah, who is coming soon!

As Malachi attests, God declares:

“Behold, I send My messenger, and he will PREPARE THE WAY before Me. And the LORD, whom you seek will *suddenly come* TO HIS TEMPLE, Even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. *BEHOLD, HE IS COMING,*’ says the LORD of hosts” (Malachi 3:1, NKJV).

Isaiah prophesies:

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight [a plain] and the rough places smooth; the *GLORY of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall SEE it together;* for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it” (Isaiah 40:1-5).

The humble shall be exalted; the proud of heart brought low. The confused shall be taught the plain truth; the false teachers shall be dispensed with. The complex and



hard to understand shall be made simple and clear. The truth of God, the knowledge of the Most High, will then fill the earth, “as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9).

Adam Clarke in his Commentary points out that the Jews in Haggai’s time hesitated to go forth with the work to rebuild God’s House, through dread of the world power in those days, the Medo-Persian Empire, which was being subtly seduced by the enemies of the Jews, the Samaritans, who did not want to see God’s House rebuilt. The prophet assured them that this and all other world powers would fall before the Messiah, who is to be associated with this Temple. Therefore, they need fear nothing. *Just do the work! Get on with the job!*

### ***2520 Years and the Temple of God***

Now let’s notice two important prophetic facts. Zerubbabel and Joshua began their work on the Temple in 520 B.C., when Haggai’s message stirred their souls.

The temple of Zerubbabel, the second temple, was completed in 515 B.C., in the sixth year of king Darius.

If we take the principle of 2,520 years or “seven times,” and apply it to the date they began building the House of God, it brings us to the fateful year 2001 – *the very year of the incredible 9-11 catastrophe! It brings us to the year the Muslim terrorists attacked the Twin Towers in New York City, symbols of America’s economic might, and attacked the Pentagon, symbol of America’s military prowess.* 2520 years from 520 B.C. is 2001 A.D.

The message came from Haggai on the first day of the sixth month, Elul, of the Jewish year (Hag.1:1), one month before the Feast of Trumpets. The Muslim terrorist attack on the U.S. occurred on 9/11 2001, which was exactly one week before September 18, 2001, the first day of the holy seventh month of the Jewish calendar (*Rosh Hashana* or *Yom Teruah*). One could deduce that the events of 9/11 were a WARNING from a loving God of what His justice requires *if we do not repent of our sins, and REBUILD HIS HOUSE, and worship Him as He calls us to do!*

If we take the principle of “seven times” prophecy, and apply it to the date the Second Temple was completed, in 515 B.C., then COUNTING 2,520 YEARS brings us to the fateful year of 2006 A.D.! And 40 years from the Six Day War in 1967 brings us to 2007 A.D.! All these dates show us that the time has come to REBUILD GOD’S HOUSE!

### ***A New Look at Daniel’s 70 Weeks Prophecy***

Another prophecy found in Daniel 9 is called by scholars the “seventy weeks prophecy.” It was given to the prophet Daniel in the year 538 B.C. Daniel was told there would be “70 weeks” from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem till the coming of Messiah and the Kingdom of God (Dan.9:24). This prophecy was broken up into three periods of time – 7 weeks, 62 weeks, and 1 week (verses 25-27). 7 + 62 weeks = 69 weeks, or 483 days. Since a “day” equals a year in fulfillment, 483 years would pass from the decree till the coming of the Messiah!

The decree of Artaxerxes II to rebuild Jerusalem (Ezra 7) was made in 457 B.C. Counting 483 years from that point brings us to 27 A.D. – the very year Jesus Christ

began His ministry (Mark 1:14-15). But after this period of time, the Messiah was to be “cut off” or killed (verse 26). This occurred when Christ was crucified by His enemies, in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. We covered this amazing proof of Bible prophecy and the identity of the Messiah in our article, “Daniel’s 70 Weeks Prophecy Proves Jesus Christ is the Messiah!”

But what about the final week, or “seven years”? This short period would introduce the second coming of the Messiah to restore the Kingdom of God to the earth! During this “week” of years, the world will experience the “birthpangs” of the Messiah and the Messianic Age!

Let’s take a new look at this prophecy, from another angle. Technically, these “70 weeks” are really, in Hebrew, “seventy SEVENS.” The Hebrew expression is *shavuah* which literally means “sevens,” but also implies “weeks.” (Strong’s #7620). So we have “seventy sevens,” literally. This could also refer to “Sabbatical years” or “cycles” which are also based on “sevens.” Each Sabbatical cycle of 7 Sabbatical years is 49 years, followed by a year of Jubilee, the 50<sup>th</sup> year (see Lev.25:8-12),.

Interestingly, this prophecy has a period of 7 weeks, and 62 weeks, and then Messiah is to come – after “69” weeks. If we consider these weeks as weeks of Sabbatical cycles ending in “Jubilee” years, or 69 “weeks” to be equal to 69 Jubilee cycles of years (seven Sabbath years plus 1 equals 50 years per cycle)—then we would have  $69 \times 50 = 3,450$  years.

The first Jubilee Sabbatical Cycle began in 1437/36 B.C. after the conquest of Canaan. Canaan was conquered in 1450 B.C. The year 1437/36 B.C. was 14 years after Joshua conquered the land of Canaan. By this time the different tribes established their tribal residences and inheritances in the Holy Land. They began counting Sabbatical cycles in 1437/36 B.C.

The Sabbatical Cycle that ends every 50<sup>th</sup> year is a Jubilee Year. If 69 is multiplied times 50 it equals the total number of years that would pass during the first part of this prophecy that is divided up into 7 weeks and 62 weeks which equals 69 weeks.  $69 \times 50 = 3450$ .

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Take those 69 weeks and multiply by 50 and add that to the year 1437 B.C. it comes to the year 2012 which is the next Jubilee Year!

Interestingly, 69 then means this would leave one week left of the 70 weeks prophecy. So from 2012, if the final week of 7 years is added, it comes to the year

2018/19. This could indicate that on the outside, Christ's coming could be at the end of the 7 years (the final week of Daniel 9).

This is a prophecy lasting until the second coming of Messiah, Jesus Christ. "Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the command to restore and to build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince shall be 7 weeks and 62 weeks. The streets shall be built again and the wall even in troublous times." Israel is indeed living in troublous times and they are building a wall right now between the Palestinian and Jewish territory in Israel. A new wall is being built and the streets of Jerusalem are soon to be divided up between the Palestinians and the Jews.

That leaves us with the one final week. In verse 27 we read that the "Prince" – an end-time Roman world empire leader – shall confirm a covenant or treaty with many for one week (7 years), but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to the sacrifices and offerings, and on the wing of abomination shall be one who makes desolate.

So midway through this final week, he is going to pollute the Temple of God and make it desolate, even until the consummation is poured out upon the desolator (the beast and false prophet). This would indicate if time is allowed to go to the end that the coming of Messiah might be 2018 or 2019, at the outside.

But Jesus said in the Mt. Olivet prophecy, Matthew 24:21 – "There shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world until this end time nor ever shall be. Unless those days were *cut short* no flesh would be saved, but for the elect's sake (whom God chose) those days shall be *shortened*" (Matt.24:21). Mark 13:19 says the same thing. In Romans 9:27-28 the apostle Paul says, "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the REMNANT will be saved. For He will finish the work and *cut it short in righteousness*, because the LORD will make a *short work* upon the earth."

These final end-time days of frightful peril will be *cut short!*

We read in Isaiah 10:20-23, "And it shall come to pass in that day that the remnant of Israel and such as have escaped of the house of Jacob, will never again depend on him who defeated them, but will depend on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God. For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, a remnant of them will return; the *destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness*. For the Lord GOD of hosts will make a DETERMINED END in the midst of the land" (Isa.10:20-23, NKJV).

We are living in the "time of the end" and the fulfillment of these prophecies. The apostle Peter wrote, "And so we have the prophetic word [of God] confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Pet.1:19-21).