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In Dedication to my
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
and to my family
still living in Babylon.

About the Author

As a man who has studied the Word of God for over 30 years, it is my personal belief that the Bible is the most fascinating book on the planet. It is unquestionably accurate, God-inspired, and contains the Truth of salvation. Its prophecies in the past have all come true and is a great testimony to the faithfulness of God. As someone with an extreme love for the Bible, end-times prophecy has been my passion and fascination. I wish to excite other Christians about what I have found in the Word of God and to warn them of what I understand to be true concerning America's future.

Firstly, I am a Christian and the author of a previous book entitled, *Babylon the Great: Day of Destruction, Edition One*, published on June 5, 2016. For more information about my education and personal life, please see the *About the Author*

section of the previously written book cited above.

For authorship purposes, I use two pseudonyms for communicating to the public at large. The first is Babylon Man. I use that annotation since it is easy for people to remember, and I have a YouTube channel entitled “BabylonManERC.” The other name that I use -- when a more normal name seems to be required -- is Michael Ross.

I now live in the Philippines and have started a small entity called E.R.C. Communications. The E.R.C. stands for Eschatology Research Council. As the name suggests, the mission of E.R.C. Communications is to communicate the eschatological research that I and others have done in a way that is accessible to the public and to provide the public, particularly Christians, with good counsel on end-times affairs.

Biblical prophecy is met with skepticism and doubt. People often become alarmed with prophetic discussion, and this is unfortunate. Although it is not my intent to cause undue alarm, how can one warn Christians without raising the alarm? Instead, the glorious return of our Lord is a promise that should give Christians much hope. It is my wish to excite this hope in your heart and to encourage you to be watchful of the times and to obey God's will no matter what because our reward is with Him.

Preface

The book of Revelation opens with the words, "*Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it...*" (Rev. 1:3, NASB). However, two full chapters concerning the future have been largely misunderstood and characteristically ignored, namely the judgment of Babylon the Great as described in chapters 17 and 18 of Revelation.

This booklet is an end-times update and an extension to several previous books written by the author, which are listed below.

- *Babylon the Great: Day of Destruction, Edition One* is the main book, published June 5, 2016, comprising some 270 pages.

- *9/11 and 9/26: Days of Judgment, Edition One* is a smaller book for concentration on the date of Elul 23rd of 2016. This book was published on September 25, 2016.
- The author's book entitled, *October 18, 2016: Important or Not?*, published on October 17, 2016, reasoned that the Day of Destruction (D-o-D) for Babylon the Great may fall on the Hebrew anniversary of the fall of the original Babylon. Thankfully, it did not.
- Another recent book of the author, *Day of Destruction: Update 2016/2017*, published on November 18, 2016, cautioned that Day of Destruction may occur on Nov. 18, 2016 as it was the initial day of Noah's Flood. Again, the author was thankfully incorrect in that possibility.
- In the book, *Babylon Eclipsed*, published on Sept 13, 2017, the author highlights the probable prophetic significance of the solar eclipse which occurred in America in August of 2017. In this book the time period between September 14 and September 23 was examined closely, especially as it related to North Korea.
- The next book, *Babylon and North Korea*, showed the possible significance of the 16th of Tishrei or October 6 of

the year 2017. This book was published on Oct. 5, 2017. Nothing very serious of end-times importance with regards to North Korea happened at that time, but the tension kept rising.

- *Babylon and North Korea: Fall 2017 Update*, published on Nov. 5, 2017, gave an educated guess for a North Korean emergency as the date of the beginning of Noah's Flood, Cheshvan 17th of the Hebrew calendar (November 6th for the year 2017). Again, the author guess was to be premature.
- *Babylon and North Korea: Winter 2017 Update*, published on Dec. 14, 2017, provided the hypothesis that an emergency with North Korea might erupt on another Noah date, the date of Kislev 27th. This date for the year 2017 was the 15th of December. This educated guess by the author was also incorrect.

(If the reader has not yet obtained a copy of these previously written books, he is encouraged to do so. This booklet assumes the reader is familiar with the contents of the earlier books.)

In the field of statistics and probability theory, there are two classical errors to make. They are called Type I and Type II errors. They basically classify two different styles of getting

something wrong. One error is to over predict; that is, say that something is significant, when, in fact, it is not. The other error is that of under prediction – not saying that something is significant when, in fact, it is.

As an end-times researcher, the author is very conscious of these two errors. He has decided it is better to warn Christians of approaching dangers even if those dangers cannot be infallibly proven beforehand. The reason for this approach is that most end-times pastors and authors are anxious not to look foolish and usually avoid any types of educated guesses, whatsoever. Although the author understands this point of view, he has decided that for counter-balance, it is important that some researchers should stick out their neck a little and take chances on educated guesses that usually will not be necessarily accurate.

This approach helps the reader to grasp how easily prophetic Scriptures can be fulfilled in our lifetime and how soon certain catastrophic events might occur. The goal is to equip the readers of this text and help them to ready themselves emotionally and spiritually for that which is soon to occur. The author hopes to get people awakened and aware. He hopes that this current booklet will do just that, God willing!

The purpose of this booklet is that of another quick, but important, update. It will cite why this year, the end of the Hebrew year of 5778, has important symbolic significance. The author is concerned about an emergency with North Korea and/or the possibility for the Day of Destruction of Babylon the Great occurring within the next few weeks of the publication of this book on Smashwords.com.

Mankind is again nearing another period of time that may have ominous overtones. For more on which date that might be and the reasons behind this latest educated guess, please continue reading, prayerfully and considerately.

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Chapter 1

A Curtailed Synopsis of Babylon the Great

Babylon the Great is a subject about which very few Christians know anything and about which most priests and pastors try their very best to absolutely ignore. However, this important subject is the central theme of the previously written book of the author, *Babylon the Great: Day of Destruction, Edition One*. As such, this text will not explore all of the details of why the author has identified America as Babylon the Great.

The major Biblical section on Babylon the Great, Revelation 17:1 - 19:10 is provided within this text. Regardless of whatever the author may write in this booklet, it is what God inspired John to write about Babylon the Great which is the essential, Holy Spirit-inspired prophecy that Christians should understand.

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality." And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality, and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth." And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus.

When I saw her, I wondered greatly. And the angel said to me, "Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come. "Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. "The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction. "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

"These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them,

because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful." And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

"And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. "For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.

"The woman whom you saw is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth." After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined with his glory. And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird. "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the

kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."

I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. "Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back to her double according to her deeds; in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her. "To the degree that she glorified herself and lived sensuously, to the same degree give her torment and mourning; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.'

"For this reason in one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.

"And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep

and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'

"And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more -- cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble, and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives. "The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them.

"The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe,

the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!' And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What city is like the great city?' 'And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!'

"Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her." Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer. "And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will

not be heard in you any longer; and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery. "And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth."

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her."

And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! Her smoke rises up forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And a voice came from the throne, saying, "Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great."

Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God." Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."
(Rev. 17:1 – 19:10, NASB)

A Defining Action for God's People

The Lord God calls upon His people to “*come out of her.*” Notice that it is not simply advice; it is given in the form of a command.

In fact, it might be said that the command to “*come out of her,*” may be a defining statement. Let us, for the sake of argument, take a look at Exodus, chapter 12.

Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household.' "

[...]

“Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. [...]

Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in

your hand; and you shall eat it in haste—it is the LORD'S Passover. For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments—I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.” [...]

Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and slay the Passover lamb. You shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning. For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you.” [...]

Then the sons of Israel went and did so; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. Now it came about at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle. Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians, and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no home where there was not someone dead. (Ex. 12:1–30, NASB)

It should be clear that there was a series of directives from the Lord Almighty as to what the children of Israel had to do.

- a)** At a specific time, the children of Israel were to select for themselves a lamb, slay it, and put the blood on the doorpost of their dwelling.
- b)** They were to eat all of the lamb and burn anything remaining.
- c)** They were to eat it in haste and be ready to move with their staff in their hand and their sandals on their feet.
- d)** They were to stay inside while the Lord went through

the land of Egypt executing His judgment against the firstborn of Egypt.

What can be noted is that if the children of Israel did *not* do what the Lord had commanded, they would be treated as if they were the Egyptians, themselves. As it says in verse 13, "*the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you [...].*"

This was a defining moment for the children of Israel. It was not enough to just believe in God. Being a child of Abraham was not enough. Action was required to make themselves distinct from the Egyptians (blood on the doorposts) and then separate themselves from the Egyptians by leaving Egypt. Not to do so would have meant that they themselves would fall under the same judgment as the Egyptians. At certain times in history, it is time to act.

Is it possible that those who come out of Babylon are defined as "my people" (Rev. 18:4) because they take obedient action? Conversely, is it also possible that those who disobediently choose not to take action -- that is, those who stay in Babylon -- are defining themselves as not "my people?" This is a serious

question, and the author dares not make any declarative statements on this issue. Nonetheless, getting our of Babylon the Great should not be considered as an option. This should not be a question in the mind of the believer who still resides in Babylon.

When to come out of Babylon then becomes the real question.

Chapter 2

Babylon:

The Beginning of Judgment

Human nature fails to understand the seriousness with which God searches for man. He needs no time, no money, and no increase in power. He does not ask of us our own blood, sending His own Son to die in our place. But the Immortal One who exists beyond all time whose presence is felt in every corner of space demands our love and faithfulness. This is His only demand, yet mankind ignores Him.

He demands justice because without justice the abuser continues to wield pain upon the helpless. But does mankind love its Maker? Have we stood up to those who abuse their power? The

Lord has seen it and is not pleased. The following is related by Isaiah the prophet.

Yes, truth is lacking; and he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey. Now the LORD saw, and it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice. And He saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no one to intercede; then His own arm brought salvation to Him, and His righteousness upheld Him. He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; and He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle. According to their deeds, so He will repay, wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; to the coastlands He will make recompense. So they will fear the name of the LORD from the west and His glory from the rising of the sun, for He will come like a rushing stream which the wind of the LORD drives. "A Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," declares the LORD. (Isa. 59:15–20, NASB)

As such, there is coming a judgment on mankind that culminates with the Lord coming back to Zion as the Judge of the living and the dead. Prior to this happening, however, is a series of judgments which, the author believes, are meant to warn sinners to repent and believers to become more steadfast. Like warning shots over the bow of a ship, judgments are coming which will generally get louder and bigger until Jesus comes back.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape. (1 Thes. 4:16 – 5:3, NASB)

The Fall of Babylon the Great: A Key End-Times Judgment

In 2001, it is the author's contention that the first of God's end-times judgments was made manifest against Babylon the Great. Judgment struck on September 11, 2001, the date Americans refer to as 9/11. The World Trade Towers were attacked in New York City on Elul 23rd, a special Hebrew date and one of the days of Noah (for more discussion on this, please see the author's book, *Babylon the Great: Day of Destruction*, available on Smashwords.com).

The second judgment against Babylon the Great was on America's financial strength. The economic meltdown of September, 2008 occurred during the Hebrew month of Elul on a Shemitah year, at the end of the Hebrew year of 5768.

The third judgment on Babylon was removal of its unmatched global hegemony. In September of 2015 (again, centered around the date of Elul 23rd), Vladimir Putin, president of Russia, placed Syria under his protection by moving Russian military hardware, complete with fighter jets and bombers, within the confines of Syria.

The fourth judgment on Babylon the Great may be its last. Although the author in his previous books has identified

Jeremiah, chapters 50 and 51, and Revelation, chapters 17 and 18, as the key descriptors of the fiery judgement on Babylon (which the author calls "Day of Destruction" or D-o-D), there is a section from Isaiah which seems poignant. The following section of Isaiah appears to be yet another description of God's displeasure with Babylon the Great.

When the LORD will have compassion on Jacob and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land, then strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob. The peoples will take them along and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them as an inheritance in the land of the LORD as male servants and female servants; and they will take their captors captive and will rule over their oppressors. And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved, that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased, and how fury has ceased! The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of rulers which used to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes, which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained

persecution."

"The whole earth is at rest and is quiet; they break forth into shouts of joy. Even the cypress trees rejoice over you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, 'Since you were laid low, no tree cutter comes up against us.' Sheol from beneath is excited over you to meet you when you come; it arouses for you the spirits of the dead, all the leaders of the earth; it raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones. They will all respond and say to you, 'Even you have been made weak as we, you have become like us. Your pomp and the music of your harps have been brought down to Sheol; maggots are spread out as your bed beneath you And worms are your covering.' "

"How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' Nevertheless

you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit."

"Those who see you will gaze at you, they will ponder over you, saying, 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?' All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb. But you have been cast out of your tomb like a rejected branch, clothed with the slain who are pierced with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit like a trampled corpse. You will not be united with them in burial, because you have ruined your country, You have slain your people. May the offspring of evildoers not be mentioned forever."

"Prepare for his sons a place of slaughter because of the iniquity of their fathers. They must not arise and take possession of the earth and fill the face of the world with cities." "I will rise up against them," declares the LORD of hosts, "and will cut off from Babylon name and survivors, offspring and posterity," declares the LORD. "I will also make it a possession

for the hedgehog and swamps of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," declares the LORD of hosts. (Isa. 14:1-23, NASB)

To understand the above passage from Isaiah, one must first recognize the end-times implication of the phrase, "*when the LORD will have compassion on Jacob and again choose Israel, and settle them in their own land.*" This is speaking of the end-times fulfillment of Israel being re-born as a nation, as what occurred in 1948. We are living in the end times.

Further, the prophet specifically mentions the king of Babylon. What Babylon is the end-times Babylon? It is Babylon the Great, America.

Although this passage is often attributed to describe the judgment of Satan or Lucifer as the "*son of the dawn*," it is also a diatribe against Babylon the Great. What other end-times nation can be said to:

- i) be the staff of the wicked (pornography, abortion, etc.),
- ii) strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes, which subdued the nations (ceaseless missile launches, drone strikes, etc.),

- iii) cause the earth to be at rest after its fall,
- iv) be so arrogant that it wants to ascend above the heights of the clouds (this was true of the tower of Babel and also of America's forray into space), and
- v) have weakened the nations and made the earth tremble (America attacking North Korea someday with nuclear weapons would be a significant fulfillment.)?

But God is not pleased with Babylon and promises to "*sweep it with the broom of destruction.*"

These are very serious verses which most people have not read. Those that have read them normally assign these statements to Satan. However, Babylon or the king of Babylon is mentioned several times in this passage. The fact that statements normally and, probably correctly, attributed to Satan also fit the characteristics of Babylon the Great should be a warning to all of those who still reside in America that it is time to leave. When God judges Babylon, He will not be holding back. He will use His full power.

First God Warns then He Judges.

However, God always warns before He condemns. One example to cite is the judgment on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. God allowed the righteous heart of Abraham to intervene in this judgment. God waited until Abraham was convinced that not even ten righteous men could be found in Sodom (Gen. 18:32-33).

What is not told is how long the Lord God waited as Abraham searched for righteous men in Sodom. It could have been just a few weeks; it could have been years. During that time, is it not feasible that Abraham may have also preached and warned them to turn from their wicked ways? He probably did, but unlike Jonah, Abraham was not able to convince the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to repent.

It is not that Abraham was an ineffective preacher. It simply portrays a God who knew what He was doing. He had to destroy those cities to make an example of them for the rest of mankind to never again become so arrogant as to assume that the horrific acts of homosexuality (sodomy) are somehow justifiable and accepted by the courts of heaven. Soon, America will be called into account for justifying these very acts. Homosexual marriage was legalized for all of America in 2015, a Shemitah year.

Another example of God's warning before an impending catastrophe is the famine which struck Egypt in the time of Joseph, one of Jacob's sons. As the Biblical account says, Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers due to their jealousy of his relationship with their father. Every child knows the story of Joseph's coat of many colors given to him by his father on account of his love for him. What most children do not realize is the amount of faith that Pharaoh must have had in Joseph's interpretation of his dream of seven lean cows eating seven fat cows and then seven barren ears of corn eating up seven full ears of corn (Genesis, chapter 41). This is more than a story for children. There is much to be learned.

Simply on the basis of this dream, the entire agricultural system of Egypt was quickly adjusted. Twenty percent of the agricultural produce was stored away in guarded silos (Gen. 41:34-37). This is truly amazing when one considers the social and economic disruption (even to some extent, distress) that this would have caused. But Pharaoh took action (vs. 34).

How can Christians of today have entire chapters of the Bible regarding the fall of Babylon in Jeremiah, chapters 50 and 51, and Revelation, chapters 17 and 18, and yet most do nothing? The prophecy against Babylon the Great is very detailed and has been an important record in all of our Bibles for the last two

thousand years. Nonetheless, it is ignored.

However, because Pharaoh did not ignore the warning of God about the impending famine some seven years later, Egypt not only survived, it thrived. Egypt went on to become the leading nation and empire of the Near East for the next thousand years, no doubt largely because of Joseph and his interpretation of a dream that God had provided. While surrounding nations starved and withered, Egypt prospered and was able to sell its grain at whatever price it decided to dictate. It is always advantageous to heed the warning of the Most High.

Another interesting fact that the author picked up on just while writing this small book is found in the verse below.

Now as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it means that the matter is determined by God, and God will quickly bring it about. (Gen. 41:32, NASB)

What is interesting here is that Joseph tells Pharaoh that God repeating Himself is, itself, a kind of sign. In other words, it is certainly enough for God to say something once. It is like a parent who tells a child to look both ways before crossing a street. Although the parent need only tell the child once for the

child to obey, the parent, knowing that the child will likely only obey if it is beat into their head, tends to repeat the instruction until the child understands and knows he must comply.

In fact, God does this with the Babylon prophecy. Although multiple prophets make mention of the end-times Babylon the Great, such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, and the Apostle John, the two most significant prophets regarding the destruction of Babylon the Great are most certainly Jeremiah and John.

In both the Old Testament with Jeremiah and the New Testament with John, God makes it abundantly clear that Babylon will be destroyed suddenly with fire and with no survivors. That this is said twice both before Jesus came and after Jesus rose from the dead is highly significant. If one takes Joseph's stance on this, it might be said that the prophecy about Babylon the Great will certainly come to pass.

It is not a "maybe someday, possibly;" it is a definitive "yes, it must happen." God has made up His mind. He who knows the future as accurately as the past has already decided to do it. It cannot be expunged from the prophetic record of what is already decided to occur. The destruction of Babylon the Great in 20XX A.D. is an historical event of earth-shaking proportions that simply has not yet occurred.

The End Times is a Call to Repent

Whenever the author writes any of his end-times books, he goes through a period of withdrawal, depression, anger, and a sense of alienation. To say that it is hard to write books about the destruction of one's own country is an under statement.

While struggling with overwhelming emotions, he asked the Lord, "why?" Why will people not listen? Even those who are Christians refuse to study the end times for fear that it might cause them some level of anxiety. Since when has cowardice been the hallmark of true Christianity?

At any rate, while in this mental contemplation, a thought came to the author's head. It went: "the ground is hard; what will water the ground is the blood of men."

The author thought about that statement. What does it mean?

We are living in just the beginning stages of the terminal generation. People do not yet want to adjust their thinking and their psychology to end-times reality. The ground is a symbol for the hearts of men. It is hard. It will not allow the Spirit of God to pervade it and cleanse it. The ground needs to be watered to soften it to be useful for the Tiller of our souls. The catastrophic events of the end times with all of their associated

gigantic loss of human life will shake even the most hardened hearts to the core. People will either turn to God in repentance, or they will turn to the devil. As it says in the book of Revelation, chapter 13:

They [the people of the world] worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the Beast; and they worshiped the Beast, saying, "Who is like the Beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.
(NASB)

The people of God need to turn towards Jesus and cling to His presence more and more. It is Jesus who is our light and our life. Without Him, mankind gropes in the darkness -- an ever pervasive darkness -- with no light, no hope, and no answer. Christ is the answer. It is He who would be our guide, but we must invite Him to bridle our pride and turn our heads toward the path that He has for us.

The coming days of encroaching spiritual darkness will cause it to appear as if the light is fully extinguished. Not good is it to wait until the room is so fully dark that it becomes impossible to

search for the light. Search then for Light and the Life while He may be easily found. He is waiting for your decision to cast away all your doubts, all your hindrances, and all that you rely upon. The time to begin preparing for the spiritual emergencies of the end times is now. One does not wait until the exam begins to begin studying for the exam; does one? Begin your spiritual preparedness for the challenges ahead now. The Lord is sure to be there to guide you.

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and relenting of evil.
(Joel 2:12-13, NASB)

Chapter 3

Dates and Patterns of History

God has a way with numbers. Astrologists and certain pagan entities believe that mankind's fate hangs in the balance of patterns of numbers or that of the stars. However, God is not constrained by numbers. Rather He uses numbers in order to show His omnipotence over all things especially as they relate to the children of Israel.

The Sign of Abraham

The patriarch of all of the Hebrew people is Abraham. Abraham was born in the post-Flood era, a time during which mankind was already rebelling against God. It was the time of Nimrod and the building of the Tower of Babel in the country now known as Iraq. Nimrod was a great-grandson to Noah through the line of Ham. He was also older than Noah and his contemporary.

The Jewish people, thankfully, take the Old Testament Scriptures more seriously than the average Christian. Observing dates and their history in minute detail is something that is not conspicuous among their religious scholars, the Jewish rabbis. One such on-line documentation effort has been done by the Chabad Jews, a somewhat Orthodox Jewish sect. The website can be accessed at chabad.org. The author encourages the reader of this text to familiarize himself with the historical and Biblical resources to be found there. (As a note, the author has no connection with Chabad Jews, but he has drawn much knowledge from their website.)

Using dates from the above mentioned website, the following timeline is instrumental to the following discussion.

Event	Hebrew Date	Gentile Year
Beginning of Noah's Flood	Cheshvan 17, 1656	2105 B.C.
Abraham's birth	Heb. Yr. 1948	1813 B.C.
Fall of the Tower of Babel	Heb. Yr. 1996	1765 B.C.

For those that know Jewish history, the Hebrew year in which Abraham was born should stand out like the star of Bethlehem! Israel was re-born as a nation, declaring its independence in the Gentile year (Gregorian calendar) of 1948 A.D. Israel's patriarch was born in the Hebrew year of 1948; that is, 1948 years after the creation, according to the Jewish historical account.

This is simply mindboggling! Over a millenium before Israel ever declared its independence, it was known among the Jewish people that Abraham was born in the Hebrew year of 1948. Then, according to the sovereignty of God, the Jewish people were able to establish themselves in the Holy Land and declare the independence of their new country on May 14,1948.

Abraham was born in the Hebrew year of 1948. Israel was re-born as a nation in the Gentile year of 1948. Only the Sovereign of the Universe could have arranged that. God is sovereign and controls the times and events of men.

Israel's History: God's Prophetic Timepiece

One of the most momentous of things that happened to the children of Israel was falling into the Babylonian captivity around the year 587 B.C. For roughly five decades, they lived in Babylon until one momentous day. On that day which no one could have predicted, a day in which no one could have believed, on a particular day, Babylon suddenly fell.

The city of Babylon had been the jewel of the entire Middle East circumscribed by two parallel great walls and representing the historical and religious achievements of the Chaldean people. The city of Babylon and its immense wealth contained therein was surely safe from all attacks. But on one night in September or October of 539 B.C., it quickly succumbed to the military brilliance of the Persian king, Cyrus the Great.

The year 539 B.C. was an historical year of Biblical proportions. If Babylon had not fallen, the Jews could never have gone back to Israel to rebuild Jerusalem, reconstruct the Temple, and ready themselves for the coming of their Messiah. Babylon's fall in 539 B.C. ushered in the mighty Persian Empire. It was the first genuine Middle Eastern empire that stretched from the territory of modern Afghanistan to the banks of the Nile River. The Persians consolidated the fragmented kingdoms and nations of

the Middle East, making the conquest of Alexander the Great that much easier a couple centuries later.

But what could this momentous year, 539 B.C., really be telling us? Such an important year might have something to say in relation to Biblical end-times events. Let it first be noted that the Babylonian fall in the year 539 B.C. happened almost 2,556 years ago. This number has significance as will be shown below.

The Sign of 365 x 7

Although the exact day of the fall of ancient Babylon is not known for sure, some of the most reliable historians cite a date of Tishrei 16th of the Hebrew calendar. This is a date on our Gentile calendar that falls in the month of October. So, let us take as an assumption that the date of Babylon's fall was Tishrei 16th of the year 539 B.C.

The number of years from Tishrei 16th of 539 B.C. to Tishrei 16th of 2018 A.D. is the same as calculating from October of 539 B.C. to October of 2018 A.D. This is calculated as

$$2018 + 539 - 1 = 2556 \text{ years.}$$

(The reason that "1" is subtracted is that there is no year termed 0 A.D. or 0 B.C. If the "1" had not been subtracted, the calculation would have erroneously included the "0" year, which does not exist.)

It should be noted that $2555 = 365 \times 7$. And, 2556 is *very* close to 2555. Why is this significant? The number "365" represents the solar cycle of days in a calendar year. More generally, "365" represents the completion of a cycle. The number "7" is obvious as God's number (seven days in a week, 7 years in a Shemitah cycle, etc.). Therefore, the number 2555 may be seen to represent the completion of a cycle as determined by God. Could it be telling us that the Babylon cycle is over -- that the last Babylon, Babylon the Great, is soon to fall?

A more detailed calculation would use decimals. Mid-October of 1 B.C., for instance, would be approximately 0.2 years from January 1, 1 A.D. As such, mid-October of 539 B.C. may be represented by 538.2 B.C.; that is $538 + 0.2$ years before January 1st of 1 A.D.

Correspondingly, mid-October of 1 A.D. would be approximately 0.8 years from January 1, 1 A.D. Therefore, mid-October of 2018 may be represented as 2017.8 A.D.; this is $2017 + 0.8$ years after January 1st of 1 A.D.

Because of the use of decimals, one no longer needs to subtract "1" to account for the non-year of 0 B.C. or 0 A.D. Thus, the calculation becomes

$$538.2 + 2017.8 = 2556 \text{ years.}$$

This serves as a check on the span-of-years calculation. Either way, the same result is obtained as expected.

For purposes of this text, the date of August 21, 2018, is of significant interest. The reason for that will be shown later. August. 21, 2018 is the Noah date of Elul 10th. Elul 10th occurs 35 days before Tishrei 16th. Scientifically, a solar year is approximately 365.24 days. As such, 35 days is 0.096 years. Subtracting this amount from the 2556 year computation yields

$$2556.000 - 0.096 = 2555.904 \text{ years.}$$

Let us now divide by God's number, the number seven.

$$2555.904 / 7 = 365.129 \text{ years.}$$

Remember, a solar year is scientifically stated to be 365.24 days. How close is the number of 365.129 to the days in a solar year? Let us calculate the percentage error.

$$\text{Error} = \left[\frac{|365.129 - 365.24|}{365.24} \right] \times 100\% = 0.03\%$$

In English, one would say, the absolute difference between 365.129 and 365.24, divided by 365.24, and then multiplied by 100%. (Sorry for the math lesson, but this is leading to something!)

That is, the percentage error is only three one-hundredths of one percent or 3/100 of 1%. Now, that's pretty tiny! Is God saying something?

The time span between the fall of ancient Babylon and the date of August 21, 2018 (Elul 10th) can be said to be almost exactly related as

(Number of days of a solar cycle) x (God's number).

It is the author's contention that God may be showing mankind that something related to the full cycle of Babylon -- from ancient Babylon to modern Babylon -- may be nearing its completion and that this has something to do with the end of this Hebrew year of 5778 which ends on Elul 29, 5778 or September 9, 2018.

What this may be can only be speculated about. This, your author will do in the following sections.

The Sign of Israel's 70th Year

Patterns of history are important. God is sovereign, and only He could bring about patterns with dates of prominence that powerfully display His will. One such year of great importance is the year that Israel officially became a nation. The year 1948 is the most important year for Israel since the birth of Christ. On May 14, 1948, Israel was beholden to no one but God; it had declared its independence.

However, since 1948, Israel has been slipping away from God even celebrating homosexuality in public displays. What has Israel done with its independence?

May 14, 1948 is the Jewish date of Iyar 5, 5708. Being that this is the year 5778, it is exactly 70 years since Israeli independence. The number 70 is one of God's supreme numbers. But because mankind's heart is more intent upon evil than ever before, it is the punishment of God that should be expected in such a critical year, not His blessings.

What have the Jews done with their independence? Have they outlawed abortion in the state of Israel? No. Innocent blood in Israel flows. Has the state of Israel outlawed homosexuality? In contrast, homosexual displays with celebratory fervor have recently become the norm in Israel. Surely the Supreme Deity who has given His chosen people the Law in the Torah is not pleased with what they have done with their independence. They have made themselves rich. They have made themselves secure. But they have not made themselves godly. Very bad things may happen this year. It is like a tree that is full of rotten fruit and one can only wait for the fruit to fall from the tree and pollute the ground.

The Sign of the Balfour Declaration

In November of 1917, the Balfour Declaration was signed. Leading up to that, British forces had recently pushed the Ottoman Turks out of the area of Palestine. The British general in charge of affairs and on the ground in Palestine was a Christian who knew of the prophecies of the Jews someday coming back to their homeland. His name was Gen. Edmund Allenby. Through his efforts and others, the British offered to the Jewish people the Balfour Declaration, in which the right of the

Jewish people to return to their homeland and to establish their own state was affirmed for the first time by the leading world power, Britain.

November of 2017 was in the Hebrew year of 5678. As this is the Hebrew year of 5778, this month, the month of Elul, is the last month of the 100th anniversary year of the signing of the Balfour Declaration, which gave the Jews a legal basis to argue for their independence in front of the United Nations in 1947.

As such, this year has significance as the centennial celebration of the Balfour Declaration among the Jewish people. It is symbolically significant.

The Sign of the August 2017 Solar Eclipse and Elul 10th

As stated in one of the author's previous books, *Babylon Eclipsed*, the solar eclipse of 2017 may have significant prophetic overtones.

The Bible indicates to us that signs of the heavens are important. One of the last signs of the judgment of Egypt was the sky going dark. When Jesus was born, God sent the star of Bethlehem. When Jesus died, the sun went dark. When Jesus comes back,

the sun will be dark as sackcloth.

Last year, in the Hebrew year of 5777, there was a total eclipse of the sun, a solar eclipse, that stretched from the western coast to the eastern coast of the United States. Such a prominent solar eclipse was said by some to not have occurred in over two centuries.

At the exact time that the eclipse was visible from Washington, D.C. by the president of the United States, a deadly earthquake struck in Italy. Just a coincidence? The earthquake struck the town of Casamicciola at 9 P.M., Italian time, on August 21, 2017, the day of the solar eclipse. The time of 9 P.M. in Italy corresponds to 3 P.M. in Washington, D.C. The sun went dark over Washington, D.C. at this time.

The name of the town of this earthquake is significant. In the Italian language, "casa" means house. "Miccia" means fuse (as in a fuse of dynamite). Could the name of this town be given a rough translation such as "house of dynamite?" Is America a house of dynamite whose fuse is yet to be lit?

This solar eclipse was of significant importance in that it is a very possible signal of God's displeasure with America and His coming judgment on it.

Another curious thing is that August 21, 2017 is not a prominent Hebrew date, and neither is it a Noah date. But, August 21, 2018 is the date of Elul 10, 5778. Elul 10th is the date that Noah sent out a raven to see if there was any dry land. This date of Elul 10th happened forty days after the mountain peaks became visible during the year of Noah's Flood, according to chabad.org.

It is the author's opinion that this correspondence between the American solar eclipse happening on Aug. 21, 2017 and this August 21st being a Noah date is pointing to something of potential significance.

In his books, Mark Biltz, a well-known American end-times author, states that solar eclipses (where the sun is darkened briefly) are a sign of judgment to the Gentile nations whereas lunar eclipses (where the moon is darkened briefly) are a sign of possible judgment to Israel.

This book is being published just a day or two prior to the Elul 10th date. The author is very concerned about what may happen, but all is in the hands of God. Our faith must remain with Him no matter what the trial.

Significance of the August 21, 2018 Date, Itself

If the Noah date of Elul 10th of this year or August 21, 2018 does indeed have significance, could the date itself be important?

August 21, 2018 is often written as 8 / 21 / 2018. The author finds it interesting that the numbers for the month and date correspond to that of the year of 2018. Could it be that this date of 8/21 is the most important day in the year of 2018?

Only time will tell.

Chapter 4

North Korea and Syria: Countries of End-Times Interest

Could America be heading into a storm that it cannot well pass through? The recent rumblings between Trump and Kim Jong Un, the leader of North Korea, may spell trouble that neither leader really understands. If America is Babylon the Great, it will someday be reduced to ashes. Until just recently, the North Korean leader was threatening to do exactly that. Although the author does not believe that the North Korean leader will cause

the Day of Destruction upon America, he may well be lighting the fuse for Babylon's future calamity.

Trump: "Fire and Fury"

On August 8, 2017, Pres. Trump threatened to “totally destroy” North Korea if America or its allies were significantly threatened. In particular, he stated, "North Korea best not make any more threats to the United States," while at his golf club in Bedminster, New Jersey according to the New York Times, Aug. 8, 2018. He further said that, "they [N. Korea] will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen."

The phrase "fire and fury" has become somewhat infamous with Pres. Trump as it has been repeated over and over again in the news and in talk shows. But it is also a Biblical phrase.

And it will be in the day when the LORD gives you rest from your pain and turmoil and harsh service in which you have been enslaved, that you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon, and say, "How the oppressor has ceased, and **how fury has ceased!** The LORD has broken the staff of the

wicked, the scepter of rulers which used **to strike the peoples in fury with unceasing strokes**, which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained persecution." (Isa. 14:3-6, NASB)

Is it not interesting that Trump used the exact Biblical language that God told Isaiah to use some 2700 years ago in reference to the king of Babylon? Is anyone paying attention to this? Those who are students of Biblical prophecy should definitely take notice of these things.

North Korea and the Noah Time Line

The following table shows how events regarding North Korea seem to be related to the days of Noah during the time of the Flood. There are ten Noah dates; only eight are shown. Their Hebrew date and their Gentile date during the last year are compared to what happened in the news with regards to North Korea (see next page).

Hebrew Date	Gentile Date	Event
Elul 23, 5777	Sep. 14, 2017	N. Korea issued a threat to sink Japan into the ocean and turn the U.S. into "ashes and darkness." The next day at 7 AM, Japan time (still the 14th, U.S. time) N. Korea flew a missile over Hokkaido, Japan which splashed into the Pacific Ocean. Travelling 2300 mi., it was the longest flight of any N. Korean missile.
Tishrei 1, 5778	Sep. 21, 2017	Two days earlier, Sep. 19th, Trump declares at the U.N. General Assembly in New York city that America might have no choice "... but to totally destroy N. Korea." On the Noah date of Tishrei 1st or Sep. 21st, Kim Jong Un responded, calling Trump a "mentally deranged U.S. dotard" (meaning, an old man lunatic).
Cheshvan 17, 5778	Nov. 6, 2017	Trump visited South Korea and gave diplomatic warnings to N. Korea.
Kislev 27, 5778	Dec. 15, 2017	N. Korean U.N. ambassador, Ja Song Nam said that the U.S. was "... terrified by the incredible might of our Republic that has successfully achieved ... nuclear force."
		<i>(see next page)</i>

Hebrew Date	Gentile Date	Event
Sivan 1, 5778	May 15, 2018	<p>From BBC News, May 15th: Due to anger over U.S.-S. Korean military exercises called "Max Thunder," N. Korea abruptly called off high-level talks with S. Korea that had been scheduled less than 24 hours earlier.</p> <p>Approximately the same time, on May 14th, Israel time, the Trump administration held a ceremony in Jerusalem to mark the opening of the U.S. Embassy there (Haaretz News).</p>
Sivan 17, 5778	May 31, 2018	<p>On May 24th, a week earlier than this Noah date, Trump states that N. Korea "talk[s] about [its] nuclear capabilities, but ours are so massive and powerful that I pray to God they will never have to be used."</p> <p>On May 31st, Lavrov (Foreign Minister of Russia) visits Pyongyang in N. Korea and invites Kim Jong Un for a visit to Moscow. On the same day, Sec. of State, Pompeo entered a 2nd day of talks with high-ranking N. Korea officials to renew the possibility of a meeting between Trump and Kim Jong Un in Singapore on June 12, 2018. (This meeting later did occur.)</p>
Av 1, 5778	July 13, 2018	<i>(Nothing of end-times significance seemed to happen.)</i>
Elul 10, 5778	Aug. 21, 2018	<i>(This is the future date that this text is concerned about.)</i>

The fact that there is a seemingly high level of correlation between events and meetings with North Korea and days of Noah indicates to the author that God may be planning something viz a viz North Korea with regards to the end times.

But what may God be planning?

Given that it is assumed in this text that America is Babylon the Great and will likely suffer its D-o-D as portrayed in Revelation, chapters 17 and 18, the question arises, what might trigger this terrible event of one-third of the earth being destroyed by fire (nuclear war) in one hour?

A forest fire does not happen spontaneously. It is always sparked by something smaller. A camper may forget to put out their small fire by their tent, and it spreads to ignite the entire forest. A nuclear war of global proportions is unlikely to spontaneously erupt. More likely, the upcoming nuclear war (D-o-D) will be sparked by something smaller -- for example, a limited nuclear attack.

North Korea is a country that hates Israel (see their propaganda videos, for example), has slave camps, outlaws any form of Christianity, and worships its leader as if he were a god. Although it is not sexually immoral as in the case of Babylon the

Great, North Korea is also placing itself as a target for the judgment of God. North Korea is a prime piece of kindle that might ignite the fire storm that will soon destroy one-third of the earth.

Such a trigger event may happen this year. August 21, 2018 seems to be a date of significance. It need not happen this year, but it might. The high degree of correspondence between the Noah dates and North Korean events seems to be particularly disturbing. If a nuclear event should occur on August 21st, let it be known that it was not random and its aftermath may be leading to the Day of Destruction.

A Time Line for Possible D-o-D This Year, God Forbid

This year may be the year for the D-o-D. The author certainly wishes it is not. He knows that the D-o-D must happen, but no one in their right mind could possibly want such an occurrence. The fact that the righteous God of heaven and earth has decreed that Babylon the Great must be destroyed by fire in one hour is something that all Christians must accept. We must accept the authority and the will of the Almighty no matter how difficult and costly it is to ourselves, our loved ones, and our state of




mind.




Having said that, it must now be examined why D-o-D may occur this year. If it does occur this year, it is likely to occur on the date of Elul 23, 5778 or September 3, 2018. The reason for the strong significance of Elul 23rd is to be found in the author's previous book, *Babylon the Great: Day of Destruction*.

On the following page is a table that outlines the historical parallel between events involving ancient Babylon and events involving modern Babylon, i.e. America. God works with numbers, and He also causes historical parallels to occur, showing his sovereignty in systematic ways that are hard to dismiss. As such, the following table offers a possibility of why Babylon the Great may suffer its Day of Destruction sooner than the author would like to believe. Again, the author is attempting to point out possibilities. This is not a prophecy. It is only a speculation of what might happen and why.

Table Showing the Possible Historic Parallel between the Fall of Ancient Babylon and the Fall of Babylon the Great

Year	Occurrence	Year	Occurrence
616 BC	Babylon fights against Assyria and becomes independent.	1941 AD	America declares war on Japan, safeguarding its independence.
612 BC	Babylon and allies defeat Assyria, burning Ninevah.	1945 AD	America and allies defeat Germany and Japan, burning Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and Tokyo.
609 BC	Babylon becomes a threat to Judah and the Levant after Babylon takes control of Harran.	1948 AD	America becomes a friend to Israel after Israel becomes a nation.
539 BC	Babylon falls in one night to the Medo-Persians, their former allies.	2018 AD	Babylon the Great may suffer D-o-D in one hour at the hand of Russia, God forbid.

Seventy years were decreed for ancient Babylon to be the hegemonic power over the Levant and Judah until the time of its fall (see Jeremiah, chapter 25). Likewise, America has been the hegemonic power over the whole earth from approximately 1945

until 2015 (more information on "why" is to be found in the author's previous books).

However, it can also be said that ancient Babylon had a negative relationship with Israel for seventy years until the time of its fall. Inversely, America has now had a positive relationship with Israel for the last 70 years. Could it be said that an historic parallel can be seen here? In the author's opinion, yes.

It is hoped that this year is not the year for D-o-D. But that it might be is the reason why it is mentioned.

Significance in the Number of "3" with a D-o-D Date

When God uses dates, names, and places, their numerical equivalent sometimes has some relevance. This is a topic in Judaic studies involving the area of gematria. This text will not explore this issue in any great detail, but a date will now be examined based upon both its Hebrew date and its Gentile date.

If, God forbid, D-o-D occurs on the date of Elul 23, 5778, what significance might this have? The equivalency of the year 5778 may be found by adding its digits as given below.

$$5 + 7 + 7 + 8 = 27$$

But the number "27" is no ordinary number. It is also the cube of three.

$$27 = 3^3$$

The Gentile date of this Elul 23rd date is September 3, 2018. This date may be written as:

$$9 / 3 / 18$$

Alternatively, using a bit of arithmetic, the individual numerical components of this date may be expanded into the form given below.

$$[3 \times 3] / [3 \times 1] / [3 \times (3 + 3)]$$

Thus, it can certainly be said with some degree of confidence that the number "3" plays a prominent role in the Elul 23rd date of the present year. But why might that be?

Three reasons can be given for the significance of the number of "3" as it relates to the fall of Babylon the Great. They are provided below:

- i) One third of the earth will be burned (most likely, in association with D-o-D). See Revelation, chapter 8.
- ii) On D-o-D, Babylon the Great will not only be destroyed, but it will also be split into three parts (Rev. 16:19).
- iii) Bablylon the Great is the third Babylon in a series of Babylons that first insulted God and then was judged by God. The first was Nimrod's Tower of Babel. The second was Belshazzar's Babylon (remember the writing on the wall?).

As such, it can be seen why the number "3" may be showing profound significance within both the Hebrew date and the Gentile date for the D-o-D which might occur this year in September, 2018, God forbid.

Sign of the Statistical Significance of Elul 23rd

In his book, *Babylon the Great: Day of Destruction, Edition One*, the author shows that one calculation for the significance for the Elul 23rd date is to multiply 7 by 355, as there are seven years to a Shemitah and approximately 355 days to the normal Jewish

year. This is on page 178 of the above mentioned book. The odds of Elul 23rd being entirely random are then approximately 1 in 2485.

However, another calculation can also be made. The average Jewish year (instead of the normal Jewish year) must be 365.24 days since the Jewish year must also comport to the rhythm of the seasons and the solar cycle.

As such, an alternate approximation for the likelihood that Elul 23rd is a purely random date (having no significance) might be:

$$1 \text{ in } 7 \times 365.24 = 1 \text{ in } 2556.7.$$

This number is very close to the 7×365.129 calculation, yielding 2555.9 years, given earlier in Chapter 3. Is this just a coincidence? Or is there a relationship between the statistical significance of Elul 23rd and the number of years between the present time and the fall of ancient Babylon back in 539 B.C.? This is only a speculation, but it is an interesting one.

The Sign of Labor Day

Americans are known for their "can-do" attitude. In America, being busy, looking busy, keeping busy is just a way of life. Americans get bored easily and continuously stay in motion. Whether at work or at play, Americans cannot stand being slow.

Labor Day is a holiday in America. It is the day when Americans are meant to take a long weekend (the first Monday in September) to enjoy the fruit of their labors.

The book of Revelation interestingly portrays such a place. The Apostle John speaks the following about Babylon the Great and what goes missing after her complete destruction.

Then a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer. And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer; and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride

will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery."
(Rev. 18:21–23, NASB)

This is a picture of a nation that was once very busy: musicians, craftsmen (technicians, engineers), mill workers, and engagements in marriage. There will be no longer any building of buildings or building of relationships. In one hour, all of the activity, all of the building, all of the labors will cease.

Is it just a coincidence that Elul 23rd falls on Labor Day this year? Another speculation, but again, interesting.

The Sign of the Blood Moon of July, 2018

In another sign pointing to the significance of the North Korean dimension of end-times build-up, a blood moon occurred on July 26, 2018.

According to Forbes.com, this blood moon had the longest duration so far in this century. It was also visible from Jerusalem around the time of 10 PM, July 27, 2018.

What is significant about this occurrence is that July 27th is also a holiday in North Korea. It is called the "Day of Victory" in the Great Fatherland Liberation War, referring to the Korean War (resourced at Wikipedia.com). On this day, North Koreans celebrate their "victory" over the American imperialists.

Is this just another coincidence? The author thinks that it might be end-times relevant.

Signs Regarding the Singapore Meeting of June 12, 2018

The June 12, 2018 summit between North Korean leader, Kim Jong Un and the President of the United States, Donald Trump, took place in Singapore in a highly anticipated and outwardly cordial meeting. It was the first time that a North Korean leader met directly with a president of the U.S.A.

In the meeting, Kim Jong Un declared that he would begin the complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, although the technical details of how that might be accomplished were not provided. For his part, Trump decided it was best to stop pursuing war games with the South Koreans, saying he realized that doing so was provocative and a "tremendous waste of

money."

Although it is nice that good intentions are at least verbalized, what does the Bible say about peace and safety before sudden destruction? For the author, these talks cannot be counted upon for any real guarantee of safety.

But going beyond all of the rhetoric, an analysis of the date, itself, is possibly poignant. The meeting took place on June 12, 2018, which can be written as:

6 / 12/ 18 or [6 x 1] / [6 x 2] / [6 x 3].

Notice that the number 6-6-6 becomes visibly obvious. To be clear, the author does not think that either Trump or Kim Jong Un are the Beast. Rather, it may be an indirect sign that something malevolent may be brewing between these two leaders.

Another interesting note is the number of days between this meeting and the prominent date of interest for this text, August 21, 2018. The number of days between June 12 and August 21 is exactly 70. Again, is God saying something? Surely, your author can only speculate and make his educated guesses.

The Sign of the Names of Men

Among other things, it should also be observed that Trump recently appointed Mike Pompeo, an ex-CIA boss, as the head negotiator with the North Koreans. Mike Pompeo was also made Secretary of State.

According to news.sky.com, dated, April 19, 2018, Donald Trump confirmed his nomination of Mike Pompeo for Secretary of State while Mr. Pompeo was going about secret talks with the North Koreans.

However, the name "Pompeo" certainly harkens to the Roman city of Pompey that was destroyed by a volcanic eruption suddenly and with no warning. What a name to choose for nuclear negotiations!

In addition, the name "Trump" reminds one of the angelic trumpets which sound right after a half-hour pause in heaven preceding the destruction of one-third of the earth (D-o-D).

When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. [...] The first [angel]

sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up. (Rev. 8:1-7, NASB)

In the end times, God will get increasingly obvious that He is God and that we need to bow to His great name. People will be given a stark choice between the apparent comfort and safety of choosing the devil and his false promises or the difficult task that comes with staying true to God and enduring in faith with their Savior.

The author believes that God is done with playing games. The names of Trump and Pompeo may well be illustrating to mankind how close it is to witnessing end-times fulfillments.

The Sign of the Euphrates River and Ezekiel, Chapter 38

Enough has been said about how North Korea may be a trigger point for the start of a nuclear war and the coming D-o-D. The Middle East is also end-times significant.

In the book of Revelation, it speaks of four angels being loosed at the Euphrates River, leading eventually to the battle of Armageddon. Ezekiel, chapter 38, speaks of nations which are likely Russia, Turkey, and Iran coming against Israel in the end times. As such, developments in the area of Syria are certainly noteworthy.

Being that it is Russia that is most likely to cause D-o-D and that it is also Russia that is the main power broker in Syria and the Middle East, it should be noticed that according to RT news, dated March 20, 2018, Russian forces totaling over 10,000 men and a thousand vehicles took part in strategic missile testing and war games in the Ural mountains. In particular, the Yars missile, the RT-24 or SS-29, was tested. Each missile carries a minimum of three warheads, each rated to be at least 500 kilotons in magnitude.

Why is this mentioned? As North Korea fills the news, Russia is quietly establishing its hegemony in the Middle East and making sure that its nuclear weapons are ready to launch.

Another development is the unofficial alliance being forged between Russia, Turkey, and Iran. This is a very prominent end-times issue. According to RT news, dated April 5, 2018, the leaders of the above mentioned countries met in Turkey to

discuss their resolve to maintain the sovereignty of Syria. (In other words, they discussed their resolve to keep America minimized in its influence regarding Syria.)

America shot back. On April 11, 2018, RT news reported that Trump warned Russia to get ready for the American response. Trump is cited as saying, "They [the missiles] will be coming, nice and new and smart." Later, Trump actually did fire missiles into Syria, over one hundred of them. The Syrians claimed that they shot down many of them with Russian-made anti-missile batteries.

But what can be said here? Are we at peace when Trump shoots missiles at the allies of Russia and American missiles are shot down with Russian missiles? The tensions between Russia and America are obvious and clear. It is not too hyperbolic to suggest that someday a nuclear war will break out.

Sign of Operation Olive Branch and the Town of Azaz

In *Babylon the Great: Day of Destruction*, the author makes mention of the town of Azaz. This is a relatively small, inconspicuous town on the northern border of Syria. A major road from Turkey into Syria passes through Azaz. It was

hypothesized by the author back in 2016 that someday Turkey might invade through this town. It did so in February of 2018. How was this guess possible?

The first reason for this educated guess was the name of the town itself. The name could be transliterated as Alpha-Omega-Alpha-Omega, the "a" being alpha and the "z" being omega. Alpha is the letter "a" in the Greek alphabet, whereas omega is the letter "z".

A	- z	- a	- Z
<i>Alpha</i>	<i>-Omega</i>	<i>-Alpha</i>	<i>-Omega</i>

Jesus is referred to as the Alpha and the Omega in the book of Revelation. This is a title of timelessness in relationship to the coming end of the age.

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. (Rev. 22:12-14, NASB)

The history of mankind has an end point, the point at which Jesus returns. Jesus, being God Himself, has no end point. He is the very definition of eternal life.

As such, the town of Azaz has a name that speaks of the end times.

Another interesting fact is that the town of Azaz lies along a straight line projection from the line connecting the birth place of Jesus, Bethlehem, with the site of death of the Savior, Calvary (again, see the author's previous book, *Babylon the Great: Day of Destruction*).

These two facts caused the author to be convinced that the town of Azaz may someday play a significant role in end-times prophecy. So far, not much has happened with the Turkish invasion of Syria.

However, the operation was codenamed "Operation Olive Branch" by Turkey's leader, President Erdogan. Here, Erdogan is speaking prophetically of what is to take place in the future, although he probably does not realize it.

But does this codename of "Operation Olive Branch" bear any end-times significance? For that, the reader must refer back to one of the main theses of the author's previous books -- the idea

that Elul 23rd is of great significance.

It was on that Hebrew date that the emperor of Japan officially surrendered to the American forces in September of 1945. It was also on Elul 23rd in the year 2001 when the 9/11 attacks happened against the World Trade Center in New York City. It is on this date that the author believes the world will witness the Day of Destruction, the date when Babylon the Great is destroyed.

This date, Elul 23rd, is not some insignificant random date. This date is the day when Noah sent out a dove from the ark for a second time, and the dove returned with an olive branch.

So he [Noah] waited yet another seven days; and again he sent out the dove from the ark. And the dove came to him toward evening; and behold, in her beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth."

(Gen. 8:10–11, NASB)

Only time will tell if this Turkish operation in northern Syria which was codenamed "Olive Branch" will precipitate the eventual and yet sudden judgment on America. The author considers this Turkish operation along with the growing

alignment of Russia with Iran and Turkey to be the political and military foundation from which the invasion of Israel will be launched as the prophet Isaiah stated long ago in Ezekiel, chapter 38.

Chapter 5

Thoughts about the Day of Destruction

It should go without saying that no one in their right mind should ever look forward to 1/3 of the earth burning. There are many good people living within their respective countries that do not deserve to die, should not die, but will die.

What should a Christian do? Should a Christian ignore the warnings that America is Babylon the Great and that they should flee? The author's opinion is an emphatic *NO!* Christians throughout the world should understand that they are living in the end times, there is no pre-Tribulation “rapture” escape mechanism, and times are going to get tough.

Will August 21, 2018 lead to something terrible? No one knows. But if it does, there were many, many signs that have already marked it out.

Appendix

Dated Evidence for the Educated Guesses

February 26, 2016

This document, notarized in Valencia City, Bukidnon province, Philippines, is meant to establish that as of the 26th of February, 2016, [REDACTED] using the pseudonym of Michael Ross, believes that:

1. America is Babylon the Great which is described in chapters 17 and 18 of the book of Revelation in the Bible.
2. America and Russia will soon be destroyed in a nuclear war.
3. Possible Hebrew dates for this "day of destruction" for the year 2016 are Sivan 1st (June 7, 2016), Sivan 17th (June 23, 2016), Av 1st (Aug. 5, 2016), Elul 10th (Sept. 13, 2016), Elul 17th (Sept. 20, 2016), and Elul 23rd (Sept. 26, 2016).
4. The above prediction is a hypothetical, educated guess based on eschatological research and analysis of the modern-day parallels with ancient history.
5. The above information has not been provided to me by any person or organization. It is a personal belief.

[REDACTED]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 26th day of February, 2016 at Valencia City, Bukidnon, Philippines, by [REDACTED] who has satisfactorily proven to me his identity through his [REDACTED] Visa ID no. [REDACTED] who is the same person who personally signed before me [REDACTED] and acknowledged that he executed the same.

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February 25, 2016

This document, notarized in Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental province, Philippines, is meant to establish that as of the 25th of February, 2016, [REDACTED] using the pseudonym of Michael Ross, believes that:

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Sincerely,

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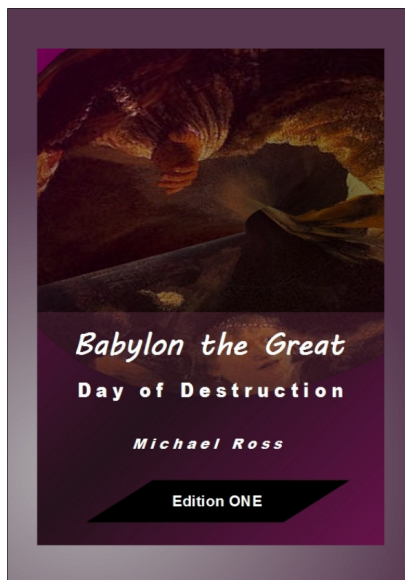
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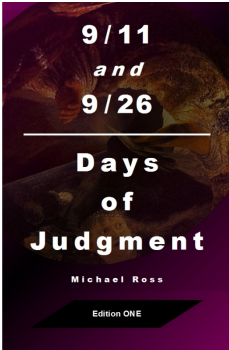
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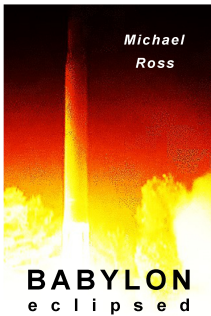
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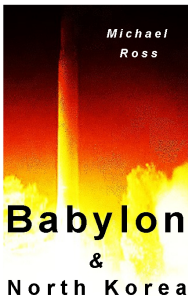
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9/11 and 9/26: Days of Judgment, Edition One is a smaller book for concentration on the date of Elul 23rd of 2016. This book was published on Sept. 25, 2016.



Babylon Eclipsed, published on Sept. 13, 2017, explains that the solar eclipse over America and the sign of Virgo in the heavens may have prophetic implications upon the judgment of Babylon the Great.



Babylon and North Korea, published on Oct. 5, 2017, hypothesized that the date of Tishei 16th could be a cause of concern, especially as it might relate to an attack on Babylon the Great, leading into the coming Day of Destruction.

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In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Ross".

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- 3.** ***August 21, 2018*** has many of the signs that could suggest an ominous warning to America.



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