

Babylon the Great
Day of Destruction

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In Dedication to my
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
and to my family
(my father, my mother, and my sister)
still living in Babylon.

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About the Author

As my first book written for communication to Christians in need of good end-times teaching, I need to identify myself since I am a private citizen and am largely unknown. Firstly, I am a Christian who was raised in the Catholic tradition on Sunday's yet also received a Biblical education began at an Evangelical high school and elementary school in Pennsylvania, U.S.A. For seven years, I was taught the Bible everyday at this Evangelical school and often would explore the contents of the Word of God on my own. Investigating the marvelous character of God and the hope found in Jesus Christ was not a chore for me, I loved and continue to love to explore the Bible. As such, I consider myself a Bible-believing Christian and believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God. Furthermore, I have developed an appreciation of both the Catholic and Protestant traditions of Christian doctrine.

My education after high school has been mostly secular. I was

the Valedictorian of my high school class of 530 seniors, received my B.S. and M.S. degrees in mechanical engineering from Penn State and Carnegie Mellon Universities in the U.S.A., and studied at the doctorate level in microelectronic engineering on a fully-paid grant by the European Union at the National University of Ireland in Cork, Ireland. Ultimately, I did not receive the PhD degree, but after studying there, performing research for six years, and authoring many reports, conference papers, and journal articles, I got as close as one can get to a PhD without finishing their Thesis. Nonetheless, I do not hold the PhD degree.

Also, I cannot claim to have a formal education in theology and cannot be considered a formal expert of the Scriptures. But, in a way, it is a good thing. I taught for three years at a small Christian college in Pennsylvania. While lecturing as an Assistant Professor in Engineering, I enjoyed having discussions with some of the theology professors there. I can honestly say that although they have memorized the Bible much better than me and know much of the history behind it, their belief in prophecy as something real, alive, and genuine was less than vibrant. To the typical PhD theologian, prophecy is something to discuss with difficult-sounding terms like the word “hermeneutic” (which just means “system of interpretation” but it sounds so intelligent to say “hermeneutic,” doesn't it?).

However, to the intelligent theologian, prophecy is not something that is coming true almost daily in our newspapers. For him, Biblical prophecy is only an academic pursuit. Nonetheless, I hope you will find that prophecy is much too real and much too amazing to be considered only from the academic point of reference. Biblical prophecy is for our real lives.

But, yes, I do have an extreme love for the Bible and have become quite familiar with its contents. Biblical 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.

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 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 the cost because our reward is with Him.

As far as my name is concerned, I use two pseudonyms for this Biblical prophecy education that I try to communicate 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 been studying the Bible about modern Babylon the Great, as recorded in Revelation chapters 17 and 18, since I was just 16 years old. So, you may think of me as Babylon Man if you wish. 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.

By the way, E.R.C. Communications is not formally associated with or a member of any Christian denomination, and it will stay that way. To be able to ponder the real meaning behind what the Scriptures tell us, it is very important to be independent of the authoritative control that every church or denomination tries to exert over its members or associates. As such, E.R.C. Communications is a kind of independent think tank for Biblical prophecy research. Although it is normal for churches to exercise doctrinal control, I am a witness that said doctrinal

control stifles free expression and independent research into the mechanics of the Word of God as they relate to prophetic events foretold long ago by many prophets and apostles of our Lord.

Lastly, let me make a personal appeal to the reader of this text. I ask you to pray about becoming involved with E.R.C. Communications as an author of articles for our website or newsletter or just to be a prayer partner for the trying days ahead. The only thing that I require, as the chairman of E.R.C. Communications, is that you adhere to basic Christian beliefs, such as those stated in the Nicene Creed, that you never attempt to contradict or cause a contra-indication with Scripture, and that you always treat the words and message of the Bible with integrity and respect.

Christians of all denominations will be persecuted in the coming days. It will not only be Catholics or only Protestants. Rather, it will be all who profess the name of Christ and choose to endure in their faith through the help of the Holy Spirit. The Christian church as the body of Christ will be bruised but not defeated. It is time for all of us to be unified enough that we can study and discuss Biblical prophecy together without the need to cause division.

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. The overriding purpose of this manuscript is to convey to Bible-believing Christians a better understanding of the importance of end-times study and to focus on a subject rarely talked about and hardly ever mentioned in both Protestant and Catholic circles--the mystery of Babylon the Great and its ultimate Day of Destruction.

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. In that sense, this book is unique, because it offers a very realistic interpretation of Babylon the Great and of its soon judgment.

The reason for the multiple interpretations offered for Revelation 17 and 18 are two-fold. Previous works written decades ago could not have foreseen the current events and nature of modern society and could, therefore, not see the parallels between the prophetic Scripture concerning Babylon and the modern day situation. Secondly, there is an innate difficulty surrounding the interpretation of these two chapters, for whatever entity is identified as the Babylon of Revelation chapters 17 and 18, it is consequently characterized as an immoral nation under the

judgment of God.

Pinning such an interpretation on a modern day nation obviously causes much heartache. Thus, writers often use past empires, other religions, or a country that is out of favor with public opinion to offer an explanation as to the identity of Babylon the Great. The goal of this book is to dispel these accounts and show in a systematic and Scriptural manner why these interpretations are faulty and to offer another interpretation: one that is more realistic but also more difficult to deal with, especially for those who are Americans.

This book is divided into two parts. *Part I* offers an overview of end-times analysis. It is more theological in character and does not seek to make educated guesses regarding actual personalities or end-times dates for events. It discusses events purely from a sound Biblical context. As such, it provides a basic reference for people who have not studied much about the end times. Furthermore, it gives an account of the author's beliefs regarding the end times and serves to acquaint the reader with his writing style before approaching the main subject of this book. *Part II* is a study focusing on the prophetic interpretation of Revelation 17 and 18. In *Part II*, the author allows himself more freedom to make educated guesses and go beyond only the Bible as a source for knowledge, employing use of modern day parallels with

ancient prophecy, the Hebrew calendar, and other sources of information which, by themselves, are not strictly “Biblical only.”

This text greatly expands current thought on this subject by comparing previous interpretation about Babylon with both the Word of God and current events. Not restricting prophecy study to the Bible only, much can be gleaned by looking at things such as the blood moons phenomenon, special days in the Hebrew calendar, and patterns of historical events, especially with regards to the Jewish people. Should it surprise the reader to think that God does things in special ways to show His sovereignty over this world?

As a note of humility, this text has been prepared somewhat hurriedly. The author apologizes in advance for any errors and possibly incomplete explanations of thought. The fact of the matter is that the author sees this book as very important in conveying the absolute truth of the Word of God and in the actions of God in which He shows His sovereignty by re-enacting historic parallels in a unique and fascinating way. In fact, the way in which God allows prophecy to be fulfilled on very unique dates, setting up patterns to study, is almost mind-blowing. To get this book done before the date of Day of Destruction has been a challenge. The author has experienced

both financial and emotional hardships which have delayed its publication. The author, therefore apologizes in advance for *Edition One* of this title. In *Edition Two*, the author hopes to provide the reader with a fuller and more professional presentation of the prophetic analysis.

In full view of this situation, the author wishes the reader to know that if the reader has bought a copy of this book, whether in electronic or physical form, the author will do his best to provide to the reader, at a significant discount, *Edition Two* of this title. It is hoped that *Edition Two* will be ready for publication by the end of 2016. The author thanks the reader for buying this book and for the reader extending to the author a certain level of patience and understanding. However, with the Day of Destruction soon approaching (it is now the end of May, 2016), this book needs to be published without full correction and without delay.

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Part I

An Analysis of Biblical Eschatology

Chapter 1

Purpose and Validity of End-Times Study

Skepticism and often hostility towards the subject of the end times tend to hamper many Christians from pursuing its study. However, the reality of the situation is that much of the Old and New Testaments focus upon end-times events. Separated by hundreds of years and written by various authors, the passages of end-times prophecy do not contradict but tell of the same events with remarkable symbolic imagery. By reading the Scriptures with the intent of understanding them knowing that God has written them to be understood, it becomes obvious that they are not simply poetic passages leading Christians to a more devout faith but are images of things real but yet to be.

Eschatology, the study of Biblical prophecy related to the end times, is a serious study. One of the principal founders of engineering, physics, and calculus, Isaac Newton, was himself very interested in end-times studies. In the mind of Isaac Newton, end-times prophecies were “histories of things yet to

come." For him, the Bible was a revelation from God and the interpretation of Biblical prophecy is not to be considered a "matter of indifference but (rather) a duty of the greatest moment."

This chapter will seek to motivate study of the end times and try to persuade the reader that doubt and fear of this subject have no place in the heart of a believer. In the remainder of *Part I*, an overall Biblical end-times model will be presented that uses only the language of Scripture without attempting to interpret individual personalities or nations. Within this model, some events are certain while others are less clear, but careful analysis of the Scriptures nonetheless reveals an overall plan predestined by the Creator for the fulfillment of His promises.

Unfortunately, some consider Biblical prophecy to be merely figurative in word and non-reality in essence. However, the study of Biblical prophecy is not for simpletons but for those who have a sound mind, a patient spirit, and a truth-seeking heart. For them the symbolic nature of Biblical language has the sole purpose to depict the final victory of good over evil. However, Biblical prophecy should not be taken so lightly. In fact, the genuine correctness of Christianity rests upon the literal understanding of prophecies that pointed to the Messiah, to Jesus, made many hundreds of years before His birth in

Bethlehem. If these messianic prophecies would have been thought to have been figurative in nature, there would have been no logical reason to assume any validity for the Christian belief in Jesus as our Savior, sent from the Father to us.

The study of the end times is meant to reveal the meaning behind the prophetic portions of Scripture concerned with events surrounding the Second Coming of Christ and His judgment of mankind. The study of the end times is the study of the last of the Biblical prophecies yet to be fulfilled. God did not devote so much of Scripture to be ignored. Directly after speaking about the difficult times that will arise in the last days, in 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Paul says the following.

You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them; and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training, in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (NASB)

Notice that the Apostle Paul maintains that all Scripture is inspired by God. Furthermore, Paul himself, wrote much of the prophecy contained in the New Testament. Unfortunately, few churches seriously espouse their creed to maintain with fervent hope the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ by studying what is to precede it. The purpose of prophecy is twofold:

- to convey the unerring faithfulness of God to fulfill His promises by showing mankind that the future is in His hands and
- to provide His people with practical advise, warnings, or encouragement to equip the Church to perform its duty of being a witness of the glory and the majesty of God.

Every study needs its foundations. To study the end times with any gravity, one must truly believe in the Bible as the Word of God. "The great Christian author and bishop, Irenaeus of Lyons, stated around 170 AD that, "the Scriptures are perfect cause they were uttered by the Word of God and his Spirit." In the words of the Apostle Peter, the last days have already begun as of the day of Pentecost when the Spirit gave the apostles utterance (Acts 2:17). The last days is the period invoked by God in sending the Holy Spirit. On God's time table, it is the final period of human history before Christ's Return. Thus, with the last days, men can

no longer receive directly inspired revelation by God to write new scriptures or expound upon the Gospel message. Christ is God's plan, and mankind must now be content to wait for Him. Therefore, the term last days refers to the last two thousand years of the Church.

However, the term “end times” is used in a wholly different context in this book. Because the definitions of what is meant by end times or later times varies widely, this book wishes to make clear what it meant by end times. In this book, the usage of the term end times will be the final generation before the Second Coming of Christ. And, in case the reader didn't quite get that, Christ is coming back! Referencing Matthew 24:29-35, Jesus says the following to His disciples.

But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of

the sky to the other. Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

This section of Scripture is very important and will be discussed in more detail later, but for now, it is sufficient to note that Jesus is indeed returning to this planet.

In 2 Thessalonians 2:7-10 as provided below, Paul relates the Lord's Return in similar terms but gets into more details about what will happen to the Beast (i.e. the man of lawlessness or the Antichrist) at Christ's Return.

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and

signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. (NASB)

Thus, the question becomes the meaning of a generation. A human generation is often considered a period of some 20 or 25 years; however, one should use the Biblical concept of a human generation. An approximation for the period of time in a Biblical generation can be calculated using genealogical records of the Egyptian captivity of the Israelites which occurred over a span of 430 years (Exodus 12:40). In 1 Chronicles 2:1-9, the genealogy of Judah may be traced from the generation of Joseph to that of Moses. The genealogical listing appears as follows: -Judah - Perez - Hezron - Ram - Amminadab - Elisheba.

Since Joseph was the first of Abraham's descendants to enter Egypt and was of the same generation as Judah and because Elisheba was the wife of Aaron (Exodus 6:23), who was of the same generation as Moses, it follows that the Israelites were under Egyptian captivity for five human generations. Such a calculation of a Biblical generation yields a period of some 86 years.

Another interpretation for the length of time of a Biblical

generation comes directly from Genesis 15:12-16 in which a deep darkness falls over Abram, and God tells him of the fate awaiting his descendants. This passage is given below.

Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him. God said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years. But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age. Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete.
(NASB)

From this passage, a Biblical generation of 100 years is inferred. Why a period of four generations totaling 400 years is used in Genesis instead of the five generations of Exodus is not clear except that the Genesis passage speaks of enslavement and oppression whereas the term captivity is used in Exodus. Also, it is possible that Elishiba was far younger than her husband,

Aaron. If so, Aaron could have been of Amminadab's generation although this is unlikely.

Although the nuances between these two passages are a bit ambiguous, the exact calculation of a Biblical generation is not needed. What needs to be understood is that a Biblical generation can amount to almost a century and is not necessarily limited to some 25 years. Hence, this longer period of some 86 or 100 years will be used as a Biblical generation for this text. To try to predict approximate dates in which end-times events will occur is a fool hardy task (although the author will make his attempts in Part II of this text).

God simply has not given us enough information for such an undertaking, at least not from a strictly Biblical interpretive stance. No comprehensive chart can ever unfold the mysterious time table of the future, rather "mystery is God's inscrutable way of doing business" (a quote from Capon).

However, the sequence of the events and the principle actors which are involved are often indicated in Scripture. Not to attempt to understand the basic pattern and significance of Biblical prophecy leaves Christians not fully prepared and without detailed knowledge of the victory assured to us by Christ through His Second Coming.

It has been stated by Stevens that “the end times will be a great opportunity for people to turn to God, and to give his children maximum opportunity to share what they know.” Thus, studying the end times is preparation, both for ourselves and for others. It is quite possibly, the best manner of sharing the Gospel with others during the most important time of the Church's history. In the book of Daniel, this unique situation to evangelize in the end times is mentioned at least three distinct times. The latter section of chapter 11 and all of chapter 12 deal exclusively with the end times and provide a glimpse into the wonderful power of God's Word even at the eclipse of human endeavor.

It states that the Beast (to whom this text will refer later) is able to overcome the people of God, as seen below in Daniel 7:19-26. In this passage, the Beast is referred to by Daniel as the “little horn.” Also, do not be concerned for now about the full interpretation of this passage. It is hoped that the reader will simply notice that in this passage, **(1)** Daniel is speaking about the end times, **(2)** the Beast is described as being dreadful and quite powerful, **(3)** the Beast is eventually defeated by the Most High, and **(4)** before the Beast is defeated, the saints must undergo a terrible time of suffering and death, for example, they are “overcome.”

Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the

fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet, and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in appearance than its associates. I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom. Thus he said: 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and

he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. (Dan. 7:19-26, NASB)

Nonetheless, good things also happen in the end times. Those who have insight will lead many to understanding and righteousness (Dan. 12:3). It is the author's opinion that the word "insight" there is a reference to those who understand what is going on, that is, those who have end-times knowledge. You, dear reader, after reading this text will be one of those special ones with insight.

The insight of which Daniel speaks is simply the application of God's Word in understanding that the momentous events taking place in those times are a simple fulfillment of Scripture where God's people will disseminate this knowledge to those around them. The following verse is, in the mind of the author, one of the most beautiful verses in the entirety of Scripture. In Daniel 12:10, it says:

Many will be purged, purified and refined; but the wicked will act wickedly, and none of the wicked will

understand, but those who have insight will understand. (NASB)

Thus, an understanding of the end times, of the events destined to occur, and of the principle players engaged in the final scenario of human history is an important asset. The wicked, during those times will be confused and fearful. Not knowing what is happening or why such troubles are upon them, many will search for the answer. We, God's people, who have the answer, will be able to explain in remarkable detail the unfolding of God's supernatural plan and will tell of His soon Return. Such opportunities must be capitalized. Those who have insight will *"shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven and will lead many to righteousness"* (Dan. 12:3), *"for he who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"* (Joel 2:32).

Another important reason for end-times study is self-preparation. The Lord makes it abundantly clear that ignorance of end-times characteristics is foolish and vain. Here is just a small listing of warnings from Christ, Himself:

...See to it that no one misleads you. (Matt 24:4, NASB)

Behold, I have told you in advance. (Matt 24:25, NASB)

Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. (Matt 24:42, NASB)

...when you see these things, recognize that He is near. (Mark 13:29, NASB)

Be on guard...keep on the alert, praying ... to escape these things ... and to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:34-36, NASB)

Notice, however, that these statements are more than just warnings in that they take the form of commands. It is our duty to be prepared for our Lord's Coming but not just spiritually. To be fully prepared for His coming we must be aware of what is to precede it. Indeed, it is our obligation to warn others of the nearness of God's judgment.

In Ezekiel 33:1-7, a scenario is portrayed where the Lord appoints a watchman to look after the security of His people. The passage is given below.

And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them, 'If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman, and he sees the sword

coming upon the land and blows on the trumpet and warns the people, then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman's hand. Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me. (NASB)

In the case of calamity, if the watchman fails to warn the people, the watchman is held responsible for the blood of the slain. Ezekiel, in his day, was the appointed watchman for the house of Israel. Much responsibility was on the head of this prophet. But such is God's way. To those to whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48). Insight alone into the events preceding our Lord's Return is not enough. We must share what we know

with those around us, helping them to understand the critical nature of the times and the need to repent. The Lord has not devoted so much of Scripture detailing end-times events for us to ignore them. It is my belief that the Lord wishes for us to joyfully examine with faithful hope the portions of Scripture devoted to the unfolding of His future plan and to share them with confidence to others.

As a last thought, let the reader have a look at a statement of our Lord in Matthew chapter 24. Here, Jesus relates that the sensible, faithful slave is the one awaiting the Coming of the Lord and helps His people to endure to the end. He is blessed by Christ for his actions.

For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will. Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. (Matt. 24:44-47, NASB)

Chapter 2

Characteristics of the End Times

Although most prefer to be skeptical of the possibility of interpreting the prophecies in the Bible, it is the author's conviction that the end-times Scriptures can be interpreted in a very real and genuine way. The only problem which needs to be solved is the interpretation of Scripture which, itself, is the main area of theological study. It will not be undertaken to endeavor to explain the rigorous methodologies that have been proposed, but one concept will be referred to in this text time and time again--the concept of the 'prophetic, Biblical model.'

The Old and New Testament passages dealing with the end times all refer to the same series of events. Different symbols may be used, but the events are the same. For instance, the "anti-Christ" is referred to in Daniel as the "little horn," in 2 Thessalonians as the "lawless one," and in Revelation as the "Beast." Each author writes of the same man and gives various descriptions of what he

will be like and what he will do. Although he is labeled with different names, the totality of his descriptions create a set of characteristics that he must fulfill. If any one of the prophesied characteristics described in the Bible are not fulfilled by a certain man, then that man certainly is not the Beast.

The Biblical passages that render the descriptions of the end times create a 'prophetic model' with sets of characteristics for each individual character and often with dependencies between characters. If all of the characteristics are not completely fulfilled about a certain character, it cannot be said with any certainty that that character is the one mentioned in the Biblical prophecy. As such, the prophetic model demands that all of its conditions be satisfied. If one is left unsatisfied by a given interpretation, either that interpretation is not yet completely fulfilled or that interpretation twists Scripture to fit its own story. The latter type of Biblical interpretation must never be accepted!

Biblical interpretation of the end times needs to use a lock-and-key approach. If a certain interpretation does not fit the Scripture like a key does to a lock, that interpretation needs to be rejected. A more poetic explanation is taken from The Unauthorized Version by Robin Fox which is provided below.

"In the third century AD, [the fundamental belief that

Scripture is inspired] was beautifully explained to the great Christian scholar, Origen, by a Jew who joined his study groups: 'all divinely inspired writing, because of its obscurity, is like many locked rooms in a house. Beside each room lies a key which does fit. [T]he greatest task is to find the keys and fit the right one to the room which it can open.' ”

There are many interpretations for each character and event in the Biblical passages of the end times, but only one interpretation is right. This chapter focuses on both the general and specific characteristics of the end times. That all these characteristics are being fulfilled does not prove that we are living in the end times; that the characteristics of today's world fit the Biblical model does show that we probably are.

Table 1: Apparent Fulfillment of End-times Characteristics

1. Return of Jews to Israel; establishment of a Jewish state.
2. Military capability to destroy a large nation by fire in 1 hour (advent of nuclear weapons).
3. Existence of at least 2 billion people in Asia for the 200 million-man army for Armageddon.
4. Globalization of the Gospel message -- worldwide evangelization.

5. Social signs: disease, famine.
6. Physical signs: Signs in the heavens, earth.
7. Earthquakes, crashing of the sea (tsunami).
8. Wars and rumors of wars.
9. Great increase in knowledge.
10. Governmental antagonism against Christians leading to "war against the saints."
11. Catastrophic killing of innocent people, causing hearts to grow cold in preparation for the "war against the saints" (e.g. abortion).
12. 6000 years from Creation; a day is like a thousand years theory.
13. Moral decay similar to the time of Noah.
14. The Delusion to allow men to believe the lie and accept the Beast.
15. Existence of conducive military/political situation in Russia and Arab nations for Russian/Arab invasion of Israel (e.g. ISIS/Syria)
16. Existence of Babylon, the Great City that rules over the kings of the earth.
17. The Apostasy, the falling away of the Church.

18. Babylon destroyed in 1 hour by fire (Day of Destruction, nuclear war).
19. Globalization of finances leading up to "666" financial system (i.e. single-world currency).
20. Technology for "666," Mark-of-the-Beast financial system (e.g. Bitcoin).
21. Existence of the Temple in Jerusalem for the Abomination of Desolation.

The above table was composed by the author some 18 years ago while still a post-graduate student at university. This book has long been in the mind of the author, and he has added to the notes, from which it is currently being composed, little by little. In these 18 years, the world has gradually but steadily and in ever-increasing rates approached the fullest expression of end-times characteristics.

When this table was originally composed, to suggest that Russia was an existential threat to America would have been preposterous. Homosexuality, although tolerated, was never championed as a family virtue. The Middle East was not in chaos. Russia did not play the dominating role along the banks of the Euphrates. No Islamic country in the Middle East was close to possessing nuclear weapons. Bitcoin and its

corresponding block-chain technology had not yet been invented. The U.S. legal system did not persecute Christians who chose not to support homosexual marriage. Earthquakes of greater than 8.0 magnitude were a very rare occurrence, and to suggest that a tsunami could cause a Fukushima-type disaster would have sounded ludicrous.

Of all the signs that point to the fact of this current generation being the end-times generation, only the first three will receive detailed attention in this chapter. There are many more signs than just the three for this detailed analysis, but these three are of special significance and should not be ignored.

End-Times Sign #1: The Regathering of Israel

In the history of the Jewish people, they were driven from land to land. During Roman Times, especially after the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., the Jews could no longer live as a unified nation within the land of Israel. Many emigrated to various parts of the empire. It was called the diaspora. Some settled in North Africa, some in Spain, some in Greece or Italy, but the Jews never again had a nation, at least not until 1948.

This year, 1948, was very important, not only for Israel, but also

for Christians, at least for those Christians who are intelligent enough to focus on the end times. Following the holocaust in Europe (perpetrated by Nazi Germany in which about 6 million Jews were killed in concentration camps), the Jews declared for themselves an independent nation after having obtained approval from the United Nations in 1947. This act of Jewish restoration to the land was prophesied by several Old Testament prophets.

One such prophecy of the Jewish regathering is to be found in Jeremiah 16:14-15.

'Therefore, behold, days are coming,' says the Lord, 'when it will no longer be said, "as the Lord lives who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt" but, "as the Lord lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north [meaning Europe and Russia] and from all the countries where He had banished them!" For I will restore them to their own land which I gave their own fathers.' ”
(NASB)

Not only did Jeremiah talk about the restoration of the nation of Israel, but Ezekiel also spoke of this along with others. A summary of Ezek. 36:9-15 is given below in which God said the following through the prophet Ezekiel.

"...Behold, I am for you [speaking of Israel]. [...] I will multiply men on you. [...] The cities will be inhabited., and the waste places will be rebuilt. [...] I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and will treat you better than at first. [...] I will not let you hear the insults from the nations anymore nor will you bear disgrace from the peoples..."
(NASB)

The first part of this Scripture has been fulfilled. Israel is a reality. It is a nation with its own *language and borders and culture* ("borders, language, and culture" is borrowed from the phraseology of Michael Savage, a well-known radio commentator in America).

Israel, nonetheless, is still an object of international scorn. It is insulted on a daily basis by a multitude of nations – most recently, even by the current President of the United States. What will end this, as God has said? The answer is His Second Coming. Israel is the main sign and one of the main reasons for the end times.

End-Times Sign #2: the Advent of Nuclear Weapons

The nuclear bomb dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 killed over 100,000 people. The potency of nuclear weapons is given by its size in megatons, that is, how many tons (1000 kg is equal to a ton) of TNT would be necessary to generate the explosion, or energy release, as that of the equivalent nuclear blast? If 1 ton of TNT is very powerful – it is enough to destroy a large office building – what about 1000 tons? If 1000 tons is devastating, what about 1 megaton, which equals 1 million tons?

Now, the Hiroshima bomb measured less than 0.02 megaton. This alone destroyed an entire city center. However, in the modern nuclear age, the Hiroshima bomb was a baby nuke. Today's nuclear bombs are giants in comparison. The enormous destructive potential of these devices should be considered. Therefore, the biggest of the bombs ever built will now be examined.

Decades ago, the Russians tested a huge nuclear device which they called the Tsar Bomba or the King of Bombs. It was a nuclear bomb which was so big that it had the energy potential of over 50 megatons -- that is about 2500 Hiroshima bombs. The Russians decided to do an open-air experiment with this monster.

Its detonation caused everything to be incinerated with intense heat and to be destroyed by an extremely powerful nuclear blast within a certain distance called the destruction zone. The distance of this destruction zone went out some 80 kilometers from its detonation site. That is, everything within 50 miles was fully destroyed or burned.

Total destruction of everything within 80 kilometers! One of these bombs would have had the potential to destroy both Washington D.C. and the city of Baltimore, Maryland in one blast. In addition, the shock wave from the nuclear blast blew out windows in people's homes that were living up to 800 kilometers away. As a comparison, people in the city of Boston would have felt it. Thankfully, most modern nuclear devices are not quite this powerful, but many of those that are currently deployed are near the megaton range.

Nuclear bombs are truly horrible devices. One might wish they had never been built, but they were. They exist. Their very existence is important evidence that we are living in the end-times generation. Both the United States and Russia have thousands of nuclear weapons in current deployment. Some are in megaton range, having potencies of over 1.00 megatons. Such devices are over 50 times more powerful than what was dropped on Hiroshima. Some are over 1000 times more powerful.

Thankfully, however, most nuclear devices that are currently deployed in the nuclear arsenals of the United States and Russia have potencies of about 0.5 megatons. Such devices destroy entire cities, but usually not two separate cities at once. Such devices have energy potentials that are approximately 25 times the destructive power of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

So, the energy potential of modern nuclear devices can be over 1000 Hiroshima bombs each, but the typical ones are not. In fact, the nuclear regulation and decommissioning that has taken place since the 1970's has made it possible for the world to actually survive a nuclear war. It should be emphasized that the term survive does not exclude painful and terrible after effects such as tsunamis, earthquakes, environmental pollution, etc. However, that being said, a nuclear war occurring some 40 years ago would have probably made the entire planet inhabitable. Society would not have survived. Knowing the Biblical prophecy, a nuclear war will not cause an end to the world. The Beast will be worshipped, and the mark of the Beast will be adopted as a world currency. As such, the decommissioning of much of the world's stockpile of nuclear weapons is actually a prophetic fulfillment. The world had to survive the Day of Destruction.

At any rate, modern nuclear bombs are designed to kill over a

million people each. They not only wipe out a city but an entire region reaching out over a dozen kilometers. Why is this important? Well, nuclear bombs kill by fire, and this has been predicted in Scripture. In 2 Peter 3:7, Peter seems to make an allusion to this.

“the present heaven and earth, by His word, are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.” (NASB)

The book of Revelation speaks of 1/3 of the earth being burned up. Rev. 8:7 says the following.

“... 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.” (NASB)

Incidentally, the present violence and chaos of the Middle East should be watched closely for triggering this event. In Revelation, chapter 9, it speaks of angels who will be released who were previously bound at the great river of the Euphrates. Their release results in this Day of Destruction in which 1/3 of the earth is destroyed.

Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is

before God, one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind. The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm. The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear

nor walk; and they did not repent of their murders
nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of
their thefts. (Rev. 9:13-21, NASB)

This destruction is said to be caused by fire, smoke, and
brimstone – a very similar description to the destruction of
Sodom and Gomorrah. How could any of this be possible before
the invention of nuclear weapons? Indeed, it is man who will do
it to himself and not God directly.

The Beast, also called Antichrist or the lawless one, will initiate
a nuclear war on an entity called Babylon. Summarizing
Revelation 17:16, it says, “...*the beast ... will hate the harlot
[that is, Babylon] ... and will burn her up with fire.*” So, yes,
nuclear weapons will be used someday. Unfortunately, and with
much dismay, the author believes it will happen very, very soon.

The very existence of these weapons and their ease of
deployment without notice are an important piece of evidence
that we are the final generation, living in the end times.

End-Times Sign #3: the Population of Asia

Currently, Asia has some 4 billion people. The overall population of just three Asian countries: India, China, and Indonesia, accounts for about three billion people. Why is this important? Remember that prophecy points to real things and events and should not be considered as only story-telling.

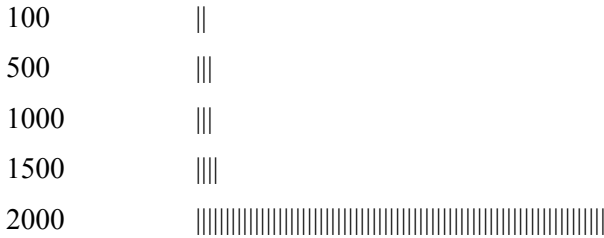
Here's some facts on global demographics. In the year 100 A.D., roughly around the time the book of Revelation was written, the total population of the entire world was under 200 million souls. By 500 A.D., it hadn't changed that much. Indeed, by 1000 A.D., world population still was only 300 million. It had reached only 400 million people by 1500 A.D. In fact, world population did not consist of over 1 billion souls until the middle of the 1800's. Now, the population of the world stands at over 7 billion people. Such a number was inconceivable, not only when John wrote the book of Revelation, but even until modern times.

The simple but effective graph below illustrates this population explosion. From a glance at this graph, it goes without saying that the world has experienced something very powerful and unique just in the last 200 years. This population explosion could have been predicted a thousand years ago if one had taken the Biblical prophecies literally.

World Population by the Centuries

(each “|” represents 100 million souls)

Year (A.D.):



-----> Population in Hundreds of Millions

There is a single verse in the book of Revelation that is paramount in importance. The verse is Revelation 9:16. Speaking of the destruction of 1/3 of the earth, it mentions an army totalling 200 million soldiers.

"...the number of armies of the horsemen was 200 million; I heard the number of them." (NASB)

Indeed, John, as if to emphasize that he is not mistaken says, "I heard the number of them."

Nonetheless, few serious scholars or theologians ever seriously considered that such an army could literally, in actuality, ever be assembled. Such an incredibly gargantuan army would require

the population of “the kings of the east” (a reference to Asia) to be at least 2 billion persons. Why is that? Well, armies are created with men in the age range of generally 15 to 50 years old. Also, not all men can be put into the army. At most, only about half the men of that age range could be placed into an army. Some would be not eligible because of physical or mental deficiencies. Others still would be needed at their place of employment for the war effort.

In previous centuries, an Asian population requiring 2 billion people for this 200 million man army was unthinkable. Now, with Asia having over 4 billion (soon to be 5), it is not only possible, it can be accomplished quite effectively. This end-times, Armageddon army can be transported to the vicinity of Israel owing to the recent and rapid economic development of Asia with good highways and even high-speed trains.

This is the first generation ever to see these things come together and happen concurrently: Israel, nuclear weapons, and the Asian population explosion. Not even considering the other 18 end-times characteristics given in Table 1, it is rather clear that this current generation is a special generation. It is not a random and meaningless fact that these things have happened. It was necessary for God's Word – for Biblical prophecy – to be fulfilled in a literal sense and at this time.

Oh, yes, the world has changed. End-times characteristic fulfillment are staring any casual observer of Bible prophecy in the face. And, yet, most choose to ignore these concerns. Like a woman who does not wish to believe she is pregnant, most in the world come up with any kind of varied explanation except the one that counts. The Bible is true, and God is proving that His Word is eternal. Almost certainly, this is the final generation before Christ's Return. We are the end-times generation. We need to be prepared.

Most pastors or priests do not speak much of end-times prophecies. This is a terrible shame because it is leaving the Christian church unprepared for what should be its most glorious hour. Studying this book is the reader's best option towards gaining insight to prepare and share what is learned with others.

Chapter 3

The Beast and the Great Tribulation

To understand the Great Tribulation, one must first understand this future period of immense persecution from its spiritual context. The Great Tribulation which will take place on earth is directly attributable to a war which will take place in heaven. Revelation 12:7-10, 12 explains how the devil and his angels lose their position and access in heaven and are cast down to the earth by Michael the Archangel, thus initiating the Tribulation.

And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud

voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. ...Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time. (NASB)

An interesting point to note is the implication that Michael initiates the war, and the dragon fights back but is cast down (refer to the appendices for more detail on Satan's rebellion).

With Michael's victory over the devil, Satan will no longer hold on to any wishes of defeating God with interminable skirmishes. Realizing he is near his everlasting doom, once cast down to the earth, Satan unleashes an attack against God and His creation that is unparalleled in human history. He possesses the soul of a man. The Bible describes him as the Beast.

The Titles of the Beast

Much has been said about this prophetic icon by preachers in virtually every denomination. By many he is called the Antichrist. This is not the preferred term in this text since the Word of God calls him the Beast in the book of Revelation as shown in the following verses.

And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority. I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; they 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?" There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies,

and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to 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. If anyone has an ear, let him hear. (Rev. 13:1-9, NASB)

The word antichrist is a general term used to describe the many deceivers who have acted as antichrists by persecuting God's people in the past as seen from the following verses. In these verses, John seems to implicate those who do not walk according to the precepts of God and who attempt to deceive and manipulate others as kinds of "antichrist."

And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it. For many deceivers have gone out into

the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. (2 John 1:6-9, NASB)

However, the annotations Beast, lawless one, or son of destruction are terms referring to the last main persecutor of the saints. These titles refer to the specific individual who will initiate "a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time" (Dan. 12:1, NASB). In the symbolic language of the book of Daniel, the Beast is called the little horn.

Prophetic Language

Why does the Bible use such symbolic language in prophecy? Why use "the little horn" to point to the Beast? Firstly, because God has a sense of poetry. The Psalms is filled with beautiful imagery and colorful metaphors. Personally, the author is glad

that God has referred to entities in the end times with symbolic imagery. It presents a colorful panorama of personalities that allows the student of Biblical prophecy to somehow relate to future rulers and nations long before they take their place on the world stage. Knowledge of their exact names is unnecessary until they are revealed in their own time. Knowing their roles, their actions, and their objectives is enough. The prophecies of Daniel, Ezekiel, and Revelation make much use of animals imagery. When one reads about animals in connection with a vision, what is being related is almost always prophecy. It is the signature that God uses to describe to us His future plan.

Vision of the Four Beasts

In one of the most famous use of animals in a prophetic vision, Daniel reveals the four major empires of the world stretching from the time of Daniel to beyond the present. The following is Daniel 7:3-8.

And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another. The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the

ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind was also given to it. And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, "Arise, devour much meat!" After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another one, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth uttering great boasts. (NASB)

Daniel had this vision in the first year of the reign of Belshazzar,

the last king of the Neo-Babylonian Empire (Dan. 7:1). At this time, Daniel is the "ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon," Daniel 2:48. By modern historians, the ancient Babylon is known as the Neo-Babylonian Empire. Daniel had began his career as a servant in the king's palace after being transported from Jerusalem (Dan. 1:1-6) but had risen to a position directly under King Nebuchadnezzar by means of God's intervention in giving him the answer to the king's visions. Daniel 7:17 says this about the above vision, *"These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth"* (NASB).

These same kingdoms are related in Daniel 2:40-43 as well. However, this particular passage reveals the overall prophetic picture of the nations as it relates to the Beast. The sequence of the lion, the bear, the leopard, and the dreadful beast with iron teeth which come out of the sea is a prophetic description of the four major world powers that would emerge from the sea of nations.

The lion with the wings of the eagle is the first beast and represents the Neo-Babylonian Empire, the kingdom in power at the time of Daniel's vision. That it has two wings is a picture of its strength; that it is *"made to stand on two feet like a man, and a human mind was also given to it"* is a reference to

Nebuchadnezzar, the greatest of the Neo-Babylonian kings. God channeled the power of the Babylonian Empire through the hands of Nebuchadnezzar to be a conquering chief against the other nations (Jere. 27:5-8).

"I have made the earth, the men and the beasts which are on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and I will give it to the one who is pleasing in My sight. "Now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and I have given him also the wild animals of the field to serve him. All the nations shall serve him and his son and his grandson until the time of his own land comes; then many nations and great kings will make him their servant. It will be, that the nation or the kingdom which will not serve him, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and which will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will punish that nation with the sword, with famine and with pestilence," declares the LORD, "until I have destroyed it by his hand." (NASB)

The second empire, the bear, is understood to be the Empire of

the Medes and Persians. It is raised on one side most likely denoting that the one of the allies would be more dominant (the Persians). To understand the three ribs, one should understand the kingdoms which the Medes and Persians conquered, or metaphorically, ate, in order to obtain their vast empire. After conquering the king of Lydia (modern day Turkey), Cyrus the Great, who was the leader of the Medes and Persians, turned his attention to Babylon, conquering that great city in a single day in 539 B.C. The Egyptians fell to the Persians subsequently. These were the three main kingdoms that the Persians conquered in assembling their vast empire.

The leopard with four wings represents the third empire, that of Alexander the Great. His lightning-quick conquest of the known world from Europe to the boundaries of India can be seen as a fulfillment of the rapid energies possessed by a leopard with four wings. In Revelation, the use of the term *heads* refers to kings who represent their nation. Because the Greek Empire of Alexander was divided between four individuals and because the Greek Empire was the third empire in this historical sequence, the leopard almost definitely refers to the Empire of Alexander the Great, thus adding credence to the interpretation of the other beasts as the Babylonian and Persian Empires. A detailed study of the Seleucid Empire that developed after the passing of Alexander is also provided in the appendices and may help to aid

the reader's understanding of the book of Daniel.

The fourth empire is not assigned the identification of a particular beast. In fact, its apocalyptic characteristics cause it to be thought of as almost a monster. Daniel uses the phrase *"dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong"* (Dan. 7:7). This was to be an empire like the world had not yet seen--an empire of iron that crushed, devoured, and trampled. Daniel was describing the Roman Empire. In its warfare tactics, the Romans marched as an array of heavily-clad foot soldiers. Each man would stand his ground and fight individually, but the array was meant to fight as a unit and move as a unit at the sound of a command. Discipline was the pride of the Roman legions. With military discipline, tactics and weaponry that the world had not yet seen, the Romans were able to conquer most of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. Thus, this empire was "different from all the beasts that were before it" (Dan. 7:7).

The Little Horn

Something very strange is described in verse 8 in the latter part of the above passage. It relates that a little horn would grow up among ten other horns and displace or "pull out" three of them and proclaim itself to be great. Hence, the question becomes,

"who could be this little horn?" The intriguing answer is given by the peculiar passage of Scripture found in Daniel 7:19-22.

Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, ... and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts, and which was larger in appearance than its associates. I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom. (NASB)

These verses discuss the fourth beast, the Roman Empire, but then describe ten kings attached to it. It goes on to say that another king (the little horn) will arise shortly after them (Dan. 7:24) which will displace three of the previous kings. The little horn will be greater than the others and will wage war with the saints until the Ancient of Days (Christ) comes to establish His Kingdom. Thus, this little horn cannot have been one of the Roman Emperors because there were never ten individual kings

ruling the Roman Empire and Rome was not a confederation of kingdoms.

Furthermore, since Christ did not come to establish His kingdom at the end of the Roman Empire, the only conclusion that can be drawn is that the little horn is the Beast, the "lawless one" of 2 Thes. 2:3, who will persecute the saints, those loyal to Jesus, until Christ returns. Because the Bible always supports the Bible, what Paul says in 2 Thessalonians is similar to, and supportive of, what Daniel stated in Daniel chapter seven.

Let no one in any way deceive you, for it [i.e. the Second Coming of Christ] will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. Then that lawless one

will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders... (2 Thes. 2:3-9, NASB)

Fortunately, the Beast's reign on earth will be limited in duration and cease, and his power will be destroyed. Daniel 7:23-27 says this concerning the little horn and the eternal kingdom of the Highest One.

...The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom, ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One,... But ... his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole

heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him. (NASB)

Therefore, the downfall of the little horn immediately precedes the establishment of Christ's eternal kingdom. Note that the saints who have undergone the persecution from the little horn will receive their places with Christ in ruling the kingdoms which previously oppressed them. "Many who are first will be last; and the last, first" (Matt 19:30). Indeed, Christ's words will be completely fulfilled. Amen!

In summary, the following may be said concerning the little horn.

- The little horn will be a ruler coming out of the fourth empire and will displace three kings (or leaders) who will also be affiliated with the fourth empire (Dan. 7:19-20).
- He will be blasphemous, boastful, and will speak out against God (Dan. 7:8, 25).
- He will persecute those loyal to God (Dan. 7:21).
- After his defeat, his kingdom will be ruled by the saints

of the Most High (Dan. 7:18, 27).

The fourth point clearly shows that this man has not come yet because never in human history have the saints ruled with Christ. This is the destiny of the world; it is the future, although that future may be very near. It has not yet come to pass. As such, the little horn cannot have been one of the Roman Emperors even if he is affiliated with the fourth empire. Therefore, it is reasonable to suggest that: the little horn of Daniel chapter 7 is one and the same with the Beast of 2nd Thessalonians and the book of Revelation.

10 horns -- First Interpretation

In one possible interpretation, the Beast will be the most powerful leader in the end times and will rule a nation that will displace three of the ten nations pictured as horns of the fourth empire. If the fourth empire is Rome, then the horns are nations emanating from it. They may be thought of as an extension of the Roman Empire. Truthfully, the Roman Empire is gone and has vanished with the sands of time, but Daniel seems to indicate that ten nations will come from its remains. The Beast will arise by casting out three of these ten nations.

10 horns -- Second Interpretation

In an alternate interpretation, the Beast will be supported by 10 horns who are leaders from within his kingdom. In fact, it is not necessary to interpret the 10 horns as world leaders of separate and independent kingdoms. A glimpse at passages from Daniel and Revelation seem to bear this out.

As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. (Dan. 7:24, NASB)

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. ...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. (Rev. 17:12, 16 17,
NASB)

It can be seen in the above verses that it is possible that the 10 horns are leaders within the same kingdom. Notice that they receive authority with the Beast in Rev. 17:12. To receive authority from within the same kingdom from the people of that kingdom makes sense here. Also, in Rev. 17:17, they act in complete fidelity with the Beast, giving their kingdom (not kingdoms) to the Beast. Also, Daniel 7:24 indicated a common kingdom from which the 10 horns and the Beast, himself, arise.

Either interpretation is possible. At this point in history at the final compilation of Edition One of this book, at the very end of May, 2016, it is not clear which way the prophecy will manifest itself.

The Man of Lawlessness and the Coming of Christ

The Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians was written to Christian converts who were doing well in the Faith in the populous Macedonian city of Thessalonica. Indeed, Paul says in 2 Thes. 3:4, "*...we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command.*"

The Thessalonians were not a disobedient church but apparently were disturbed and may have thought the Day of the Lord had come. Paul seems to mention the "man of lawlessness" as a way to comfort them. Paul explains that the Day of the Lord had not come and states that the man of lawlessness or Beast is to be revealed prior to the Second Coming of Christ (as we have already seen in chapter seven of Daniel). 2 Thes. 2:1-4 explains that the Second Coming cannot precede the man of lawlessness.

Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him, that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself over every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. (NASB)

Many preachers speak of the immediacy of Christ's return, that it

could happen at any moment. Unfortunately, this is simply not true and is in direct contradiction with Scripture. It is a sad commentary that many preachers have twisted end-times passages to help "evangelize" the world. Although their intentions may come from a good heart, Scripture must not be compromised. It is very clear from these four verses that the man of lawlessness comes first before the Lord.

When it comes to Scriptural interpretation, some interpreters wish to tell the Bible what is true. Remember, however, our lock-and-key approach. If the key does not fit the lock to unlock it, you need to find another key (the interpretation) to unlock the lock (the truth from the Biblical passage). We need not tell the Bible what it must say in order to be true; the Bible needs to tell us what is true. We must have ears willing to accept it.

At any rate, to think of the Beast as merely a great and wicked ruler at the end of the age preceding the Coming of Christ is akin to thinking of Jesus as simply a Godly man with novel religious views. Behind the man of lawlessness will be the greatest concentration of wickedness ever allowed by God. The passage from 2 Thes. 2:6-12 provides a rather clear view of the spiritual reality concerning the Beast.

And you know what restrains him now, so that in his

time he may be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. And for this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they might believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness. (2 Thes. 2:6-12, NASB)

This "man of lawlessness" is indeed the "Beast" of Revelation and "little horn" of Daniel chapter seven. Notice the similarity of his descriptions from 2 Thes. 2:4, Dan. 7:25, and Rev. 13:6-7, given here for convenience.

...who opposes or exalts himself over every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in

the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.
(2 Thes. 2:4, NASB)

And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, ...; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. (Dan. 7:25, NASB)

And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; ... (Rev. 13:6-7, NASB)

It should be pointed out that in each of these passages, whether his title is man of lawlessness, little horn, or Beast, he will blaspheme God and will be destroyed by God Himself. Let us look at his destruction from 2 Thes. 2:8, Dan. 7:21-22, and Rev. 19:19-20.

And then the lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; (2 Thes. 2:8, NASB)

...that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, ... (Dan. 7:21-22, NASB)

And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat upon the horse, and against His army. And the beast was seized, ... (Rev. 19:19-20, NASB)

Thus, the name given to him doesn't matter. These three prophetic books all point to one and the same man, sealing his doom by the Word of God since the beginning of time (John 1:1).

The Abomination of Desolation

Although the Beast will rule all or most of the world in the years preceding Christ's return, what he will cherish most is blaspheming the Anointed One, God Himself. Satan's desires will dominate his heart, and the highlight of his career will be the Abomination of Desolation predicted in Scripture. The two words abomination and desolation are capitalized here since they

refer to a specific event in prophecy when used in combination.

Abomination is defined as a "detestable" thing in Webster's Dictionary; it says that desolation means something that is laid "waste", forsaken, or "wretched." In general, the phrase abomination of desolation would mean something that is detestable for being forsaken. The Abomination of Desolation is mentioned both in the Old and New Testaments. In God's eyes, what would be detestable for being forsaken both in the Old Testament and New Testament? The answer is His Temple.

The Abomination of Desolation of the Beast is mentioned in Dan. 9:27, 12:11-12, Matt 24:15-16, and 2 Thes. 2:3-4.

And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate. (Dan. 9:27, NASB)

From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. How blessed is he who keeps

waiting and attains to the 1,335 days! (Dan. 12:11-12, NASB)

Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. (Matt. 24:15-16, NASB)

Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. (2 Thes. 2:3-4, NASB)

It should be pointed out that some Biblical passages are sometimes mistakenly attributed to being the end-times Abomination of Desolation, such as: Dan. 8:13, 11:31, and Luke 21:20. In the opinion of the author, these Scriptures are not in reference to the end-times Abomination of Desolation.

Restraining the Man of Lawlessness

Second Thessalonians 2:6-7 states that there is someone who is restraining the Beast.

And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. (NASB)

But how can the Beast be restrained in the time of Paul if at that time he did not yet exist? The answer is given in verse nine where it says his coming is "in accord with the activity of Satan." Because the Beast will not have power in his own right and will be a leech feeding off the power of the devil, restraining Satan from earth until it is ready for the reign of the Beast is equivalent to actually restraining the Beast. Furthermore, it is the final rebellion of Satan related in Revelation chapter 12 that will initiate his reign. The devil has to first be cast out of heaven and thrown to the earth for the Beast to get his power directly from Satan (see beginning of this chapter and the appendices). This is why Paul is able to use the phrase, "restrains him now."

Most Biblical scholars seem to assume that the Holy Spirit is the one who restrains the man of lawlessness. Obviously, the Holy

Spirit is more powerful than Satan and can easily accomplish such a task, but need the "restrainer" be the Holy Spirit? Verse 7 says the restrainer will "do so until he is taken out of the way." There are two problems with the restrainer being the Holy Spirit. Firstly, the Holy Spirit is God, and He isn't one to be assigned a position or "taken out of the way!" God doesn't accept orders. Secondly, it is against God's character for the Holy Spirit to desert the saints at the beginning of the Great Tribulation. Speaking of the Holy Spirit, Jesus says the following to His beloved disciples in John 16:6-7, John 14:16-18, 26-27, and Matt. 28:20.

...because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. (John 16:6-7, NASB)

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to

you. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; (John 14:16-18, NASB)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. (John 14:26-27, NASB)

...lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matt. 28:20, NASB)

The Holy Spirit came to us to be our Helper, to give us peace, to cause us to remember Christ, and to enable us to have communion with Christ even after His Ascension into heaven. In general, the Holy Spirit is our greatest asset. He is our main support in the deadly spiritual war that rages all about us. He will not abandon His people in their greatest hour of need. Therefore, how can He be "taken out of the way" and still support His people who are enduring severe persecution on earth during the Great Tribulation? One Biblical scholar, the later Grant Jeffrey, has seen this technical dilemma and hypothesizes that the Holy Spirit will remove Himself from the earth and no

longer protect it from the man of lawlessness but will still support the saints since, indeed, God is omnipresent and is everywhere all-knowing and all-powerful (Apocalypse, pp. 141-142).

However, a simpler explanation may exist for this dilemma. Perhaps the Holy Spirit is not the "restrainer." The only one capable of restraining Satan other than God is Michael the Archangel. In the appendices, the concept of angels and spiritual warfare is discussed in some detail. In it, it is shown that Michael has played a key role in spiritual conflict throughout history. He defeated the angelic prince of Persia in Daniel 10:13 and fought for the body of Abraham against Satan in Jude 1:9. At the beginning of this chapter, Michael defeats the devil and his angels, hurling them to the earth which precipitates the rise of the Beast (Rev. 12:7-12).

And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were

thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time. (Rev. 12:7-12, NASB)

It is my opinion that Michael the Archangel is the restrainer of the man of lawlessness for it is Satan who gives the Beast his power and it is Michael who has restrained, fought, and defeated Satan throughout the ages. Speaking of the end times, Daniel indicates that Michael truly will have an important role to play in Dan. 12:1.

Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise.

And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; ... (NASB)

To restrain and fight Satan seems to be Michael's role and explains how the Holy Spirit will still be active supporting the faithful and winning souls even during the Great Tribulation and on the eve of the Lord's Second Coming.

The Great Tribulation

Some commentators call it the Great Tribulation, but this text will just refer to it as the Tribulation, since this one of the ways in which it is spoken of in Scripture and using a capital *T* is sufficient to differentiate it from the more frequent tribulation, i.e. persecution, that many of us face in our daily lives for simply loving Christ enough to let our faith show.

This will be a specific time of the greatest persecution of Christians and the greatest time of global calamity since the beginning of time. This is tribulation with a capital *T*. Only the most sincere Christians will remain loyal and faithful to their Lord. It is a time of refining and purging. Regarding it, the Lord said the following in Matthew 24:21-22.

For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.
(NASB)

It should be obvious that general persecution leading up to the Tribulation will get worse and worse, but there is a specific time of persecution being mentioned here. It is not the tribulation (lower-case *t*) that we daily face. It will be a unique time in history in which all of the sincere saints will pray daily for the Lord to soon return. If the Beast has yet to be revealed, the Tribulation has not started. The Beast is the agent causing the action behind it.

Several important questions need to be clearly addressed:

- Who will lead this terrible persecution of Christians?
- Where will it occur?
- Why will he lead this persecution?
- When will it start and how long will it last?

Well, the first question has already been answered. The Beast will initiate and lead it. Revelation 13:1, 4-5, 7 gives us a clear

depiction of the Beast leading the Tribulation against the saints.

And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads... they [i.e. the whole earth] worshiped the dragon [i.e. Satan], 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?" And there was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. ...And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. (Revelation 13:1, 4-5, 7, NASB)

Who will lead this terrible persecution of Christians is identified throughout the Scriptures. Nonetheless, Daniel speaks of him much. In latter half of Daniel, chapter 11, the Beast is called *he*. This *he* is mentioned as a king who speaks many blasphemous things and will exalt himself above all gods, even the one, true God. Daniel 11:36-38 is probably (but not definitely) speaking of the Beast. However, in the author's opinion, this passage is in reference to the Beast. The passage is included below to gain

some additional insight into the character of the Beast.

Then the king [i.e. probably the Beast] will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all. But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures. (Dan. 11:36-38, NASB)

Some interesting details to take away from the above passage are:

- The Beast will be arrogant and blasphemous against God.
- He will be very successful in all that he does.
- He will not worship the same God (or religion) as his forebears.
- He will not desire women (this may be a reference towards homosexuality).

- What he will worship is military might (“a god of fortresses”), which he will spend much money upon.

Referring to the martyrs killed from the Great Tribulation, the Bible says the following in Rev. 7:9-17.

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen. Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from? I said to him, My lord, you know. And he said to me, These are the ones who

come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes. (Rev. 7:9-17, NASB)

This passage indicates that countless Christians, those who have "*washed their robes...in the blood of the Lamb (i.e. Christ)*," will be killed. This description correlates well with the previous Scriptural passage from Daniel, implying that it is this man referred to as blasphemous that will be responsible for the lives of these martyrs.

These verses are very important because they tell us many things. Firstly, the Beast will cause a worldwide persecution of Christians for 42 months (3 & 1/2 years). Whether any part of the world will escape this tyranny is uncertain, but the statement

that every tribe, people, tongue and nation will fall unto him seems to rule out any nation on earth that will be fully independent of his power. Secondly, it tells us the characteristics of the Beast. He will be powerful, arrogant, blasphemous against God, and very violent against Christians -- violent enough for the Bible to refer to it as a "war with the saints." His inspiration to terrorize the saints will come from Satan himself who will give him his power, because the dragon is identified as the devil (Rev. 20:2).

However, the Great Tribulation will be the Church's finest hour. Those who have insight will lead many to righteousness (massive evangelization), and those who remain faithful until death will reign with Christ in the Millennium which comes after Christ returns (please see Revelation chapter 20).

As Paul says in Romans 5:3-5,

...we also exult in our tribulations knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope ...because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (NASB)

The Tribulation period will offer witnessing opportunities, allowing the saints to display our faith in Christ to an unbelieving world just several years away from the Second Coming but will also be the greatest test of all ages and will require much perseverance.

However, in this physical realm, the Church will be losing the battle. Daniel 7:25 and 12:1, 3 paint a very grim portrait.

And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the Saints of the Highest One..., and they will be given into his hand for a time, times and half a time. (Dan. 7:25, NASB)

...And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time... And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. (Dan. 12:1,3, NASB)

Two other good Scriptural passages on the Tribulation of the saints are found in Matthew 24:9-13 and Revelation 6:11:

Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill

you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. And at that time, many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved. (Matt. 24:9-13, NASB)

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And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been should be completed also. (Rev. 6:11, NASB)

These passages generally indicate the same thing. The ones loyal to Jesus, the saints, will be killed but not in vain. With reference to the verses in Daniel and Revelation, it can be clearly seen that God is in firm control and has destined certain ones to be killed for three and a half years (time, times and half a time) such that the *"number of ... their brethren who were to be*

killed ... should be completed." Thus, it seems that God's wish is that the saints be martyred. How can this be? Is God not just? No, on the contrary, God is not only just, He is merciful, and in His mercy He allows His children to suffer greatly in order to save as many as possible before the end time. The blood of the saints is the seed corn of the church.

This is the great harvest of souls predicted in the Word of God (Rev. 14:15). One cannot expect to be treated any better than the manner in which our Lord was treated. It must be remembered that God loves everyone and wishes for none to perish (2 Pet. 3:9). In God's eyes eternal damnation is much more terrible than physical death. We are His servants; it is not the other way around. From this context, it is not hard to see why the Tribulation is to occur. It is a mechanism by which God's people will display a valor that the world has never seen and will freely give up their lives in response of their love of God, and by so doing, *"lead the many to righteousness."*

Before ending this chapter, many prophecy students want to see a timeline. Well, it cannot be said if this timeline is accurate, but the following is an attempt at reconciling various time spans as given in prophecy. See Daniel chapter 12 and Revelation chapters 11 and 13 for the references to these time spans.

Chapter 4

Christ's Return and the “Rapture”

There are many solid, Bible-believing Christians who very sincerely believe that because Jesus loves us, because He is coming back to save us, and because we are to be spared from the wrath of God, that they will be “raptured” and caught away from the terror of the end times. Hollywood movies and many churches espouse this strongly held belief. The concept that Christians will be spared from the Tribulation by Christ coming back to “rapture” or catch up the saints prior to the Tribulation is known as the pre-Tribulation “rapture” (here, the author uses the word *rapture* in quotations in order to make certain that the reader understands that this word is not actually found in any standard version of the Bible).

The “pre” comes from the fact that the catching up of the saints is considered to occur prior to or before the Tribulation. This popular view among many Bible-believing Christians is considered sacrosanct with the Word of God and equal to any

other doctrine in Christianity, such as the virgin birth of Christ. The author is aware that the reader of this text might be a pre-Tribulation “rapture” believer. That is ok. The author of this text once assumed that Jesus would come back at any time to save Christians from the “bad part” of the end times, as well. Many very good and very knowledgeable Christians hold this view.

Yet, if the reader would allow, the author would like to explore this topic in some detail and not just assume that it is true because it just “sounds so good.” The reader is being pleaded with to seriously examine this belief and put it up to the Word of God as a test. Thinking of the Word of God as a light that illumines the darkness and exposes all facts, the concept of the pre-Tribulation “rapture” should be examined.

If it is a true Biblical belief, the Bible will clearly explain it, and Christians will be able to have faith in a wonderful rescue from the most serious troubles that will soon afflict this world. If, however, it is found to be lacking in Biblical evidence -- or worse still, actually contradicts one or more Scriptures -- then the pre-Tribulation “rapture” needs to be regarded as an empty promise that many Christians presuppose.

The fact that many Christians are convicted in their belief of the

pre-Tribulation “rapture” and presuppose it to be part and parcel of the authoritative Word of God does not make it true. It must be:

1. stated in the Bible plainly without ambiguity and
2. not contradict any Scriptures and
3. not be contra-indicative of Biblical teachings.

At any rate, the pre-Tribulation “rapture” is the elephant in the room that needs to be discussed before turning to other topics. To save document space and time, this text will abbreviate *pre-Tribulation “rapture”* as *pre-TR*. *Post-Tribulation “rapture”* will be abbreviated as *post-TR*.

First of all, certain truths are clear. Jesus does love us, but His love for us does not prevent Him from using us to save the eternal lives of others, even if it should cost us our physical lives. Also, He is coming back to save us. This is absolutely true as long as our faith is to be genuinely found in Him.

Subtle but Critical Differences in the “Wrath of God”

Using the verses that speak of Him saving us from the wrath of God is not enough evidence to then create the assumption that

Jesus will, therefore, “rapture” the church away from all troubles. The Return of Christ is meant to save us, but not from God's temporal, short-lived wrath.

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to each person according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. (Rom. 2:5-8, NASB)

The above passage from the Apostle Paul to the Romans is obviously not talking so much about end-times prophecy as much as he is speaking of eternal judgment. From this passage it is clear that perseverance in the faith in obedience to the Word of God is considered critical for inheriting eternal life. The word “wrath” is used three times in this passage.

The Greek word used in this passage (Greek was the *lingua franca* of that day) is the word “orge.” This word is associated with the word “oregomai” which is defined to mean the

stretching of oneself or to reach out in order to possess something that is coveted or strongly desired. *Orge*, therefore, takes on the meaning of anger or wrath within the context of a great desire for something. That great desire is the desire to exact a violent form of vengeance as punishment for the violation of law. It should be clear that this “punishment” associated with the term *orge* is the penalty of eternal damnation in hell. (Such is the wrath of God, which is why the salvation so freely offered to us by Jesus Christ is critical for obtaining eternal life.)

There is another Greek word that is also used in the English translations for “wrath” when used in the phrase “wrath of God.” This other version of the wrath of God is found from what John writes in the book of Revelation and from what Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians.

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God." So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image. The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that

of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.
(Rev. 16:1-3, NASB)

also

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. (Eph. 4:29 - 5:2, NASB)

In both instances, in the Revelation and in the Ephesians passages, the Greek word for wrath is the word “thumos.” *Thumos* is an entirely different word than *orge*, and the subtle but important difference between the two words is seen in comparing

passages.

In Revelation chapter 16, the bowls of God's wrath are poured out on mankind during the Tribulation. Do these bowls indicate God's eternal sentence has been passed on mankind, or is God still hoping that mankind might repent? Revelation 16:11 seems to answer that when it says, “... *they blasphemed the God of heaven ... and they did not repent of their deeds.*” Mankind can be really stubborn, but the Lord God always hopes for our repentance. As such, *thumos* is not being used here to indicate a permanent wrath of God.

Likewise, Paul in the Ephesians passage instructs believers to walk in love and peace with one another and to put aside all anger and wrath. Again, the term “wrath” is indicative of temporal emotions, not a kind of long-term vengeance to get justice for a transgression of law.

The Greek word *thumos* is defined as an anger that is emotional and fierce. *Thumos* is associated more with the inward feeling of anger or as a burst of anger. *Orge* is the Greek word that is a more permanent, vengeful anger that seeks to right a judicial wrong.

Here's another example.

“I was already angry with Joe who purposefully stepped on my toe last week. I got really angry and wanted to just punch him! But when Joe came back two days ago and set my car on fire, I had had enough. I could feel a deep rage inside of me that I could not forget. I wanted to forgive him but could not. I am going straight to the police. I hope he goes to jail forever!”

In the above example, what the person feels from Joe stepping on his toe is *thumos*, the temporal but strong feeling of anger. Getting so angry that he fully decides to go to the police over the criminal act of setting fire to his car, is the experience of *orge*, the more permanent wrath requiring acts of justice.

Therefore, when those who hold to the *pre-TR* assume that Christians are to be rescued from the wrath of God, they are absolutely right if they are assuming wrath is *orge*. Christians are rescued from eternal damnation, obviously. However, to extend the meaning of saved from the “wrath of God” into the sphere of the horrors of the Tribulation is not based on Scripture. No Scripture says or implies that Christians will be spared from the “wrath of God” if such a term is meant to mean the bowls of God's wrath, *thumos*. It may be that God will supernaturally deliver Christians in some way or help to alleviate their

suffering. However, Scripture does not state this.

What about the Timing of “Rapture” from God's Word?

If the “rapture” is not meant to spare Christians from the wrath of God's end-times judgments, when will Christians be caught up to be with Christ? First of all, it is true that Christians will be caught up to be with Christ. The entire text of 1 Thessalonians 4:9 - 5:13 is provided below.

Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not

grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 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. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that

the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. (1 Thes. 4:9 - 5:13, NASB)

This does not speak of Christ catching up the saints prior to the Tribulation or to save Christians from the Tribulation. The

Beast, the Tribulation, even persecution of Christians is not even mentioned in the above passage. As such, how can 1 Thessalonians ever be used as an example of Christ coming through the clouds before the Tribulation when, in fact, there is no reference -- *nothing* -- to any event or personage of the Tribulation?

Another example:

“Before I went to work, I picked up a dozen eggs at the store. I was tired, but my wife told me that we needed to have them.”

Now, a slightly tricky commentator might say that I got up in the morning, picked up a dozen eggs at the store, and then proceeded to go to work. One might presuppose that the time is morning since: **(1)** I picked up eggs before going to work, **(2)** I was tired (maybe still drowsy after getting up), and **(3)** eggs are typically used to make breakfast. However, the presupposition that the time of action is morning is not warranted. If someone states that I went to the store during the morning hours as some kind of fact, they are adding information to the story based upon presupposition. Supposing something is not the same as stating fact.

This is why those who hold to the *pre-TR* position will state 1 Thes. 4:14-17 and then say something like the following.

“Amen brothers! Jesus will come through the clouds to catch us up at any moment. How wonderful it is to have our faith in Christ! How wonderful it is that we will not experience the wrath of God! Do you really want to go through the Tribulation? Praise God for His mercies! Praise God that He will send His Son to rapture us all away so that we can be with Him and not stay on this earth!”

Notice that this “preaching” is adding information. There is no statement of “any moment” with regards to the “rapture” in the Bible. Also, there is no Biblical statement that Christ's Return is meant to save us from the Tribulation. In addition, the preacher just used “wrath of God” incorrectly, insinuating that “wrath of God” is synonymous with Tribulation instead of eternal damnation. Unfortunately, most people fall for this since they do not have Hebrew-Greek study Bibles, they do not read their own Bibles well, and they are all too happy to accept what sounds good, logical, and Biblical.

Two Scriptural References that Go Against the *pre-TR*

An entire book could easily be written on the unsound Biblical message of the *pre-TR*. Unfortunately, neither time nor space in

this text allows for a more thorough treatment. Here is the first passage to be analyzed.

"But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. "And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son,

but the Father alone.” (Matt. 24:29-36, NASB)

The phrase, “*they will gather His elect from the four winds,*” is the same as the “catching up” in 1 Thessalonians. In particular, it refers to the Resurrection of the saints and then the catching up of the ones still alive at the time of the Return of Christ. When does the gathering of the elect happen? It happens after the Tribulation and after the sun, the moon, and the stars go dark. Christ never spoke of any *pre-TR*.

The next passage of Scripture comes from Paul, which is ironic since he is supposedly the man upon whom the *pre-TR* scholars presuppose the teaching of the pre-Tribulation Coming of Christ, Resurrection of the saints, and catching up of the still-living saints.

Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who

opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.
(2 Thes. 2:1-4, NASB)

Actually, the author has always wondered if the Thessalonian church was starting to think of a *pre-TR* type of event. It seems as if Paul has to remind them that several things must occur prior to the Coming of Christ. That is, the Return of Christ is actually conditional upon some prerequisites. This is bad news for those who wish to believe in the *pre-TR* because the “rapture” is conditional upon the Coming of Christ and the Resurrection of the saints from the dead happening first.

- *No Return of Christ?* Then, no “rapture.”
- *No Resurrection of the Saints?* Again, no “rapture.”

From this passage in 2 Thessalonians, Paul clearly states that the Day of the Lord, our gathering unto Him, and His Return (these events are all highly related but not necessarily equivalent) cannot happen unless two things happen first. Those two things are the Beast being revealed (and possibly also sitting in the Temple of God) and the apostasy of the church (many will fall away, apostasize, from their faith in Jesus Christ). Unless these two things happen, one should not even begin to suspect that the

“rapture” is just around the corner.

Selected Historical Amnesia of *pre-TR* Scholars

If the reader does believe in the *pre-TR*, it is ok. The author knows that many God-fearing, genuine, Bible-believing Christians hold to this belief. In fact, most have never questioned it. Nonetheless, the belief is wrong, it is not in the Bible, and it will confuse many when they find the events of the Tribulation actually happening and Christ has not come back yet to save them.

- Will Christ come back? *Yes!*
- Will Christ gather His elect to be with Him? *Yes!*
- Will this happen before the Man of Lawlessness is revealed? *No.*
- Will this happen before the mark of the Beast is imposed upon the world for buying and selling (see Rev. chapter 13)? *No.*

The author wishes he could give the reader more instruction on this topic, but it is beyond the scope of this text. It is the author's suggestion to learn more about the history of the church --

Catholic and Protestant -- and find out when the *pre-TR* belief emerged as something of an important doctrinal belief. The author suggests to the reader to research about John Darby and the Plymouth Brethren church in Ireland and England during the 1800's. It seems that the *pre-TR* emerged from there and went global after being accepted by many (if not most) Bible-believing churches in America during the late 1800's and the early 1900's.

A Poem of the Author Regarding the “Rapture”

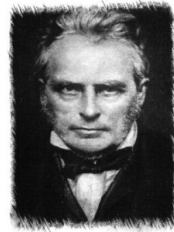
In many a discussion with a local Baptist church in the Philippines (sometimes heated to the point of *thumos!*), it became clear to the heart of the author how blinded so many Christians are. They are allowing themselves to be deceived and manipulated. The truth on the end times and how close the world is to its unveiling is a little too hard to fathom. Christians are not preparing mentally, emotionally, financially, or spiritually for the coming Tribulation because of the empty promises that are inherent within the *pre-TR* belief system.

The author now leaves the reader with a poem created, quite literally, in only 10 minutes. While in a state of prayer and listening to a Christian band called *Petra* (an American Christian

“rock” band that has very beautiful songs and Biblical lyrics), the author wrote the following poem. The author would like to think that the poem is inspired of the Holy Spirit, and to Him does the author give his thanks and praise!

Tears of Sadness

The wolf has entered the Shepherd's fold.
The sheep are enticed, sure to be told:
"Listen not to the words of Jesus Christ.
In fact, you are guaranteed in His sight."



John Darby
Plymouth
Brethren
c. 1800's

The Word of God has surely been changed.
No longer are people afraid of His name.
No longer are we told to endure to be saved.
For the rapture will come, safety in His name.

How long will pernicious pretense endure?
How long will lying foundation not secure?
A foundation of lies is a bed of sand.
On which to fall but never to stand.

A rapture, an escape, a promise of flight.
Sadness envelopes me, pondering our plight.
No truth, no warning for saints to prepare.
Never in Scripture does rapture appear.

Part II

Interpretations, Opinions, and Predictions for Biblical Eschatology

Chapter 5

Invasion of Israel

Connected to most prophetic events is the nation of Israel. This small, almost insignificant country will play a very important role in the Biblical model of prophecy. God's covenant with Abraham is never be rescinded, and all of the prophecies concerned with Israel must be fulfilled.

One prophecy standing above all the rest in magnitude and importance in the prophetic model is the long-anticipated invasion of Israel spoken of by Ezekiel in chapters 38 and 39. Time does not permit a significant focus of this invasion here, but here are some key points.

- Russia is most likely the Magog in Ezekiel chapter 38.
- Gog seems to be the commander of the overall forces, which may equate him with the Beast.

- Gomer is attributed to the ancient Scythians and Cimmerians who lived in the steppes north of the Caspian and Aral seas. That is, Gomer is a title that can easily be assigned to the peoples around the Black Sea.
- Iran is definitely involved since Persia is mentioned.
- The overall idea is that a Russian alliance of Islamic nations is said to attack Israel. Israel survives, but is badly mauled in the process (the time of Jacob's Troubles).
- The invading armies are probably not attempting to attack Israel alone. It is very likely they will be attacking Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf kingdoms as well. Russia and Iran will likely make a serious attempt to achieve world hegemony by controlling the main sources of oil production (it should be noticed that both Iran and Russia are allies and are currently involved in Syria).
- Syria is likely to be the launchpad of this operation. ISIS (Islamic State) is a convenient excuse.
- Babylon, that is, America, will probably become involved in this battle, and a nuclear war is likely to result. Notice Ezekiel 39:6 says, *“And I shall send fire*

upon Magog [probably Russia] and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety [probably America]; and they will know that I am the Lord.”

- The reason for the author's rush to get this text published is that it is currently the first week of June. It is the author's belief that June 7, 2016 and June 23, 2016 will be very important on the prophetic calendar for reasons discussed later in this text. It may be, although there is no way of knowing for certain, that June of 2016 will witness this traumatic event of the Gog-Magog invasion of Israel and the Day of Destruction upon Babylon the Great.
- See the appendices for proof of evidence for the fact that the author has predicted Day of Destruction could happen June, 2016 since early in the year 2016.

Chapter 6

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. It is truly a tragedy for the prophecies on Babylon the Great are of the utmost importance -- not for people of centuries ago but for the people of today. People do not realize it, but Babylon the Great is an entity that exists in our times. It is mysterious; it goes by a different name. God chose the name “Babylon” because of its spiritual, economic, cultural, and militaristic similarities with another superpower.

Back around 600 B.C., Babylon was the superpower of the ancient Middle East. The modern, end-times Babylon is the superpower of our day. But are the Scriptures concerning the end-times Babylon something that Christians should study?

How much Scriptural real estate, so to speak, that is occupied by this end-times Babylon is one way to answer that query.

If the book of Revelation could be divided into sections, chapters 1 through 3 speak of generalities and messages that were given to seven churches in Asia Minor (i.e. modern-day Turkey) that existed in John's day. This is the first section of Revelation. As with the rest of the Bible, it is important and relevant to our lives, but it is generally not eschatological in character. It was written to churches that existed in the past, around 100 A.D.

The last section of Revelation, what might be termed the third section of Revelation, continues from Chapter 19, verse 11 until the end of the book. This third section of Revelation speaks of the Return of Christ, His reign on earth, and His eternal kingdom. This section is not of great interest at this point to most readers because it is far into the future. Most readers are concerned more about how to live for God now rather than on what the layout of heaven looks like!

The greatest and most interesting section of the book of Revelation for the author and for most Christians at this time is for the second section, the middle section of the book. The second section of Revelation describes what will happen in the end times but before the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior.

This second section is found in Revelation 4:1 through chapter 19, verse 10.

This second section of the book of Revelation is sweet spot of Biblical prophecy. It is the practical, end-times section that all Christians should at least be highly familiar with. This practical, end-times section of the book of Revelation has a total of 259 verses. Of these 259 verses of practical, end-times teaching, about 3% are on the famous battle of Armageddon, the last and the greatest battle where Jesus will come back and defeat the Beast with the breath of His mouth, 2 Thes 2:7-9.

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains {will do so} until he is taken out of the way. Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders... (NASB)

Yet, if all the world is familiar with the term Armageddon with multiple Hollywood movies misapplying it, why are Christians so much in the dark with another term, Babylon the Great? It turns out that the book of Revelation and the book of Jeremiah

both refer to a "Babylon" that will be rich, powerful, and influential. This Babylon is destroyed in one hour by fire. The book of Revelation has 47 verses devoted to Babylon the Great, comprising 18% of the practical, end-times section of Revelation from chapter 4 to chapter 19, verse 10. Let this be repeated, there are 47 verses on Babylon the Great. Forty seven.

Thus, Babylon is accorded 6 times more attention or Biblical real estate than the more infamous Armageddon by John the Apostle in the book of Revelation. However, few people realize this. Why? Well, to put in bluntly, priests and pastors steer clear of mentioning it. If Babylon the Great is ever mentioned, it is not mentioned with the importance that it deserves. It is a subject that is taboo.

Much shame is on the Christian church for not explaining to the ordinary Christian the extraordinary importance of Babylon the Great. Never ashamed of controversial subjects, this author and this reader will now explore it in some detail. Firstly, the major section on Babylon the Great, Revelation 17:1 - 19:10 will now be provided within the text. It is hoped that the reader of this text will read it slowly, prayerfully, and with discipline. Whatever the author may write in this text, what God inspired John to write some 2000 years ago is much, much more important.

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)

Now, the reader may understand why he probably has not heard his pastor or priest speak about Babylon the Great. Is the

message uplifting? Does it make one feel exulted? Does it make one feel like Jesus is Santa Claus and that all that He does is good and pleasant? It does not. Rather, it presents a view of God that is holy, righteous, and avenging. He judges because He must. His holy character cannot allow sin an unlimited license.

Marshmallow Preaching

But to say that it is “easy reading” would be disingenuous. It is like someone doing exercises. If one goes to the gym and finds a trainer that has you lift marshmallows, it would be quite fun, and one would not have to be concerned about breaking out into a sweat. However, if one goes to a good gym, the weights are usually made of iron, and before long, one actually develops real muscles, although sweating may be required.

This is how it is with today's modern churches. If one has been going to the same church, attending weekly for over a decade, and has never heard a sermon about Babylon the Great, well, such a church is typical. Pastors and priests (the author here is exhorting, with some implied antagonism, for pastors and priests to get their act together!) are complicit in “easy preaching with easy reading.” But this methodology of Christian discipleship does not produce any spiritual muscles, and the spiritual war in

which we are fully engaged does require some heavy fighting.

With that aside, let the Babylon discussion continue. A review of ancient history on the Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel is important. Without this knowledge, one cannot understand why America was called Babylon.

The Historical Babylon of King Nebuchadnezzar

The word “Babylon” brings up images of an ancient and noble people, a city of wide and towering walls, majestic temples, and powerful kings. Babylon is also a name of mystery. Hidden from view within the plain sight of the text of Revelation is an identity purposefully covered in fog by the Most High. Because of its famous namesake, the Babylon of Revelation, Babylon the Great, would become a real entity whose characteristics would parallel those of the historical Babylon, that of King Nebuchadnezzar.

Before delving into the varied interpretations of Babylon the Great in Revelation chapters 17 and 18, the historical Babylon must first be explored for its significance to Biblical prophecy. There was an historical Babylon, the neo-Babylonian Empire, which lasted from approximately 609 – 539 B.C. It is the

Babylon of Daniel and King Nebuchadnezzar. But this Babylon was never destroyed by fire. Neither could it have been said to "*destroy the whole earth.*" As such, there are two Babylon's in Jeremiah's prophecy in chapter 50 and 51. The one Babylon is the Babylon that invaded Judah in Jeremiah's day; the other is the modern-day Babylon.

For example, examine Jeremiah 50:35-43, where it seems prophecies of ancient Babylon (futuristic for the time of Jeremiah) and modern-day Babylon (futuristic as of yet for this generation) are comingled.

"A sword against the Chaldeans," declares the LORD, "And against the inhabitants of Babylon And against her officials and her wise men! "A sword against the oracle priests, and they will become fools! A sword against her mighty men, and they will be shattered! "A sword against their horses and against their chariots And against all the foreigners who are in the midst of her, And they will become women! A sword against her treasures, and they will be plundered! "A drought on her waters, and they will be dried up! For it is a land of idols, And they are mad over fearsome idols." (Jere. 50:35-38, NASB)

Ancient Babylon was well known for its priestly class, its fascination of idols, and its treasuries of gold and silver. Therefore, it is likely that the preceding verses were in relation to prophecies of ancient Babylon.

"Therefore the desert creatures will live there along with the jackals; The ostriches also will live in it, And it will never again be inhabited Or dwelt in from generation to generation. "As when God overthrew Sodom And Gomorrah with its neighbors," declares the LORD, "No man will live there, Nor will any son of man reside in it. "Behold, a people is coming from the north, And a great nation and many kings Will be aroused from the remote parts of the earth. "They seize their bow and javelin; They are cruel and have no mercy. Their voice roars like the sea; And they ride on horses, Marshalled like a man for the battle Against you, O daughter of Babylon. "The king of Babylon has heard the report about them, And his hands hang limp; Distress has gripped him, Agony like a woman in childbirth. (Jere. 50:39-43, NASB)

As a point of note, the historic Babylon was taken over by Cyrus the Great in one night in 539 B.C. His careful conquest of the

city was meant to ensure that it would remain an important and prosperous city within the Persian Empire. In fact, Cyrus destroyed very little and even offered sacrifices to the Babylonian god, Marduk, to show his patronage and respect. Therefore, the above verses from chapters 50, as well as many like them in chapters 50 and 51 in Jeremiah that describe Babylon being fully destroyed by fire, can only point to the end-times Babylon, also described in the book of Revelation. That is, the original Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar that was taken over by Cyrus in 539 B.C. had many more decades and even centuries of prominence. Alexander the Great was still impressed with the city some 200 years afterwards.

However, the fate of modern-day Babylon is to be much different. Sodom and Gomorrah were rich cities in the days of Abraham and Lot. They also engaged in extreme levels of immorality. America now fits such a description. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed suddenly with fire from God. Babylon the Great, the modern-day Babylon, will be destroyed very similarly in a judgment of God but as a direct action of the Beast (see Revelation chapter 17).

So, it can be seen that although there are direct links between the characteristics of Babylon of ancient history and that of the modern day, the two entities are indeed separate and various

verses from Jeremiah speak of the one and other verses speak of the other. Differentiating between the two can be a task left for more adept theologians. Nonetheless, because modern-day Babylon shares the same name as its ancient forebear, an analysis of its history is very much warranted.

The Relations between Assyria and Babylon

The ancient empires that gained hegemony in the Near East and Mediterranean regions were, in chronological order: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Macedonian/Greek, and Roman. (In fact, it is the author's opinion that these are the six of the seven heads associated with the Beast, but more on that at another time.) The Assyrian Empire had multiple ascents and falls, but its significance to the Israelites became clear in the century of 800 to 700 B.C. It was during this century that the Assyrians completely defeated the ten tribes of the northern kingdom of Israel. At this time, Assyria was at its height, and Babylon, though an important city within the Assyrian Empire, was of second-class status to the might of Ninevah, the capital city of Assyria.

However, Assyria and Babylon had much in common. They shared the same language, worshipped, many of the same gods,

and were culturally and ethnically linked. Both locales of the ancient sites of Ninevah and Babylon are found within the modern country of Iraq, with Assyria being concentrated in the north and Babylon in the center. The similarities between Babylon and its big brother, Assyria, caused jealousy between these two centers of competing power. When Babylon finally shook off the Assyrian yoke under the leadership of Nabopolassar, the father of Nebuchadnezzar, it was natural for Babylon to administer the lands once ruled by the Assyrians. Because of the utter ruthlessness of the Assyrians, the more compliant lordship of the Babylonians was adopted by the subject peoples most readily. Instead of history looking down upon Babylon as a heartless and cruel people, such as it does regarding Assyria, Babylon went into the pages of history as a people of sophistication and religion that waxed careless after decades of abundant luxury.

With the aid of the Medes and Persians, Nabopolassar defeated the Assyrians, and Ninevah was destroyed. Their cooperation hinged upon the agreement that the Median Empire could annex eastern regions of the Assyrian Empire but should leave Babylon alone. Babylon would swallow the rest. Nonetheless, the Assyrian emperor, Ashur-uballit II, did not easily submit. Fighting and retreating, he was caught in the town of Harran (near the Turkish-Syrian border as seen in the map below; it is

sometimes spelled as “Haran”) first by Nabopolassar in 610 B.C. and then by Median reinforcements brought in by Nebuchadnezzar. By 609 B.C., Harran was firmly under Babylonian control. Thus, the long-lived Assyrian Empire that had much of the Near East under its heavy foot for centuries came to a definite end, never to rise again. Babylon took the scepter from its big brother, and the time for the prominence of Babylon had come. As such, 609 B.C. should be seen as a watershed year. Before 609 B.C., Babylon had not yet secured itself a firm place in the history of the Jewish people. After 609 B.C., Babylon became an ever increasing threat to the rulers of Judah.

The Importance of a Town Called Harran

A map of the area of interest from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea, the Fertile Crescent of Mesopotamia, is shown below. The principal cities of interest are Babylon, Harran, and Jerusalem.

grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans in order to enter the land of Canaan; and they went as far as Haran, and settled there. (Gen. 11:31, NASB).

So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him ... [and] departed from Haran. (Gen. 12:4, NASB).

Two things are clear from the above passages. Firstly, the family of Abraham were originally living within Chaldean lands in the city of Ur. It should be noted that “Chaldean” was the primary ethnicity of the people of Babylonia, the country of the city of Babylon. As such, when Abraham and his father left Ur, they were leaving what would someday become the land of Babylon.

Secondly, Harran was essentially a staging area for Abraham to continue his journey to Canaan, the land of promise. Attention should be given to a map of the ancient Middle East. It is known that caravans and armies from Babylon or Assyria would first travel through northern Syria before going down into Canaan (they did not travel in a straight line due to the desert). Thus, Harran is almost exactly in the middle of the route from Babylon to Jerusalem. Harran, therefore, can be seen as a point of demarcation. To the east are the regions of Assyria, Babylon,

and Persia. To the west of Harran is the Levant: the areas of Syria, Lebanon, and Canaan. The concept of thinking of Harran as a demarcation point between the west and the east for the route of the empire builders will be referenced later.

Prior to 609 B.C., the Babylonian presence was not felt in the Levant. To the ancient Judeans and Egyptians, Babylon was the main power of the western Mesopotamian, not the eastern. The presence and power of Babylon became well-established in the Levant after 609 B.C. The beginning of Babylonian power and influence over the nations of the Levant was felt starting in 609 B.C. (This year is emphasized for reasons which will become clear later.)

The prophet Jeremiah was given the task to preach repentance to the people in Judah and warn them to submit to the coming rise of the Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar. The task that the Lord gave to Jeremiah was hard. Sin was hardened in the hearts of the people, and God warned him that they would not listen.

“You shall speak all these words to them, but they will not listen to you; and you shall call to them, but they will not answer you. You shall say to them, ‘This is the nation that did not obey the voice of the LORD their God or accept correction; truth has perished

and has been cut off from their mouth. (Jere. 7:27-28, NASB)

Nebuchadnezzar came to power the year that he defeated the Egyptians at Carchemish near the modern day border between Syria and Turkey. In Jeremiah 25:1-3, it is clear that the following prophecy is made in the first year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, placing the prophecy at 605 B.C.

The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, "From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened. (Jere. 25:1-3, NASB)

After defeating the Egyptians at Carchemish, the Babylonians had upset the world. Just seven years prior in 612 B.C., they and their Median allies had sacked the ancient capital of Assyria, Ninevah. Control of Babylonians over the Levant began in 609

B.C. when Nabopolassar, the father of Nebuchadnezzar, took control of Harran, an ancient city along the Syrian-Turkish border.

Biblical Prophecies Regarding Babylon the Great

Now that the reader has a somewhat better understanding of the history of ancient Babylon, the Biblical prophecies about modern-day Babylon need to be unveiled.

A summary of Revelation 18:2-8 is given below.

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great!... for all nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality... Come out of her my people that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues... In one day her plagues will come, pestilence and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire for the Lord who judges her is strong." (Rev. 18:2-8, summarized, NASB)

The first thing to notice is that God is calling for Babylon the Great to be thrust down and even destroyed. There is nothing that anyone can do about it. Prophecy is simply history that has

yet to come to pass. The only thing that Christians can do is to leave it. 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.

But maybe Babylon the Great is in reference to ancient history? Well, no. The fact that Babylon is an entity that will exist during the end times is made evident by the one who will hate Babylon and burn her with fire, i.e. the Beast.

Revelation chapter 17 says the following about Babylon the Great.

"...one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, 'Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot [i.e. Babylon] 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.'" (Rev. 17:1-2, NASB)

"and he [an angel] said to me [the Apostle John], '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 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 should be fulfilled. And the woman whom you saw is the great city [i.e. Babylon] which reigns over the kings of the earth.” (Rev. 17:15-18, NASB)

Thus, it is made abundantly evident that the one who is responsible for this act of terrible destruction is the Beast. Here, God uses the Beast to carry out His wish that Babylon be judged with fire for her unlimited sins.

The Beast is the man of lawlessness who will be possessed by Satan, have incredible powers, rule the world, and be destroyed by Jesus when he comes back as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (see for reference, Revelation 19:11-20). So, Babylon cannot be a reference to ancient Rome, as some suggest. This is an end-times entity.

Which “End-Times Entity” is Babylon the Great?

Since it has been shown somewhat pedantically that Babylon the Great is definitely futuristic (it is not an entity from the past), what might be this entity that is to exist in the end times? For that, one must delve carefully into the many characteristics of Babylon the Great that the Lord has been careful enough to show us in Scripture.

A summary of Revelation 18:9-21 provides the following.

"The kings of the earth who 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.... And all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you... The merchants of these things, who became rich from her stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning.... Every shipmaster and

sailor stood at a distance...saying, 'What city is like the great city?' A strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, 'Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and not be found any longer.' " (Rev. 18:9-21, NASB)

Such are the Lord's words against this entity called Babylon. Yet, they are more than just angry words. There are vital characteristics which serve as clues to the identity of who or what Babylon the Great might be.

- From Jere. 50:23, Babylon is called "*the hammer of the whole earth.*" Therefore, it has much military power spread throughout the earth.
- From Jere. 50:29-32 & Rev. 18:7, it is found that Babylon is arrogant. "*I sit as a queen, I am not a widow and will never see mourning.*"
- From Jere. 51:7 & Rev. 17:2, it is learned that Babylon has "intoxicated" the earth with her immoral culture.
- From Jere. 51:3 & Rev. 18:11-14, it says that Babylon is very rich, full of luxuries.
- From Rev. 18:11, 15, and 19, it can be interpreted that

Babylon has a thriving import-driven economy with international trade coming through her ports making merchants and international shippers rich.

- From Rev. 17:5, Babylon is blasphemous and not respectful to the name of God.
- From Rev. 17:5 & 18:24, Babylon is held guilty for the blood of the saints. This could be in reference to the innocent blood of the children killed in the name of abortion and of the Christians slaughtered throughout the world without any significant intervention from this world power with global military might.
- Babylon is famous for her coastline, for in Rev. 18:17-19, a coastline is graphically implied.
- Finally, Babylon will be known for its music, industry, lights, and businessmen (Rev. 18:22-23).

In summary, Babylon is an important entity in the end times with an economy, a military, a coastline, and its own culture. It is not a corrupted version of Christianity or a pagan religion. It is not an organization. An organization or religion cannot be physically destroyed by a physical fire.

It is a nation that will be burned through an attack initiated by

the Beast and 10 other leaders associated with him (i.e. the 10 horns). This attack will most probably take the form of a nuclear attack, as we have stated previously. So, what are the characteristics again of Babylon the Great?

1. It has a coastline accepting imports from nations throughout the world.
2. It has an economy that is import-driven where consumers demand every possible luxury that other nations produce, making the businessmen of the other nations [e.g. China] very rich.
3. It has a military with global reach and power, implying a good air force, navy, and military satellites.
4. It has a military that is used (*the hammer of the earth*) and is probably involved in numerous global conflicts.
5. It has an attitude of arrogance. Its pride will cause it to think that it will never be poor (let alone, destroyed) and that it is superior to other nations: in its way of life, in its economy, and in its military might.
6. It has not only an immoral culture but will also influence other nations with its immorality. In modern application, one can understand this to mean movies, music, television, the Internet, etc.

7. It has richness beyond the dreams of most other nations, for those who reside in it lack for nothing – they have every comfort and luxury.
8. It has no respect for the dignity of the Most High. Its culture will blaspheme His holy name. Which nation, for interest, has the audacity to print “In God we Trust” on its money but is the world's greatest producer of pornography and does not allow prayer to God in its public schools?
9. It has the guilt for the shedding of innocent blood. Which nation is most influential for “family planning,” a way of speaking of abortion, the killing of unborn children? Which nation could also be held guilty for not coming to the rescue of Christians being slaughtered, most specifically in Africa and the Middle East?
10. It has music and lights [hint: rock concert].
11. It has industry and international businessmen.

There is only one nation that so clearly fits these descriptions, not only now, but since the foundation of human history. Only one nation is both great enough and immoral enough to take on the impressive title of Babylon the Great. It is not the worn out country of Iraq or the museum city of the Vatican. It is America,

the land of my birth, the land I still love, that has offended God to such a degree that 18% of the practical end-times verses from the book of Revelation are devoted to a description of its coming judgment and its fiery destruction.

What can stop this terrible judgment and cause these prophecies to point to some other nation hundreds of years into the future? Nothing. Nothing can stop the judgment of the Almighty except the complete repentance of America. America must surrender to the God of the universe, the God it once worshipped as is evident from its founding legal documents such as the Mayflower Compact and the Declaration of Independence.

But that was long ago. America has forgotten the God of its fathers. Unfortunately, there is no sign of any serious repentance or turning from its sins. America is stubborn and will not surrender to God. It is a queen that will not bow her knee in submission to her true king. Only recently, in June of 2015, did the Supreme Court of the U.S.A. rule that homosexual marriage was an inalienable Constitutional right, allowing innocent orphans to be placed in homosexual homes. Can God choose not to act? Indeed, there was another nation once that also indulged itself and lived in gross immorality.

Sodom and Gomrrah were destroyed by God, by fire, in 1 hour

[see for reference, Genesis chapters 18 and 19]. America has totally linked itself with Sodom in its popular culture and in its legal rulings. Speaking of Babylon, the prophet Jeremiah also allowed its identification with Sodom in Jere. 50:39-40.

...it will never again be inhabited or dwelt in from generation to generation. As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorah with its neighbors, declares the Lord, no man will live there, not will any son of man reside in it. (NASB)

The Burden and the Cry to Flee

These are not easy words to digest. Doing so could easily give the most healthy person an upset stomach. The author has lived with this knowledge for many years. It has very much affected his emotions and his relationships with family and friends. Sometimes trying to accept Biblical truth is not easy.

It is a hard burden to carry, but the author has always asked the Lord, even from an early age, to give him the courage and the insight to see the truth of His Word, no matter where it might lead. This is not to be boastful. It is being said here to let the reader understand that complete acceptance of truth is very

difficult -- both spiritually and emotionally. Nonetheless, truth is not always a pleasant companion. Truth demands everything from the person who would wish himself to be its friend.

As of the publication date of this book (first to be published as an e-book and later in print through E.R.C. Communications), the author has not yet been able to convince any of his family or friends to leave America. It is now within the first week of June of 2016. It is the author's educated guess (more on that later) that either June 7th and 23rd of this same month could be it. Very little time remains before Day of Destruction. Even should the author be wrong, Babylon the Great is soon to be destroyed, almost surely within the coming months or years. It is not decades away anymore. This coming Day of Destruction is something the author wishes could be pushed aside until he could warn all Christians in America and Russia to flee for their safety. Nonetheless, the author is only a solitary man. Like a watchman on a tower seeing an implacable foe approaching the city, he cannot turn it back. He cannot even hinder it. All that he can do is speak and write and hope that someone will listen. Very few are willing.

If a video or book or website from E.R.C. Communications can save even one person's life from a terrible and meaningless destruction, it will have been worth all of the effort. At any rate,

as sad as this situation is, the reader must learn more. Upon you is being presented a truth, as uncomfortable as it may be.

Truth, once revealed, is like a prison. At the moment of learning it, one is imprisoned in a moment of truth. A person can choose to ignore it, hypothesize it away, diminish it, or embrace it. Nonetheless, one is imprisoned in a moment of truth. From that point on, once known, the truth cannot be forgotten.

To Obey or Not Obey: That is the Question

What happens if the reader of this text is actually living in Babylon? What should he do if he is able to believe that America is Babylon? Well, God has an answer for that, too. The Lord God has given ample warning for those who believe in Him to flee. Jeremiah 51:6 is clear as crystal.

"Flee from the midst of Babylon, and each of you save his life! Do not be destroyed in her punishment, for this is the Lord's time of vengeance; He is going to render recompense to her." (NASB)

Did the reader comprehend that, or is it too complicated and esoteric? This is a time of vengeance. It is like God has been

storing up His wrath, His fierce anger, His hatred against all of Babylon's wickedness. Picture the Lord God in anger and great might standing up from His throne. Lingering in Babylon on the coming Day of Destruction is not a good idea. In fact, Jeremiah says "*each of you*" when directing that all who are on God's side should flee from the midst of Babylon.

What does "each of us" mean? Does it mean to wait until all of your friends are convinced? Does it mean to wait until your church agrees with the reader to leave? Should the reader wait for a sister or even a husband to leave as well? The opinion of the author is a defiant "*no way!*" There is no point to a useless death.

There were many Jews who died needlessly in gas chambers during World War II because they would not get out of Germany due to family ties or close friendships. But the following question should be asked. Does it lessen a loved one's pain of death by staying with them and sharing their fate? Or, rather, should the reader choose to live yet another day in order to serve God on this earth with the remaining breath that He gives to him? God will heal emotional scars, and the reader will remain of use to Him as a faithful servant if fleeing Babylon is his choice.

There are numerous other verses that speak of fleeing Babylon. It is not only a single verse. The verses warning and commanding God's people to flee are found in the books of Jeremiah, Zechariah, and Revelation.

Wander away from the midst of Babylon And go forth from the land of the Chaldeans; Be also like male goats at the head of the flock. (Jere. 50:8, NASB)

Cut off the sower from Babylon And the one who wields the sickle at the time of harvest; From before the sword of the oppressor They will each turn back to his own people And they will each flee to his own land. (Jere. 50:16, NASB)

"Come forth from her midst, My people, And each of you save yourselves From the fierce anger of the LORD. " (Jere. 51:45, NASB)

And behold, the angel who was speaking with me was going out, and another angel was coming out to meet him, and said to him, "Run, speak to that young man, saying, 'Jerusalem will be inhabited without walls because of the multitude of men and

cattle within it. 'For I,' declares the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'" "Ho there! Flee from the land of the north," declares the LORD, "for I have dispersed you as the four winds of the heavens," declares the LORD. "Ho, Zion! Escape, you who are living with the daughter of Babylon." For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye. "For behold, I will wave My hand over them so that they will be plunder for their slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me. "Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," declares the LORD. (Zech. 2:3-10, NASB)

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.' (Rev. 18:4-7, NASB)

God is just. He is also good. But if He is truly good, can He ignore wickedness indefinitely? No, He cannot. But His heart of love for His people – for those who love Him – is strong. *"Flee!" "Come out!"* These are not suggestions or mere advice from the Lord. They're commands. God commands His people to leave Babylon.

In particular, the command to flee from Babylon seems to be addressed to Jews living in America from the verses in Zechariah. The warning and command to flee are not only for those who are Christians. Although the Jewish people need to accept Jesus as their Messiah and Savior, as all of mankind must, the Jews retain their position as God's chosen people, and God, in His mercy, calls upon them to flee as well.

Fleeing Babylon will place the reader in a position to be a witness for Christ in the end times. People will say to the reader,

"Boy, you sure were lucky to take a vacation here; otherwise, you would have become radioactive dust like the rest of those Americanos." The reader's reply will probably be, "No, my dear sir. I am a Christian. I believe in the Bible as the Word of God. He warned us – even commanded us, to flee, so I fled. Let me now explain to you about the times in which we are living, about why America was destroyed, and about how you can prepare your soul for the Coming of the King of kings and Lords of lords."

It may seem impossible at first to truly obey God and leave the country that you love so much. Very few people hate America. One can hate its wickedness, but the people are generally kind and open-hearted. The landscape is rich with beauty. And no where on earth can one live so comfortably and easily. Yet, the command has gone out. How many will choose to listen?

Chapter 7

The Seventy-Year Theory and Elul 23rd

If one must leave Babylon, how soon is this Day of Destruction (referred to now on as D-o-D) going to happen? Work done by Jonathan Cahn with his *Harbinger* & *Shemitah* books may provide insight into what God is doing. When the author first viewed Jonathan Cahn on Christian TV in America, I heard weird things like *Shemitah*, *Tishri*, and *Elul* and became a bit confused. But his words impressed upon my heart. I soon realised that he was speaking of the coming judgment of America -- something I also believed in.

The author bought two of his books: *The Harbinger* and *The Mystery of the Shemitah*, both published by Charisma House book group. Is it hard to see that God is raising up people to warn the world of this coming Day of Destruction? Amen for people such as these!

Another author of note who has not only written books that speak of America and judgment, but also has gone onto correctly identify America as Babylon the Great is John Price. His book, The End of America is a resource for any Christian with any lingering doubts of whether America is truly Babylon the Great or not.

A Shemitah: Hebrew Word for End-Times Insight

A “Shemitah” is a Hebrew term from the Jewish system. God told Moses (if the reader recalls, Moses is the prophet that parted the Red Sea and gave the Law to the Israelites) in Leviticus 25:1-4 to allow the fruit and vegetation of the land to rest once every seven years.

This is the basis of the Shemitah concept. Six years could be used for planting and harvesting, but the seventh was to be a year of rest – something similar to the day of rest, the Sabbath. With the Sabbath, mankind is to rest every seventh day.

However, not only should the land rest every seventh year, but the debt of every debtor was to be forgiven on that year.

At the end of every seven years, you shall grant a

release of debts. And this is the form of the release: every creditor that has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the Lord's release. (Deut. 15:1-2, NASB)

The Jews were rather negligent in incorporating this commandment. As one might expect, the powerful and wealthy would not want their land to sit idle every seventh year nor to forgive debts. But, it is, nonetheless, a very real Jewish concept and is called the Shemitah which translates as “the Lord's release.”

Another thing that needs to be understood before going further is that a Jewish year is different from the Gentile year. The Gentile year is what most of the world uses, including America, Europe, South America, Japan, etc. Technically, this Gentile year is what is known as the Gregorian calendar. The typical Jewish year is made up of twelve months having either 29 or 30 days. Each month begins when a new moon is observed. Since these twelve months only add up to a total of 355 days, there's a problem.

A regular, solar year consists of 365 and $\frac{1}{4}$ days. It is important to keep spring always spring, and the autumn must always be the autumn. As such, since the twelve Jewish months only add up to

355 days, every 2 or 3 years, a leap month is added. The leap month in the Jewish calendar is called Adar 2 and it is tacked on after Adar 1. Adar 1 is the last month, the 12th month, in the regular religious calendar of the Jews. On the leap year, Adar 2 becomes the 13th month. By adding leap months, the Jewish calendar is able to keep moderate consistency with the Gregorian, solar calendar, that is, the Gentile calendar. So, both the Jewish calendar and the Gentile calendars keep perfect consistency with the seasons. Neither ever misses a spring or an autumn.

The Jewish calendar also serves two different purposes: to serve as a religious calendar and as a secular or commercial calendar. The religious calendar begins in the month of Nisan. Nisan is in the spring. It contains the Feast of Passover and is always in the vicinity of the months of March or April.

The commercial calendar uses the same months as the religious one, but begins in the month of Tishri, the seventh month of the religious calendar. Thus, the two calendars are displaced by six months relative to each other. It turns out that a Shemitah year goes by the commercial calendar, due to the concept of debt forgiveness. As such, Shemitah years, which occur every seventh year, start in the month of Tishri and end in the 12th month of the commercial calendar, the month of Elul.

The month of Elul is very significant for end-times purposes. Not only is the month of Elul – roughly corresponding to our month of September – a month of debt forgiveness, it seems to be a month in which God seems to move. This movement can either be a blessing or a judgment. Some examples from previous Shemitah years are given below.

The Shemitah Year of 2008

In September, 2008, the financial crisis hit the U.S.A. with a magnitude force of a tsunami. It turns out that September, 2008 was also the month of Elul, the month of debt nullification and a month of judgment. According to Jonathan Cahn's books, the stock market of Wall Street in the U.S.A. collapsed with its largest point loss in its history. On the last day of Elul, Elul 29th, which that year corresponded to Sept. 29, 2008, the stock market lost 777 points. This 777 points also corresponded to a 7% drop. The fact that God's number of perfection, the number 7, the fact that it happened on the last day of Elul, and the fact that this particular Elul was in a Shemitah year should not be missed.

This is highly relevant and points to the inference that this was no mere random chance occurrence but was, rather, a judgment of God. It was a warning to America that it was very much time

to repent. Instead of repenting, America went on to elect Barack Obama as President of the United States, even though he: **(1)** supported abortion, **(2)** was raised in a Muslim school in Indonesia, and **(3)** made the statement that America was no longer a Christian nation. Electing such a person is not illustrative of any spirit of national repentance back to God.

The Shemitah Year of 2001

Another Shemitah year was also important in modern American history. Going back another seven years from September, 2008 yields September, 2001. This was the month of the 9/11 attacks. In the 9/11 attacks, which occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, Muslim terrorists took hold of commercial airliners, flew them into the World Trade Towers, demolished much of the financial district of New York, and killed some 3000 Americans. It was the first major attack in modern history on the soil of the continental United States by foreigners.

This terrible act of incalculable violence occurred during the month of September, the month of Elul, the month of judgment. But instead of a strong move of repentance taking hold of the nation, America answered the attacks by calling for rebuilding of the trade towers. They should be built bigger and stronger, an

act of prideful defiance.

Shemitah years can be regarded as years of judgment and occur in seven-year cycles. Other Shemitah years include 1931, corresponding to one of the most painful years of the Great Depression. Instead of relying on God for its provenance, Americans began to rely too much on Wall Street. Thus, the Shemitah judgment can be seen as a call by God for America to re-center itself on His provision.

The Shemitah Years of 1973, 1938, and 1945

Another Shemitah year of interest was 1973. In 1973, America legalized abortion. It was this year that saw America lose the war in Vietnam. A first-world nation was humbled by a third-world nation since America was not strong enough to protect its most helpless, unborn children. But Shemitah years do not have to be years of judgment, they can be years of reward. When a nation chooses to do good, when it chooses to stand up to fight what is evil, it can expect the blessings of the Most High.

In World War II, America did just that. NAZI Germany was truly evil. World War II began in a Shemitah year in 1938. The war ended not only in a Shemitah yr but during the month of

Elul in September, 1945 with American victory over its enemies.

Why Does Prophecy Use Figurative Language?

Before moving onto more tangible prophetic subjects, a slightly more esoteric question should first be tackled. Why does God speak to His people with subtle signs and not make it fully obvious about what He is exactly doing in end times? The understanding of prophecy and the study of eschatology is not meant for the faint hearted. There are so many descriptions of destruction, death, and damnation that most normal people avoid the subject all together.

To understand prophecy, one must have supreme faith in God yet a questioning spirit. If one is not willing to question what prophecy really means, the answer will not be found. Truth must be sought out.

God has hidden the truth of prophecy from the eyes of the scornful and the unbelievers. They simply do not deserve to see it, for if they did, they would be greater enabled to pose damage to the Kingdom of God. Knowledge is power. Knowledge in the wrong hands is disastrous. This is why God has obscured prophecy behind symbolic words and mysterious phrases.

Another reason why prophecy is difficult to grasp is that it is meant for the elite of God's people. In fact, it is a kingly pursuit. Proverbs 25:2 says, *“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of Kings to search out a matter.”*

Babylon and the Author's 70-Year Theory

Now attention is turned to the author's theory on Babylon the Great. The fact that this theory coincides with the Shemitah and blood moons phenomena is almost certainly no coincidence. There are very few pastors or priests that are willing to say that Babylon is America. For this very reason, there is a prophecy that has not gotten the attention that it has deserved. It is a prophecy about the historic Babylon that serves as a key to understanding what will probably be the life duration of Babylon the Great.

The reader is invited to search out the matter of Jeremiah's prophecy against Babylon. This important prophetic passage is given below.

“Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, 'Because you [i.e. Judah] have not obeyed my words, behold I will send and take all the families of the north, declares the Lord, and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar, King of

Babylon, My servant and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants, and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them a horror and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. Moreover, I will take from them [i.e. the nations surrounding Judah along with Judah itself] the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. And this whole land [not just Judah, but all the land surrounding it, known as the Levant] shall be a desolation and a horror, and these nations shall serve the King of Babylon seventy years. Then, it will be when the seventy years are completed, I will punish the King of Babylon and that nation,' declares the Lord, for their iniquity and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.” (Jere. 25:8–12, NASB)

Therefore, exactly seventy years were prescribed for Babylon. From the time Babylon would begin to come against the nations surrounding Judah to the time of its ultimate fall, God said Babylon would have seventy years.

It is very important to note that these are not the seventy years (or so) that the Jews lived in Babylon. This prophecy is about the duration of the Babylon Empire, not about the duration of the Jewish captivity in Babylon.

Note also that it says that those nations would serve Babylon for seventy. In effect, the Jews did not serve Babylon for seventy yrs. After two years of siege by the Babylonians, Jerusalem succumbed and fell to them in 587 B.C. Babylon itself was taken over in one night by Cyrus the Great in 539 B.C. At best, it could be said that the Jews lived in Babylon and served Babylon for 48 years until its fall. So, that prophecy cannot point to the time of the Jewish captivity in Babylon.

To figure this out a little better, it is time for a quick history review. Babylon finally defeated the Assyrians in the town of Harran in 609 B.C. Harran was a midpoint destination, a point of demarcation both geographically and geo-politically. Thus, 609 B.C. can be seen as the time when the prophecy begins: *“I will bring them [Babylon] against the land and its inhabitants and against all these nations round about.”* This process started in 609 B.C. It ended with the destruction of the Temple, the Temple built by Solomon, in 587 B.C., some 22 yrs later.

But why did God so clearly state that Babylon would be given

seventy years to be the regional power? One reason was first to explain to the Jews that their hope was not lost and that their conqueror, Babylon, would itself be punished for its iniquities. However, is there a more subtle and ulterior motive?

Why did God choose to call America Babylon? Could it be that God will give modern Babylon, the nation of America, also seventy years? If so, did those seventy years begin?

In Harran, the Neo-Babylonian Empire took control as the first rate power when they killed the last Assyrian Emperor, Ashurballit II in 609 B.C. From that point, the Neo-Babylonian Empire enjoyed seventy years of hegemony over the other powers.

America also has had a very similar encounter. America fought World War II and won against Germany and Japan in 1945. On September 2, 1945 at approximately 9:00 A.M. in Tokyo Bay, the emissaries of the Japanese Emperor signed the documents of unconditional surrender in the presence of Gen. MacArthur. That is, on Sept. 2, 1945, America defeated its last enemy. America humbled the emperor of Japan, in much the same way as Babylon put an end to the Assyrian emperor in Harran.

For the Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar, 609 B.C. was the pivotal year. For America, the Babylon the Great of Revelation, 1945 was its year to begin its hegemonic rise. If America is to have only

seventy years due to its historic parallels in Biblical prophecy with ancient Babylon, its fall might come swiftly, in one day, seventy years after its rise to world power. This would correspond to the year of 2015, last year. Obviously this did not happen, although the author thought it would (please see the appendices for dated evidence of past educated guesses for D-o-D). What seemed to happen in September, 2015 is that America lost its hegemony over the Middle East. This is discussed in detail in the following chapter.

Shemidah's and Elul 23rd

The Shemidah years since World War II are: 1945, 1952, 1959, 1966, 1973, 1980, 1987, 1994, 2001, 2008, and 2015. When the Japanese Empire surrendered in 1945, it surrendered in a Shemidah year, even surrendering during the month of Elul, the month of judgment.

The year 2001 was also a Shemidah year, a multiple of seven from the end of World War II ($7 \times 8 = 56$). The year 2001 is 56 yrs after 1945. Both the Japanese surrender and the unprovoked 9/11 attacks occurred during the month of Elul: the former as an affirmation of God's favor, the latter as a warning of God's judgment.

As anyone knows, the moral character of America changed radically during those eight cycles of Shemitah's. In 1945, America was still a God-fearing nation. By 2001, America had become a God-scorning nation. As exact as September, 1945 to September, 2001 might seem, God's absolute sovereignty over time and history commands a more perfect accounting.

Using a Hebrew-Gentile date converter on a website called *chabad.org*, the author once got a hunch in early 2014 and decided to try something. Yes, the 1945 surrender and the 9/11 attacks both occurred in Elul during important Shemitah years, but could God's timing demand a higher degree of accuracy? The author went to his computer a bit nervous yet excited. He typed in Sept. 11, 2001 and found that it fell in Elul 23rd. Next, he typed in Sept. 2, 1945. The Hebrew date conversion yielded Elul 24th. He was amazed at the close proximity, but off by a whole day? Quite dismayed, his brain scrambled for an answer. His recent trips to the Philippines provided the answer. Asian time zone conversion! The Japanese Emperor (through his emissaries) signed the surrender document aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay at approximately 9:00 A.M. Incredibly, the Lord God actually took into account time zone hour shifts! His heart beating quicker, it was hard to remember the time zone shift for Japan relative to Eastern Standard Time, that is, Washington D.C. time. It turns out that Japan is 13 hours ahead of Washington D.C. Therefore,

Washington D.C. is 13 hours behind Japan and 9:00 A.M. in Tokyo Bay meant 8:00 P.M., the previous day in Washington D.C.

As such, the surrender document by the Japanese Emperor, giving the United States of America its biggest victory ever and ushering in a time of prosperity and power few nations had ever enjoyed, was signed, indeed on the 23rd of Elul, Washington D.C. time. Out of over 350 days in the Hebrew calendar and on a Shemitah year, both America's greatest victory and one of its worst tragedies both occurred on the same day, Elul 23rd. Since these dates both happened on Shemitah years, the odds of this happening are approximatel

$$355 \times 7 = 2485.$$

In very simplistic statistical terms, this would mean that there is a 1 in an approximately 2500 chance that both the Japanese surrender and the 9/11 attacks should not only happen on the same Hebrew date but also on a year that is a multiple of seven, a Shemitah year, from the Japanese surrender. This is a 1/25 of 1% to occur by random means.

The author is suspicious to use coincidence as an explanation of prophetic detail. For the author, this is a display of the sovereign hand of God. He orders His judgments with the precision of an atomic clock. He doesn't make mistakes. When one sees

something like this Elul 23rd phenomenon, it should make him to sit up straight and scratch his eyes. God is showing mankind His control over what seemingly is our affairs.

The question is, what is He trying to show? The author believes that God is showing the world that Babylon the Great is on a schedule towards D-o-D. What that day might be is the subject of the next chapter, and the author can only offer educated guesses (he is *not* a prophet). But he does like to make educated guesses based on the amazing amount of clues, hints, and suggestions that the Most High seems to have in store for those who dig a little and do some research.

Chapter 8

The Timeline of Noah for the End Times

It should be understood by now that Elul 23rd or September 7, 2015 was not the Day of Destruction. However, it did mark an important day in that it was around that date that the Russians began to militarize Syria. It should be obvious that this should be considered as the seed for the Ezekiel invasion of Israel and the Middle East. But looking for the next possible date for Day of Destruction has not been easy. The author continues to believe that the Day of Destruction, nonetheless, will be an important date, according to the Hebrew calendar, and selected by God for its spiritual prominence since it is a world-changing event. The date for Day of Destruction will be relevant in three different ways:

1. It will be relevant religiously according to the Jewish calendar. It might fall on one of the feast days or of some other day of relevance and religious importance to the Jewish people (remember, God is trying to wake up the Jews to get them to

repent).

2. It will be relevant relative to the 70-year time period of hegemony that the original Babylon was given and that America has now exhausted. America got its world hegemony officially on September 2, 1945 with the surrender of the Japanese emperor. This has now passed. But we are still within just a few months of that date and within months of the 70th year of America's hegemony.

3. It will be relevant according to current world events. We should expect that before Day of Destruction that there is much friction in the world, especially the Middle East. Nuclear war should seem as a possibility but not a probability to most people. Also, Russia should be geared up for an actual military strike against Israel with multiple Muslim partners. [*This is happening in that Putin has cemented good relations with Syria, Iraq, Iran, Libya, and Egypt in the last year and is building up forces in Syria and navy along the Syrian coast. The only question is how big of a military will he assemble before Day of Destruction.*]

In summary, the date for the Day of Destruction will not be random. It will probably signify something important for Jewish customs, the 70-year period, and current world events.

Around October 26, 2015, the author woke his wife up out of

bed and told her that he thinks he had figured something out (the patient wife of the author has had to endure this treatment for some time, but she has yet to leave or abandon him).

In speaking of end times, the Bible frequently speaks of the “days of Noah.” Luke 17:26-27 says the following.

And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it shall also be in the days of the Son of Man: they were eating, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.
(NASB)

Peter goes on to say something similar.

For when they maintain this [that is, that the Lord's Coming is a non-reality], it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded by water. But the present heavens and earth by His word are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (2 Pet. 3:5-7, NASB)

Notice this link between “*days of Noah*” and the end times. Has Jesus given mankind a hint here? Could it be that God is going to use the timeline of Noah to roll out the Day of Destruction? It is the suggestion of the author that there is already evidence of such a pattern.

A List of Noah Dates and Corresponding End-Times Events

	Gentile Date:	Jewish Date:
Date:	----- 7 Sep. 2015	----- 23 Elul, 5775

Religious Analysis:

According to the Jewish website, *chabad.org*, Elul 23rd is the day on the Hebrew calendar in which Noah sent a dove a second time away from the ark. After a full day, the dove returned with an olive branch in its beak.

The Bible reading for the Jews on this day is Deut. 29:12-14 and Psalms ch. 108 -112. The Deuteronomy reading is about Jacob meeting Rachel. The Psalms reading speaks of God's exaltation, the Lord sitting at the right hand of the Lord and judging the earth, God remembering His covenant, that the wicked will

perish in great pain, etc.

70-year Historical Analysis:

The historical significance of this date is that 70 years ago in 1945, Elul 23rd was Sept. 2, 1945 according to the Gentile calendar. On this date, Gen. Mac Arthur received the formal surrender of the Japanese emperor. This is when America can be said to have received the hegemony of the world.

This date has its corollary with the rise of the original Babylon. In 609 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar and his father, Nabopolassar, defeated the last forces of the Assyrian Empire and killed the emperor (this just “happened” to occur in the town of Harran, a place of Biblical significance near the Euphrates River and very near where ISIS is fighting today). Defeating the Assyrians in this final blow in 609 B.C. gave Babylon its seventy years of hegemony until October, 539 B.C. when it fell.

The Elul 23rd date not only is significant in terms of 1945, it is significant in terms of 2001. The Hebrew date for Sept. 11, 2001 was Elul 23rd. It is also significant in terms of 2008. In the financial melt-down that occurred in September 2008, the worst part of it was in the latter two weeks. Elul 23rd for that year happened to be Sept. 23rd. As such, Elul 23rd was at the center

point of the financial crisis in 2008.

Current Events Analysis:

The significance of Sept. 7, 2015 could have been Day of Destruction, since it was the 70th anniversary of America's hegemony according to the Hebrew calendar. Thankfully, interpretation of the author was wrong in that regard. However, it did cause things to begin to happen.

Let us use Reuters to verify why Elul 23rd of this year was important. Reuters is one of the main news agencies in the world. Reuters has updates on almost all international developments on a 24-hour basis. Typing in the terms “Russia, Syria, 2015” into the Reuters search engine for past Reuters articles yielded 7030 results. That means that there are over 7000 articles related to both Russia and Syria for the year 2015. That's too much information!

Sharpening the focus a little with the search: “Russia, Syria, military, 2015” yielded 1070 results. Sharpening a little more with the search: “Russia, Syria, military, Islamic State, 2015” yielded 695 results. Needing more focus, the search was changed to “Russia, Syria, military, September 2015.” This last search yielded 123 results. Arranging the articles in chronological order, we arrive at the following articles published

between Aug. 24 and Sept. 21, 2015, two weeks before and after Sept. 7th.

The following are all of the titles and dates for the Reuters articles published between Aug. 24 and Sept. 21, 2015 from the searched list of 123 articles.

“France says new Russian troops in Syria complicate crisis”	- Sept. 9
“Europeans 'not grasping' the importance of Ukraine”	- Sept. 13
“Western dream of regime change in Iran is over, so what’s next?”	- Sept. 15
“Reuters Select: Fiorina shoulders in”	- Sept. 16
“Syria is the next arena on Vladimir Putin's comeback tour”	- Sept. 18
“Reuters Select: Gay Catholics prepare for pope's visit”	- Sept. 20
“When Vladimir Putin looks in the mirror, does he see Syria’s Assad?”	- Sept. 21

Of the 123 searched articles, the headlines seem to indicate Russian military involvement in Syria in the Sept. 9, 18, and 21 articles. Of noteworthy interest, is that not a single article in that search appeared prior to Sept. 7th. To be sure, many more articles were written, but the point is that no articles (or at least very, very few, if any) were written before Sept. 7, 2015 which speak of any military engagement in Syria by Russia. Since then, many articles have been written – usually multiple ones each day – detailing the Russian military involvement in Syria.

In another search of the Reuters database of past articles the following search was used: “Russia, Syria, Military, 2015,

Kerry.” The reason for this search is that if Secretary of State, John Kerry, notices the militarization of Syria by the Russians, he will be prompt to say something. This search yielded 182 Reuters articles. Because of the increased number of articles, only those articles published in this search from Aug. 31 – Sept. 14 will be listed. This list provides all of the articles from this search for one week before and one week after the watershed Elul 23rd date.

“U.S. voices concern to Russia over latest military moves in Syria”	- Sept. 5
“Russia says...deliveries to Syria aimed at...terrorism: RIA Novosti”	- Sept. 7
“Russia says...deliveries to Syria aimed at...terrorism: RIA Novosti”	- Sept. 7
“Failure of Syria diplomacy exposes enduring divisions over Assad”	- Sept. 7
“UPDATE 2-US asks Greece to deny Russian flights to Syria”	- Sept. 7
“US asks Greece to deny Russian flights to Syria”	- Sept. 7
“Kerry reaffirms U.S. commitment to Israel security...”	- Sept. 8
“Syria denies Russian combat troops fighting alongside army”	- Sept. 8
“Kerry tells Russia's Lavrov he is concerned about military activities”	- Sept. 9
“Exclusive: Russian troops join combat in Syria - sources”	- Sept. 9
“...Russia to U.S.: talk to us on Syria or risk 'unintended incidents’”	- Sept. 11

Again, this search yielded almost no results for any articles prior to Sept. 7, 2015, except for one, the article on Sept. 5. However, that article indicates that Sec. Kerry is concerned that Russia may begin to move military assets into Syria as evidenced by housing units recently airlifted into Syria. Apparently, lethal weaponry either had not yet been moved or was in very small numbers at that time. Nonetheless, Sept. 7th takes on striking

prominence as several articles are written on that very day about Russia's initial military moves into Syria.

If Elul 23rd was meant to have significance, the significance of that date was Putin's initial involvement on the doorsteps of Israel in a militaristic sense.

End-Times Analysis:

The end-times significance of Elul 23rd should be clear from Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 where God speaks to Gog. It seems 'Gog' may be a name by which God references the Beast. Gog is the chief prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

It is interesting that Putin rules as if he were a prince or a czar, and this is the language that God uses in Ezekiel. Something turns him about – “*I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws*” – and gets him to eventually attack Israel. It seems that this thing is ISIS. Notice that before all of this, Putin was primarily involved in Ukraine. Now, his full attention is on the Middle East.

It could be identified ahead of time that this date of Elul 23rd was important from the historical analysis already mentioned. But it is also important in that it happens to also fall on an important day in the timeline of Noah. Noah sent out the dove. He saw no

evidence that anything had changed. Endless visions of water surrounded him, but on that day, the dove showed that the time of judgment was coming to an end and a new life for the world would begin.

The flip side of this is just as dramatic. For us, it is the reverse. Yes, a new time is coming upon the world and this is the first evidence of it, but it is not a time for new life but for catastrophes that will bring about much suffering and death. In that way, it is related to the Noah timeline, but in a reverse sense.

The Russian military involvement in Syria on the northern boundary of Israel (Damascus is less than 50 miles or 80 km from the Israeli border) should not be seen as a random complication but as the beginning of end-times fulfillment for the Day of Destruction. This is preparatory footwork for the Ezekiel invasion of Israel by a huge military summoned up from most of the Middle East and from Russia.

	Gentile Date: -----	Jewish Date: -----
Date:	30 Oct. 2015	17 Cheshvan, 5776

Religious Analysis:

According to the website, *chabad.org*, Cheshvan 17th is when Noah first entered the ark and the rains began to fall.

The Old Testament readings for this date are Genesis 21:22-34 and Psalms ch. 83 – 87. The Genesis reading talks about Abraham making a covenant of peace with Abimelech and establishing Beersheba. The Psalms reading talks about imploring God not to be silent because the peoples of the surrounding nations (Jordan, northern Iraq, Palestinians, Lebanon) have plans for their destruction. Ch. 84 speaks about the house of God (the Temple). Ch. 85 speaks of Israel's returning to God spiritually. Ch. 86 speaks of Israel being lifted up among the nations.

70-year Historical Analysis:

The historical significance of this date is that 70 years ago in 1945, Cheshvan 17th was the Gentile date of Oct. 24, 1945. According to the website, *history.com*, the United Nations was born (made effective and enforceable) on October 24, 1945. The

birth of the UN was a result of the United Nations Charter having been signed previously on June 26, 1945.

Current Events Analysis:

So, Cheshvan 17th is significant in Hebrew/Biblical history as the day commemorated for when the rains began to fall in the Noah timeline, and it just happens to be the Hebrew date of the birth of the UN in the same year as America's rise to world hegemony exactly 70 years ago.

The current significance is that Cheshvan 17th is the Gentile date of Oct. 30, 2015. So, what happened on Oct. 30, 2015? President Obama announced America's direct involvement in Syria with ground troops, initially to be about 50 in number exactly on that date. No coordination was made with Russia and no authorization was given by the UN or the American Congress.

As evidence of that, a search of the Reuters database using the search “Obama, Syria, U.S., Military” yielded 60 results for the past 30 days. Here is a list of all of the articles for that search from Oct. 27 – Nov. 2, 2015.

- “U.S. to intensify fight against Islamic State militants: Pentagon chief - Oct. 27
- “UPDATE 3-U.S. to intensify fight...militants -Pentagon chief - Oct. 27
- “Iran to be invited to next round of talks on Syria: US official” - Oct. 27
- “What a Russian 'win' in Syria would look like” - Oct. 28

“As Obama weighed...China, Pentagon urged faster action”	- Oct. 28
“U.S. weighs special forces in Syria, helicopters in Iraq”	- Oct. 28
“Syria special ops announcement timing was 'coincidence': Kerry”	- Oct. 30
“Obama authorizes... 50 U.S. troops to Northern Syria: official”	- Oct. 30
“In policy shift, Obama to send US special forces to Syria”	- Oct. 30
“US to send special forces to Syria, truce sought after peace talks”	- Oct. 31
“In Central Asia, Kerry raises rights but tempers public criticism”	- Nov. 1
“Kurdish forces prepare for battle to retake Iraq's Sinjar”	- Nov. 1

Although, in this list of articles, it may appear that some of the pre-October 30th articles mention U.S. troop involvement in Syria, they do not. They either merely mention the Obama administration's desire to step up airstrikes against Islamic State or his consideration of the possibility of using ground troops but only on a temporary basis. The decision to send in U.S. ground troops into Syria was announced on Oct. 30th, which again, is the day when Noah's flood began, Cheshvan 17th.

It is also noteworthy that both days of significance on the Noah timeline, Elul 23rd and Cheshvan 17th, are days in which either Russia sends troops into Syria or America sends troops into Syria. The fact that this is happening on exact days on the Noah timeline and directly following the 70th anniversary of America's hegemony – what the author anticipates will be America's final year – should not be taken lightly.

Another thing of current significance for this Cheshvan 17th date is that RTnews published an article on its website on Oct. 30, 2015 showing that Russia is testing its strategic (nuclear) missiles in its biggest such test this year. The article is entitled, “*VIDEOS: Russia carries out numerous test missile launches.*” The article makes clear that Russian strategic military forces test-fired multiple types of intercontinental, nuclear-type missiles recently from various platforms: ships, submarines, mobile launchers, and bombers. The Russian video can be seen by typing in the following into the Internet address bar:

<https://www.rt.com/in-motion/320273-russia-test-missile-launches/>.

End-Times Analysis:

The end-times significance of Oct. 30, 2015 is that the rains began to fall on this date in Jewish history. The "rains beginning to fall" on Cheshvan 17th marks a period beyond the initial judgment of Elul 23rd. On Elul 23rd, things began to roll out prophetically with Russian military involvement in Syria. Between Elul 23rd and Cheshvan 17th (that is, between Sept. 7th and Oct. 30th of last year, 2015), America did nothing in terms of defending Israel. Actually, America sent the sole aircraft carrier in the Middle East, the USS Theodore Roosevelt, back to America for “repairs,” leaving Israel with less defensive support

against the Russians and the Arabs than ever before.

Therefore, if Elul 23rd can be seen as a date of initial judgment, Cheshvan 17th can be seen as a time when the judgment begins to get activated. Hence, the rains began to fall. No one died the day that the rains began to fall in the time of Noah. In fact, most people probably did not have a clue that the rain drops that they felt on their head would soon drown them. But Noah knew. He anticipated it. He had known about it for decades, and he and his family got inside their well-prepared ark and readied themselves for what they knew would be the end of their world.

Very few people understand the significance of what is going on now in Syria. The Bible says the following, and I do believe it has very real meaning. In Rev. 9:13-15, it says:

“And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, 'Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.' And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they might kill a third of mankind.” (NASB)

Now, it should be understood that the nuclear war, itself, is unlikely to kill as much as 1/3rd of mankind directly. This passage is probably speaking of the cumulative effect of the nuclear war, resulting tsunami, famine, diseases, rioting, martyrdom of the saints, and finally the battle of Armageddon. But where does it all begin? The answer is Syria/Iraq because that is where the Euphrates River flows. Interestingly, the Euphrates River is not in southern Syria; it is in northern Syria. This is the exact place where President Obama is sending the U.S. troops to fight.

Another thing to notice is that God emphasizes the timing. The angels were prepared from time immemorial for this specific function at a pre-scheduled date and time. God is telling us that He is on a timeline. He controls the time, duration, and extent of the judgments which will hit the earth. Is it too difficult to believe that these pre-set times are in coordination with the timeline of Noah's flood?

After 40 days from Cheshvan 17th, on Kislev 27th, the rains stop in the Noah timeline, and most of the destruction of Noah's flood is accomplished. As such Kislev 27th has the corresponding meaning for the end-times as the Day of Destruction. Kislev 27th of this year converts to the Gentile date of Dec. 9, 2015. According to the Noah timeline, what then follows is 150 days of

further destruction and chaos until the 1th of Sivan.

	Gentile Date:	Jewish Date:
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Date:	9 Dec. 2015	27 Kislev, 5776

Religious Analysis:

According to the website, *chabad.org*, Kislev 27th of last year is the Hebrew date which converts to the Gentile date of Dec. 9, 2015. On Kislev 27th, the 40 days of rain stopped. The flood would remain for many more months, but the rains stopped on Kislev 27th. Also, Kislev 27th marks the beginning of a period of 150 days. Sometime during this period, the waters cover the mountain peaks, rising some 15 cubits or 18 feet above the highest mountain peak. Therefore, Kislev 27th is a marker for humanity's destruction during Noah's Flood.

Actually, Kislev 27th has another point of significance in Jewish custom. This day falls within the Chanukah holiday week in which the Jews celebrate a miracle which occurred in the Second Temple. About 170 years before Christ's birth, a very evil king of the Seleucid Empire (a Greek-Syrian empire) called Antiochus

IV Epiphanes had already caused desolation to the Temple (the Abomination of Desolation) and had tried with much violence to force Greek customs into Jewish culture. A revolt by the Maccabees put an end to his dominion over Israel.

But when cleansing the Temple, the priests noted that very little consecrated olive oil was in supply for the Temple's candle (menorah). Although what little supply they had should have lasted only a single day, it somehow lasted a full eight days, just in time for new olive oil to be consecrated for Temple use. This miracle is commemorated to this day in the holiday of Chanukah. This can be seen to mean that God will always provide what we need when we are living in service to Him. (In terms of prophecy, it should be noted that Antiochus was a kind of pre-Beast. The book of Daniel uses very similar language in the prophecies against Antiochus and the end-times Beast. As such, the holiday of Chanukah has subtle end-times messages within it.)

The Bible reading for Jews for Kislev 27th is Genesis 41:53 – 42:18 and Psalms ch. 120 – 134. The Genesis reading has to do with Joseph's dream of seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. The Psalms chapters seem quite relevant. Psalms 120:5 mentions Meshech. Chapter 121 says that the Lord will not slumber nor sleep; He is the protector of Israel.

Chapter 122 says to pray for the peace of Jerusalem where the judgment seat of David's throne sits. Chapter 124 speaks of God being the helper who rescues Israel when it is about to be swallowed up by its enemies. Chapter 125 ends with the words “peace be upon Israel.” Chapter 129 speaks of God putting to shame and turning backward those who hate Zion. Chapter 130 speaks of one's soul waiting earnestly for the Lord. Chapter 132 mentions the desire of David to rebuild God's house, the Temple. (This Hebrew year of 5776 may be a year of Jubilee which will last for the Jews until September, 2016. During this year, it is possible that they will rebuild the Temple.)

70-year Historical Analysis:

The 70-year historical significance for Kislev 27th lies in the Arab League curse of Israel. Again, this happened 70 years ago, only months after America received its global hegemony. In 1945, Kislev 27th was the Gentile date of December 2, 1945.

According to the Wikipedia website (referencing the Internet address, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Arab_League_and_the_Arab%2E%80%9393Israeli_conflicthttps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_League_and_the_Arab%2E%80%9393Israeli_conflict](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_League_and_the_Arab%2E%80%9393Israeli_conflicthttps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_League_and_the_Arab%2E%80%9393Israeli_conflict)), “on 2 December 1945, the Arab League Council formally declared a boycott of any Jewish owned business operating in Mandatory Palestine: *'Jewish products and manufactured [goods] in Palestine shall be [considered]*

undesirable in the Arab countries; to permit them to enter the Arab countries would lead to the realization of the Zionist political objectives.' "

Hence, the Arab League, which came into existence in March of 1945, made as its very first pronouncement concerning the Jewish people, a curse. On December 2, 1945, the Arab League cursed the Jewish people. Depriving them of an important means of financial support, they hoped to crush any possibility of a Jewish state. Of course, their efforts failed badly. But the fact that the Arabs cursed Israel on Kislev 27th as their very first legal declaration concerning the Jewish people is of significance. If my theory is right, they, themselves, will be crushed on the Day of Destruction imposed upon them exactly 70 years -- to the exact day -- that they cursed Israel in one of their original declarations. Those who curse Israel will be cursed, as God had promised to Abraham so many centuries ago.

Current Events Analysis:

In a meeting in Moscow with cameras rolling, Putin made a veiled threat of the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons in the Syrian conflict on either Dec. 8 or Dec. 9, 2015.

The following are excerpts from several newspaper published on the 9th or 10th of December, 2015, which provide Putin's

comments made in a discussion with his Defence Minister, Sergei Shoigu.

From RT news (Dec. 9, 2015, 7 A.M., Moscow time), " 'We must analyze everything happening on the battlefield, how the weapons operate. The Kalibrs (sea based cruise missiles) and KH-101 (airborne cruise missile) have proved to be modern and highly effective, and now we know it for sure - precision weapons that can be equipped with both conventional and special warheads, which are nuclear,' Putin said. 'Naturally, this is not necessary when fighting terrorists and, I hope, will never be needed,' the president added."

From New York Daily News (Dec. 9, 2015), "Russian President Vladimir Putin raised the specter of nuclear warfare in Syria [on] Wednesday, saying he hoped he'd never have to use the cataclysmic weapons in his fight against terrorists. The chilling threat came as Putin and Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu announced that Kalibr cruise missiles launched by the Rostov-on-Don submarine successfully hit designated targets in Raqqa — the de facto capital of ISIS."

From the British newspaper, the Independent (Dec. 10, 2015), "President Putin said the new cruise missiles could also be equipped with nuclear warheads - but that he hoped they would

never need them. He said: 'With regard to strikes from a submarine. We certainly need to analyse everything that is happening on the battlefield, how the weapons work. Both the [Kalibr] missiles and the Kh-101 rockets are generally showing very good results. We now see that these are new, modern and highly effective high-precision weapons that can be equipped either with conventional or special nuclear warheads. Naturally, we do not need that in fighting terrorists, and I hope we will never need it. But overall, this speaks to our significant progress in terms of improving weaponry and equipment being supplied to the Russian army and navy.' "

End-Times Analysis

The end-times significance of Kislev 27th is that with the rains no longer falling, it marks that day on which the flood either was at its highest height or approaching its highest height. That is, most of mankind was already dead by the time Kislev 27th arrived. If ever there was a date on the Noah timeline that corresponded to the anticipated Day of Destruction talked about in Jeremiah and Revelation that will fall upon Babylon the Great, this would be the day. Thankfully, this was not the day, but a very stark reminder that this day is soon approaching.

The fact that Dec. 9th is also Kislev 27th, a Noah date, should

not escape the reader's attention. That such a highly provocative statement by such an important world leader would be made on a Noah date suggests to the author that this may be a strong hint that nuclear weapons will be used in Syria at some stage.

Upcoming Noah Dates for Summer of 2016

The last day of 5776 in the Gentile calendar is Oct. 2, 2016. The author believes much will happen this summer, including the Day of Destruction, although this cannot be known for certain. The Noah dates coming up until the end of the Hebrew year 5776 are listed below.

- Sivan 1 (June 7, 2016)
- Sivan 17 (June 23, 2016)
- Av 1 (Aug. 5, 2016)
- Elul 10 (Sept. 13, 2016)
- Elul 17 (Sept. 20, 2016)
- Elul 23 (Sept. 26, 2016)

At the present time of this writing, June 7th and 23rd are of significant concern to the author, but this subject will be explored in a coming chapter.

Final Thoughts on the Noah Timeline Discoveries

So far, several dates on the timeline of Noah have proved significant in terms of end-times, in general, and in terms of Day of Destruction, in particular. The leading day, Elul 23rd had much associated with it, especially the fact that it was also the Hebrew date for the 9-11 attacks on the World Trade Towers. Not only did the Elul and Cheshvan dates show up as important dates for end-times preparation for Day of Destruction, they also have correspondingly significant dates from seventy years prior.

- The first date, Elul 23rd, is the date of America's rise to world hegemony.
- The second date, Cheshvan 17th, is the date that the UN went into operation.
- The third date, Kislev 27th, is the date that the Arab League first cursed Israel.

Think of how huge these 'coincidences' are! All three dates on Noah's timeline have to do with very important Hebrew dates of three entities: the U.S.A., the UN, and the Arab League. What do these entities have in common? They all had a significant relationship with God's people, Israel. Each and every one of these entities ended up by betraying Israel in the end. President

Obama is not done with his betrayal of Israel. The Iran deal was a big one, but whatever he does in the coming weeks (and months, if possible) will be important.

All three of the above dates are on Noah's timeline. These dates are now past and saw both America and Russia getting involved in the Syria conflict with soldiers on the ground with America being opposed to Assad and Russia trying to protect him. The last Noah date to transpire saw a veiled threat of nuclear attack from Putin. As such, this December 9th date, Kislev 27th, is the most meaningful date to think of in terms of global destruction.

These dates of end-times significance seem to be building blocks leading up to the Day of Destruction. Why would all these dates have such amazing significance in the Jewish calendar for exactly 70 years ago if this year was not very significant in and of itself? If one is able to notice, one can see that God seems to be using Noah's timeline to roll out the Day of Destruction.

Everything – current events, Jewish calendar, Noah's timeline, and the corresponding dates with significant events that happened exactly 70 years ago – this all points to something *big* that God is doing. By “big,” the author means *super big!* It is not random, and it is He who is doing it. He is about to shake the earth to make sure that people remember and fear His name.

The Lord is above all. His name is exalted above everything and every object of worship. He is not the fluffy pet that people wish He is. He is not the Santa Claus that people are so quick to adore. He created the universe, the rules that govern our world, and He created our hearts. He owns us. He shapes our futures and the histories of men with the ease of a pen in a poet's hand. We are nothing. He is everything. It is time for the world to remember that.

Chapter 9

Educated Guesses for Summer of 2016

This has been a hard book to read. However, it is about to get tougher. This summer of 2016 is likely to be extremely important prophetically. It will have an enormous impact on the entire world. The Day of Destruction of Babylon the Great is not only possible, it is probable (for reasons that will be shown).

To discuss why the author believes so strongly that this summer, and, in particular, this June, will usher in the Day of Destruction, the pieces of evidences will be termed clues. Each clue by itself is only somewhat interesting. But the totality of the whole -- each clue when taken in the context of the last clue and then the last clue before that -- becomes something that begins to appear as undeniable.

As someone who has an informal background in numerical analysis and statistics, the reader will now get a statistics lesson (please do

not skip ahead).

If one wishes to toss a coin and get “heads,” he has a 50% chance of doing so. Fair enough? But if one takes a coin and then says that he can guarantee that he will flip “heads” exactly 5 times in a row, his guarantee is likely to fail. He does not have a 50% chance of flipping “heads” 5 times in a row. Firstly, he must flip “heads” on the first try. Given that he is able to accomplish that, he must repeat that four more times. In fact, the probability of him doing so works out to be

$$0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.03125$$

So, actually, he has only about a 3% chance of accomplishing his “guaranteed” ability.

For the end-times phenomena of dates and patterns of dates that will soon be discussed, the probability of any of them happening is probably only a 1% chance if one should assume it is just a total coincidence that *it* just happened on *that* particular date, whatever that date might be. However, to use a conservative approach, let it be assumed that each end-times phenomenon has a 10% chance of happening randomly. Let it also be assumed that there are four such end-times phenomena.

Now, in truth, each end-times phenomenon is much more

coincidental than the 10% chance given here. Also, there are far more than four of them. Nonetheless, the probability results of this very conservative approximation are given below.

$$0.10 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 = 0.0001$$

That is, assuming there are four “strange” coincidences that seem to be prophetic in nature, and they all *just happen* to point to a given year or a given date as significant, there is at most a 1/100th of 1% chance that, indeed, it is merely a coincidence and nothing should be deduced as end-times significant. What it means is that four such “weird” coincidences have only a one-in-ten thousand chance of truly being random in nature.

God speaks to us through numbers, facts, and scientific phenomena. Yes, God can speak to our heart, and if we are in tune with Him, we can hear His voice. But He also speaks through facts. Now, these facts will be presented as clues. The order in which the clues are presented is somewhat random. It should not be assumed that position in the list means a given clue is more or less significant than any other one.

Clue #1: Blood Moons

The blood moons phenomenon as researched by Mark Biltz is an indicator that it is highly probable that God is about to move, to do something great, to His children, Israel. What is that again? Well, to learn the details of the blood moon phenomenon, the reader is invited to reference the appendices where it is talked about in some detail. Let it be pointed out here, however, that the world experienced a holy tetrad, i.e. four blood moons all falling on holy festival days of the Jewish people, in 2014 and 2015.

The last of the blood moons occurred September, 2015 and was actually a super moon, as well. Such a moon appears larger since it is closer to the earth than most regular full moons. This holy tetrad is the last holy tetrad of blood moons to occur for at least the next 100 years, according to astronomers.

It is a strong clue that the Jewish years of 5775 and 5776 are critical years since these blood moons have occurred. In particular, it signals that something big and momentous is to happen to or with the Jewish people. The year 5776 ends soon. The last Gentile month in the Hebrew year of 5776 is September, 2016.

Clue #2: The 70 Years of Hegemony for Babylon is Over

As discussed earlier, the Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar was an important, rich, and famous empire. It reached its regional hegemony over the Middle East in the year 609 B.C. It was defeated in one night in 539 B.C. It had 70 years for its empire to thrive.

If America is truly Babylon the Great and God chooses to be systematic in terms of historic parallels (which is what the author of this text highly presupposes), it would be logical to assume that God would give the modern-day Babylon also 70 years of hegemony. The hegemony started on the 23rd of Elul in the Gentile year of 1945. The date was September 2, 1945, and Gen. MacArthur received the official surrender of the Japanese in Tokyo Bay. Back in Washington D.C., it was September 1, 1945 or Elul 23rd.

Seventy years later, on Elul 23rd of 2015, which happened to be September 7, 2015, the author was very concerned that this 70th anniversary of America's hegemony might spell its destruction. He went through the trouble of obtaining notarized documents as shown in the appendices to provide evidence of this foreknowledge of this matter. Day of Destruction did not happen. According to the author, it should have happened. But God had

other plans! At the time, the author had not yet discovered the Noah timeline and its significance. Elul 23rd was yet another wake-up call that very, very few people noticed. Russia got militarily involved in Syria on that date.

So, America has had its 70 years of hegemony. That hegemony is being tested and, in the author's opinion, is already over. Since September of 2015, America's global hegemony has been brought into question by the following things.

- America could not keep its allies from allowing Russian planes legal overflight of their territories (this would have prevented or at least greatly hindered Russia from building up Syria militarily).
- America could not keep North Korea from exploding a nuclear device (Jan. 6, 2016). Nor could it keep North Korea from test-firing multiple ballistic missiles.
- America could not keep Iran from test-firing ballistic missiles and continuing to threaten Israel.
- America could not convince Russia to refrain from provocative military activity and possessive behavior in the Ukraine.
- America could not convince the E.U. to remain firm on

sanctions against Russia because of Ukraine.

- America could not control Turkey from shooting down a Russian fighter bomber near its border (this marked the first time that NATO had shot down a Russian fighter jet since the Korean War of the 1950's).
- America cannot convince Russia to stop flying provocatively near NATO boundaries or near NATO military craft.
- America cannot convince the Chinese to abide by international law and other previous agreements that it signed with regards to the South China Sea.
- America was financially threatened by one of its key allies, Saudi Arabia, when they threatened to sell hundreds of billions of U.S. Treasury bonds and other U.S. securities should the United States Congress investigate possible Saudi involvement in the attacks that took place on September 11, 2001.

Does this sound like a world power with real hegemony over international affairs? It certainly does not. It sounds like a previous global superpower that has had its hegemony removed from it.

The question becomes: "If America's hegemony is now finished.

How long will it be until America itself is finished?” That is the real question. The author believes that God is giving America one last small period of time to repent. Let it be thought of as a pregnancy. Except, this time, the pregnancy will not result in a beautiful, bouncing baby. Instead, the birth will be the death of the greatest nation to have ever existed on this planet. It is the birthplace and beloved homeland of the author, but there is nothing he can do to stop it.

The author considers that Elul 23rd of the year 2015 was the date of conception. When a woman initially conceives, does anyone notice any evidence of change? Something certainly changed. A living baby soon lives within her, and yet the physical sign of pregnancy is months away. Has America been given 9 months until the Day of Destruction is birthed? If June, 2016 is to be the Day of Destruction, it would happen 9 months after September, 2015, the time when the hegemony was removed.

There are two Noah dates in June, 2016: June 7th and June 23rd. It is noticed that June 7, 2016 is exactly 9 months to the day of September 7, 2015. It is hoped by the author that June 7th will be a big wake-up call and not the Day of Destruction (but there is significant possibility that it will be D-o-D, i.e. Day of Destruction). It is expected that a nuclear explosion somewhere in the world could well trigger the D-o-D. Azaz, Syria looks to be

interesting with the author expecting the possibility of a tactical nuclear explosion or some other very major event happening there. At any rate, whether it is one of these dates in June or another of the Noah dates this summer prior to the end of the Hebrew year 5776 is still not known. Of course, it is possible that it could be any date at any time, but again the author presupposes significant relevance to this date, and patterns of dates have already been established.

Clue #3: The Number 17 x 17

What is in a number? The number π is given as (approximately) 3.14159. It is not a normal number. It relates the width of a circle to the length of the arc that circumscribes it (i.e. its circumference). It has a special meaning in engineering and the sciences. God likes numbers as much or even more so than engineers.

The number 17×17 is not a normal number. This number, seventeen squared, works out to be 289. Why so interesting? Well, there are exactly 289 days between September 7, 2015 and June 23, 2016.

It turns out that Sivan 1st or June 7, 2016 is also a unique date. As

previously said, June 7, 2016 is *exactly* nine months after September 7, 2015. It is also exactly 39 weeks after September 7, 2015 with both occurring on a Tuesday. But the number 39 does not seem quite complete. For the author, it is a symbol of incompleteness. The number of 40 weeks would be a much more powerful and divine symbol of completion. Thirty nine just doesn't seem to make a sufficient statement of power. Therefore, it is the hope of the author that the good Lord would allow the later date in June to be the date for D-o-D, if indeed, D-o-D is to happen in June.

Now, returning attention to June 23, 2016 as possibly the most likely date for D-o-D, firstly it is noticed that it is exactly 17×17 number of days from September 7, 2015 (Elul 23rd). That is very interesting and seems to be non-random in nature.

Challenging pattern of events even further, let it be assumed that these two dates, Sept. 7, 2015 and June 23, 2016, do happen to be the beginning date and the end date for D-o-D. Of course, this cannot be known ahead of time, but it shall be an assumption for now. Is it just a coincidence that they are separated by 289 days? What can one find out if these dates are translated into years? If the year 2016 is to be such an important year for America -- quite possibly its terminal year -- what of the year of 2016 - 289 = 1727?

In 1727 A.D., America was a string of English colonies run by English colonists who were under the ultimate lordship of the King of England. America was not yet the United States, but these colonists were the forebears, the grandparents, if you will, of those that would fight the War of Independence (the Revolutionary War) against Great Britain in the late 1770's.

Knowing that God uses earthquakes to show His power and as a sign to those who pay attention, it is interesting that there was an earthquake on that year. It was not the normal earthquake. It can be noted that earthquakes are a sign of God's power and judgment. There were a number of earthquakes recorded by the early Americans (English colonists) along the eastern coast of America in the 1700's. Of these, the first one which caused serious damage and was estimated to be a magnitude 7 earthquake by the U.S. Geological Survey (referenced at http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/states/events/1727_11_10.php) was termed the Great Earthquake of 1727 by Rev. Nathaniel Gookin, a preacher in the town of Hampton, New Hampshire.

A part of his description of the earthquake reads, "The shake was very hard, and was attended with a terrible noise, something like thunder. The houses trembled as if they were falling; divers chimneys were cracked and some had their tops broken off. [...] The sea was observed to roar in an unusual manner. The earth

broke open ... and cast up a very fine bluish sand.” This quotation was referenced at the *Lane Memorial Library* website (<http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us/hampton/history/storms/earthquake.htm>).

It should be understood that the Great Earthquake of 1727 was the first major earthquake that the English colonists in the American colonies ever witnessed. Notice that adding 289 years to 1727 yields the year 2016. Could 289 years be the interval of time between the first and last great earthquakes to strike America (assuming Day of Destruction will include earthquakes)?

These are interesting facts which are all either coincidences or God showing His sovereignty over the affairs of men. It is amazing that God's authoritative power extends even to the degree of causing major interventions into mankind's history in illustrative patterns of numbers and correlated intervals of time.

Clue #4: The Hebrew Year 5776

By now, the reader is very familiar with looking at Hebrew years. Below is a quotation from a website called [charismanews.com](http://www.charismanews.com), apparently from Sandra Teplinsky (it was referenced at <http://www.charismanews.com/opinion/standing-with-israel/>

Rosh Hashana, the traditional Jewish New Year, fell on Sept. 14 this year and ushered in the year 5776. Although Rosh Hashana is known in the Bible as a day for blowing trumpets, by the time of Yeshua [Hebrew name for Jesus] it was observed as the Jewish secular new year. Could this year hold any special meaning for Christians, based on the unique numbers and letters associated with 5776? ... In the Hebrew language, letters are assigned to numbers for various purposes. The letters assigned to the year 5776, "tav-shin-ayin-vav," spell a word used in modern Hebrew, meaning "heed." (The letters for the two 7's differ.) Could the numbers and letters associated with 5776 confirm predictions or prophecies of impending global crisis? Perhaps. We will know in retrospect. Meanwhile, God does not want us unduly fascinated with signs or coincidences. Those are always intended to turn our focus and fascination upon Him."

The author is not the Jewish expert that Sandra Teplinsky seems to be, so the author is indebted for this note of knowledge. So, the Hebrew year that exists until beginning of October, 2016 has associated with it the word "heed." Is God telling us to pay

attention or heed the prophetic signs that are so abundant? This may well be the case.

Another very interesting thing is the very unlikely possibility that if this year is the final year of America and this year is the Hebrew year of 5776, that the America just happened to proclaim its independence to the world in the Gentile year of 1776. Is this just a mere coincidence or is God loudly proclaiming His right to rule over the affairs of men?

Clue #5: The Belshazzar Effect

In the Old Testament, it is learned that Belshazzar was the last king of Babylon. This is true, but not fully. In actuality, Belshazzar was son of the real king who was still living. His name was Nabonidus. King Nabonidus had an interesting heritage. When he was selected as king, he was a compromise candidate between two powerful factions: the army and the priestly class. It is not known what the quarrel was about, but it can be said that Babylonian society was highly divided politically (note the similarities with American society: the conservatives vs the liberals or the Republicans vs the Democrats).

King Nabonidus was not fully Babylonian. His bloodline was

50% Chaldean and 50% Syrian. The Syrian ethnicity came from his mother. This did not help the divisions within Babylonian society. As a result, Nabonidus withdrew into northern Arabia to worship his gods, of which he was a fervent devotee. The politics and daily rule of Babylon was left to his son, a leader who apparently showed little leadership.

To the author, President Barack Hussein Obama embodies attributes of both Nabonidus and his son, Belshazzar. Like Belshazzar, Obama does not seem like a capable leader that is able to deal with a very capable adversary. For Belshazzar, his adversary was the Persian King, Cyrus the Great; for Obama, it is the Russian president, Vladimir Putin. Like Nabonidus, Obama is more interested in his own gods (seemingly homosexuality and Islamic sympathies) than in the affairs of his nation. Also like Nabonidus, Obama is not 100% of the ethnicity of the nation that he leads. Nabonidus was only 50% Chaldean. Obama is only 50% American, having the other 50% of his ethnicity tied to the foreign nation of Kenya via his Kenyan father.

Is it again only a coincidence that the last king of Babylon was only 50% Babylonian (since Chaldean was the main bloodline of the Babylonians) and that what might be the last president of the United States, Obama, is a man that is actually only 50% American by blood?

Nations are given the leaders they deserve. God had a low opinion of Babylon when Belshazzar was ruling it. In the book of Daniel, a notable phrase is used by God in the handwriting on the wall to explain God's displeasure. (Here the author uses the King James version of the Bible, instead of his typical usage of New American Standard. The traditional English rendering of the King James is simply more elegant).

... Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. (Dan. 5:27, KJV)

Is it hard to understand that America has also been weighed in the balances and found wanting (i.e. lacking in substance)? Just in the last few days, on May 31, 2016, Pres. Obama announced the following.

“NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. I call upon the people of the United States to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of the American people.” (White House website, referenced on June 3, 2016).

God help us! What else can be said? Who is this man to insult the God of heaven and earth? It is the author's opinion that Barack Hussein Obama will be the last president of the United States. The end for Babylon the Great could very well come this June, 2016. It has been one year since the June, 2015 decision of the Supreme Court that legalized homosexual marriage and the legality of the homosexual adoption of innocent orphans. God has noticed.

Clue #6: Israel Flirting with Sodom and Gomorrah

As the reader for certain must have noticed, the author has a special respect, admiration, and love for the Jewish people as they are God's chosen people from holy and irrevocable covenants made long ago. Nonetheless, Americans are not the only culture that is currently not only tolerating but also promoting the extreme immorality of homosexual lifestyles. Indeed, America is Babylon the Great not because it is necessarily the most “evil” country on earth. Other countries with higher degrees of immorality and cruelty exist. It is Babylon because it simply fulfills in perfect succession every definitive characteristic given for Babylon the Great in the Word of God.

However, the rapid rise of the promotion and celebration of

homosexuality is a sign that the world is heading rapidly for D-o-D. Does it not say that all nations will drink the wine of her fornication? Israel seems to be drinking heavily this wine. In fact, in recent months, during the year 5776, Israel can be seen to be almost spiritually intoxicated, no longer distinguishing what is right and wrong.

Below are selected quotes for several articles to portray to the reader the depth of the spiritual sickness that has hit not only America but Israel, itself, the country of the “holy land.”

"Haredim Skip Swear-in of First Openly-Gay Likud MK," *Ynet News (Israel, Dec. 28, 2015)* --

“Likud's [a main-line conservative political party in Israel] first openly-gay MK Amir Ohana ["MK" stands for Minister of the Knesset, where the Knesset is similar to the Congress for America], who entered the Knesset following the retirement of minister Silvan Shalom, was sworn in on Monday, while members of ultra-Orthodox faction United Torah Judaism decided to leave the plenum in protest.”

" 'Amir is the first representative of the LGBT community who was elected in open primaries while who he is was completely out in the open, and he was

elected by thousands of voters in the Likud primaries,' Netanyahu noted [Netanyahu is the prime minister of Israel]."

“ 'He represents our views of liberal nationalism well. He believes in the right of the Jewish people to their country, protecting the state's security, civil rights, free economy and a free market. I got to work with him. He is pleasant, but firm in his positions, strong in his principles, and I think he will make an excellent MK and serve as a bridge between the different parts of the public. I welcome him with appreciation and pride,' the prime minister concluded.”

"Netanyahu Voices Support for Gay Rights on Knesset LGBT Day," *The Jerusalem Post (Israel, Feb. 23, 2016)* --

“Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu showed his support on the Knesset’s first designated LGBT Rights Day on Tuesday [note: LGBT stands for Lesbian (female homosexuality), Gay (primarily male homosexuality), Bi-sexual (sexuality with both genders), and Transgender (homosexuals who have had gender-

altering operations)].

The prime minister briefly addressed the plenum: 'I know that there were important and lengthy discussions today, and I came here in the middle of my schedule, which was no less busy, to say one sentence to the members of the LGBT community: "Every man was created in the image of God." That is the idea brought by our nation to mankind thousands of years ago, and it is the principle that must guide our national lives today.'

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"Israeli Entrant to Eurovision Says Humiliated at Russian Airport for Being Gay," *Times of Israel* (Apr. 23, 2016) --

“The Israeli entrant to the Eurovision song contest was humiliated by passport control in Russia due to his sexual orientation, the singer claimed. [note: Eurovision is a major song contest held in Europe every year with one entrant from each country. Israel is not a member of the European Union but is invited to send a contestant each year due to close European ties.]

Hovi Star, an openly gay performer, told a Maltese television station about the incident that took place in an airport in Moscow some two weeks ago. A segment of the interview was made available on YouTube on Saturday.”

"Israeli Catholic Wins First 'Miss Trans Israel' Pageant," *Times of Israel* (Apr. 23, 2016) --

“An Israeli from a Catholic Arab family was crowned the winner of the country’s first transgender pageant. Ta’alin Abu Hanna, 21, from the northern city of Nazareth, wore a white bridal dress as she was declared the first “Miss Trans Israel” on Friday at HaBima, Israel’s national theater, in Tel Aviv.

She described her victory as 'historic' and said it promotes equality. She will represent Israel at the Miss Trans Star International pageant in Spain in August — the first time an Israeli will participate.”

"Thousands Attended Pride Parade in Tel Aviv,"

Ynet News (Israel, June 3, 2016) --

“2016 Pride events highlight women in the LGBT community; after event in Gan Meir, parade is making its way through Tel Aviv's major streets towards Charles Clore Park, where beach party will commence. Some 50-60 thousand people were estimated to be marching on the streets of Tel Aviv, while a total of 200,000 are expected to participate in the Pride events overall.

This year's parade highlights women in the LGBT community. One of them is Amy Orbach, a 17-year-old transgender woman [this means this person was formerly considered as a man], who will march at the parade in her new identity for the first time. 'I'm coming to the Pride Parade in my new look as a woman and after having bought a dress in the women's department. I feel safe, strong, and proud of myself,' she told Ynet.”

After reading these articles, the reader is likely to feel a little angry and a little sorry for Israel at the same time. Israel is the land of Zion, God's land. After many miracles, the Jewish people were able to come to a position of security and prosperity in this land. Once so blessed, they have seemingly turned aside the commandments of the God that has blessed them. But here is the

question. Will Jesus return to the Mount of Olives to save not only Jews but Gentiles as well if that place where the Messiah is to return is polluted with massive levels of homosexuality, considered an abomination by the Lord God? It is the author's belief that a very big reason for D-o-D is to wake up the world, get people to remember the holy name of God, and cause people to repent. There is much repentance that is needed now.

Clue #7: Significance Surrounding the Sivan 17th Date

The Hebrew date, 17 Sivan 5776, is the Gentile date of June 23, 2016. Some important and interesting facts regarding this date are provided below.

1. Firstly, it is noticed that June 22nd is very close to June 23rd, and June 23rd is a date most firmly in the mind of Putin and every other patriotic Russian. June 22nd was the date for the beginning of Operation Barborossa in 1941 when Nazi Germany invaded the Soviet Union (primarily Russia). This “military operation” eventually cost millions of Soviet citizens and hundreds of thousands of Germans their untimely death. This is a date that is seared into the collective consciousness of the Russian and Eurasian peoples. The fact that it is so close to the date of June

23rd should not be missed. This date occurred almost exactly 75 years ago. Will this date bring about another calamity, even an existential one, for the Russian people?

2. Exactly 70 years ago, Sivan 17th had the Gregorian date of June 16, 1946. According to the Internet site Wikipedia (referenced at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Night_of_the_Bridges), "The Night of the Bridges" or, more formally, Operation Markolet, was a Haganah military venture. (The Haganah were illegal Jewish resistance fighters in the days following World War II but prior to the declaration of Jewish independence in 1948.) On this night between the 16th and the 17th of June, 1946, the Haganah aimed to destroy eight bridges linking Mandatory Palestine to the neighboring countries of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt, in order to suspend the transportation routes used by the British Army, who then controlled the Jewish homeland. It should be noted that until this largely successful operation was conducted, the military abilities of Jewish militants were unproven and doubted by both the British and the Arab League. This is the first time in modern history in which the Jews took efforts to secure their own independence using might of force. Could this date signal another time in Jewish history, exactly on the 70th anniversary of the Hebrew calendar, in which they will again have to defend themselves by military force?

3. The number 17 figures prominently as a symbol of God overcoming His enemies and having complete victory (as referenced by *The Bible Study Site*: <http://www.biblestudy.org/bibleref/meaning-of-numbers-in-bible/17.html>). For instance, God's first global judgment of mankind, Noah's Flood began on the 17th of the month of Cheshvan when the rain began to fall onto the ark. Indeed, the beginning of the end of that judgment occurred on the 17th of Sivan when bottom of the ark first touched down on Mount Ararat. June 23rd (Sivan 17th) of the year 2016 is a date that *may* be the day when God's judgment touches down on Babylon the Great, bringing about the Day of Destruction. Again, this is a date which is the 17th of the month. Is a pattern developing?

4. Another noticeable occurrence is that the main eschatological description of Babylon the Great is found in chapters 17 and 18. Although the Scriptures were not originally penned with chapter and verse, God knew that eventually the portions of Scripture that refer to Babylon in Revelation would be located primarily in Revelation, chapters 17 and 18, with chapter 17 being the opening chapter. Is it yet another mere coincidence that Babylon the Great could be judged on Sivan 17th as described in the 17th chapter of the book of Revelation?

Clue #8: A History of Seven's for New York City

It can be forgiven of the reader if his knowledge of the history of New York City is not quite up to historian levels. But New York (the city, not New York state) has an interesting history. It was one of the first major cities of the American colonies, was the place of the first capital of the U.S.A., was the target of the 9/11 attacks which took place on Elul 23rd, and is probably the most famous city of America. What happens to New York has significance. (The following information is taken primarily from two sources. They are: Almanac of American Military History, Volume 1, Spencer Tucker, Publisher ABC-CLIO, 2012. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Amsterdam.)

In May of 1624, the first settlers from Holland arrived in what they called New Netherland (someday to become New York City). Under the command of Cornelius May, some thirty families arrived for the purpose of establishing legal possession of this territory under the authority of Dutch West India Company. Thus, began the long and celebrated history of New York. The Dutch later called their small city, New Amsterdam.

Following various skirmishes with the English, New Amsterdam was lost to the Dutch and was renamed as New York City by the English in the year 1664.

The Dutch retook New York in the August of 1673. Some 600

Dutch soldiers under Captain Anthony Colve came ashore and attacked Fort James in New York City. Captain John Manning of the English surrendered the fort. As such, New York City was officially attacked and defeated in 1673.

An analysis of these dates is striking.

Year 1624: The area of what would be New York is established by the Dutch.

Year 1664: New York is taken over by the English.

Year 1673: New York is attacked and defeated by a foreign power.

Although it is slightly interesting that exactly 40 years spans 1624 and 1664, it is much more interesting that from the time of the establishment of the area as a city (initially as New Amsterdam) in 1624 to the time the city is attacked and defeated by a foreign power in 1673 was $7 \times 7 = 49$ years.

If it might be assumed that 2016 is to be the year that America, including New York, is attacked and defeated by a foreign power on the D-o-D, then another calculation becomes interesting. Adding $7 \times 7 \times 7 = 343$ years to the last time that New York was attacked and defeated by a foreign power, i.e. 1673, yields the year 2016. This sequence of seven's involving the history of New York, especially if D-o-D really happens this year, cannot

be seen as purely random. In the author's opinion, God is showing His sovereignty over the affairs of the American nation yet again.

Clue #9: The Jubilee Year and the Temple

Every forty nine years was to be a Jubilee year for the Jewish people. It was on this year that the Jews would not only have all debt nullified, but they could reclaim ancestral property and lands that had been forfeited during the last forty nine years.

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.

The Hebrew date of the Balfour Declaration was Kislev, 5678. (Notice the arithmetic sequence of increasing integers 5-6-7-8.

That is not the typical year. Was God, again, trying to emphasize a year of importance to the Jews?) This year of 5678 is also considered a Jubilee year by many Jewish scholars as pointed out in his book, “The Mystery of the Shemitah” by Jonathan Cahn, a book the author of this text highly recommend to his readers.

On another Jubilee year, yet another momentous event happened with relation to land reclamation for the Jewish people. In June, 1967, the Six-Day War broke out between Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and Syria. In only six days, the Jews not only successfully defended themselves against three more populous nations, but they managed to take over all of Jerusalem and much of the Golan Heights. The Six Day War was nothing short of miraculous. What is also interesting is that June, 1967 is translated as Sivan, 5727 in the Hebrew calendar. Does the reader notice that $5727 - 5678 = 49$ years, the exact span of time for a Jubilee?

Forty nine years later, one Jubilee period of time later, is the year 2016. Jubilee years are supposed to be coincidental with restoration of ownership of long-lost property. Both the years 1917 and 1967 involved the Jewish people taking re-possession of long-lost property. The only significant land property that the Jews do not have complete control over is the Temple Mount area. This is where a Temple, the 3rd Temple, needs to be built, in anticipation of Biblical prophecy.

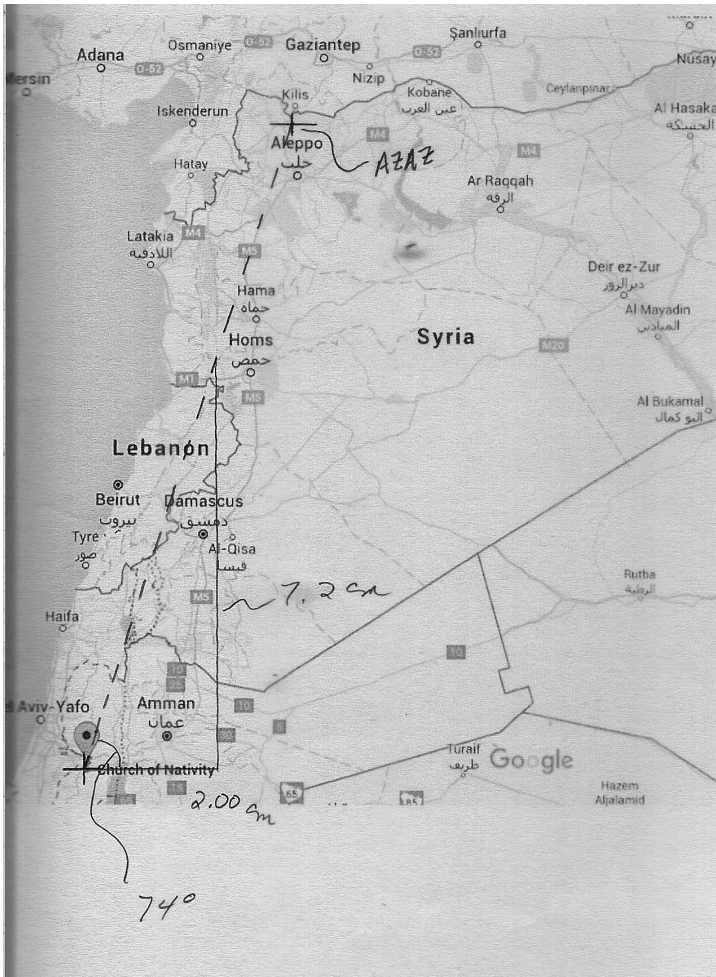
June of 2016 is also Sivan of 5776. Notice that $5776 - 5727 = 49$ years. Is it just a coincidence that 2016 is exactly a Jubilee year, exactly 49 years after the Jews reclaimed Jerusalem? Will the Jews reclaim the Temple Mount this summer before the end of year 5776? If D-o-D does come this June, as unfortunately anticipated by the author, this event would spur the Jews to reclaim the Temple Mount and build a Temple to God as a way of asking for His favor and protection.

Clue #10: The Little Syrian Border Town of Azaz

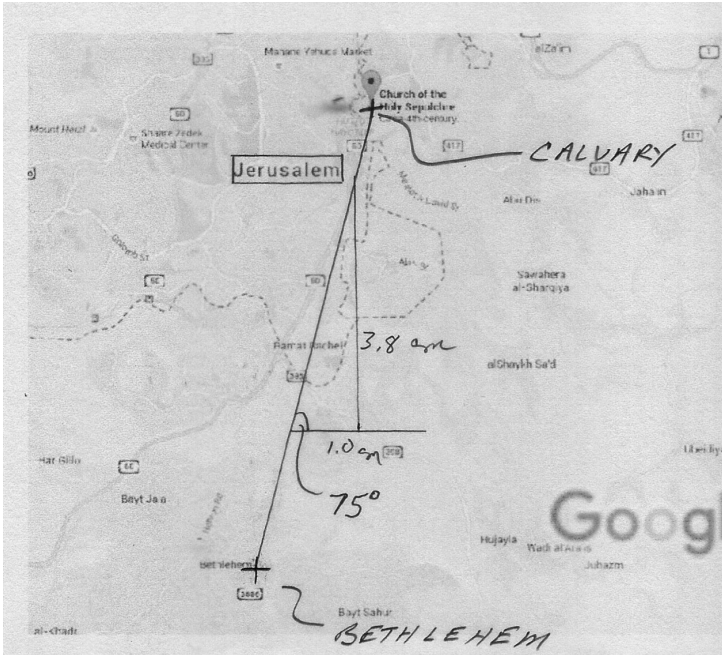
There is a small border town on the Syrian-Turkish border. It is called Azaz. Why might this town be a significant sign that end-times events are likely to happen this summer? Well, maybe it does not point to a date, but it does point to an interesting location. Azaz was a town in the crosshairs back in February, 2016. The author had been thinking for months that this town may indeed play a large role later on. Recently, as in the last few days (this book is to be published as an e-book today or tomorrow, either June 4th or June 5th of 2016), American forces, various Syrian forces, and Russian forces are very active in northern Syria.

The following maps and explanation will hopefully relay to the reader that quite possibly God had planned for a very long time for

this little border town to take on an oversized role in Biblical prophecy.



The above image shows a dashed line (hand-drawn) connecting Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem to Azaz, Syria (*Note: this image was scanned from Google Maps. A special note of gratitude for such a fine piece of software!)*



The above image shows a line (hand-drawn) connecting Bethlehem to Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the traditional site marking the place of Calvary (*Note: thanks again to Google Maps.)*

The author is not sure if the reader enjoys maps as much as he does. But if one draws a line from Bethlehem (the place of Christ's birth) to Calvary (the place of Christ's death) and then continues on that line upward at an angle of approximately 74° to the horizontal, the line goes through several places that are worth

mentioning.

Firstly, the line happens to pass directly through a little body of water called the Sea of Galilee. Notice that the Sea of Galilee is just east of the major port city of Haifa (it is just a small grayish area on the map which is almost not noticeable). Since so many miracles and teachings from our Lord were centered in or around the region of Galilee, this line that connects the places of Christ's birth and death seems to have some prominence.

Secondly, continuing upon that line at an angle of some 74° brings us to the area of the Syrian-Turkish border. Just inside that border is a town called Azaz. The fact that nearly a perfectly straight line can be drawn from Bethlehem to Calvary, from Calvary to the Sea of Galilee, and then from the Sea of Galilee to Azaz is quite remarkable. God, who control dates and seasons, who controls the hearts and desires of men, who brings nations up and casts them down, is -- in the author's opinion -- drawing a line of critical significance. If the regions of this line were erased, almost the entire life of Christ would have had to have been spent somewhere else. The fact that the overall line from Bethlehem to Azaz is approximately 74° while the “zoomed-in” line from Bethlehem to Calvary is about 75° is absolute proof that the two lines are essentially one. There is a nearly straight line connecting these areas of great importance.

But why does Azaz draw the author's attention as a place of importance? The author spends a little too much of his time reading the international news because he noticed that some fighting and a threat of a possible Turkish invasion of Syria was centered around the town of Azaz back in February of 2016. Since then the fighting has died down, but something else continued in his mind. Something seemed strange.

Isn't it interesting that both Jesus and the Father refer to themselves as the "Alpha and the Omega." It also seems interesting that if one does an entire search of the Bible, this annotation of eternal divinity is to be found in only one book, the book of Revelation. Alpha and Omega is an eschatological term, an end-times term, for God. Alpha is the English rendering of the first of the Greek letters. It is the first letter in the Greek alphabet. Omega is the last of the Greek letters. Put together, God is saying to mankind that He is the beginning and the last, the origin and the end. He is the defining boundary of all power, all truth, and of universal existence. He cannot be excluded in time or space from anywhere in His universe. He is the Alpha and the Omega.

The Father seems to refer to Himself as the Alpha and the Omega in Rev. 1:8 (although, arguably it could be said to be Jesus who is speaking). In Revelation, chapters 21 and 22, it

seems that the title is used for Jesus Christ. These Scriptures are given below.

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev. 1:7-8, NASB)

And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Rev. 21:5-8, NASB)

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. Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying. (Rev. 22:12-15, NASB)

Back now to the border town of Azaz. If Alpha and Omega could be spelled out in the name of a town, it might be the name of this town. Azaz is English transliteration of the Arabic word, **أعزاز**. That the name of this Arabic word in English just happens to be rendered as Azaz is like someone decided to write "Alpha-omega-alpha-omega" as the name of this town.

If this town does not soon have prophetic importance, the author will be quite dismayed. This town lies upon a line of significant importance to the earthly life of Jesus, the real Alpha and Omega. It is a strategic town between two countries that are at each others throats: Turkey and Syria. The name of the town is embodied with the eschatological name of God, Himself.

It is the author's view that this town will, almost certainly, take on special prophetic prominence in the days ahead. If a Turkish invasion of this town might trigger events which spiral into the Day of Destruction (i.e. a nuclear war between Russia and America), then this town will have lived up to its name. It is only an educated guess, but, oh, what a guess.

Summarizing the Clues for Summer of 2016

The clues given above are repeated below for easy reference by the reader.

Clue #1: Blood Moons

Clue #2: The 70 Years of Hegemony for Babylon is Over

Clue #3: The Number 17 x 17

Clue #4: The Hebrew Year 5776

Clue #5: The Belshazzar Effect

Clue #6: Israel Flirting with Sodom and Gomorrah

Clue #7: Significance Surrounding the Sivan 17th Date

Clue #8: A History of Seven's for New York City

Clue #9: The Jubilee Year and the Temple

Clue #10: The Little Syrian Border Town of Azaz

However, should the author have had more time before having to get this text published as an e-book, other signs could have been mentioned, which are the following.

Clue #11: The Shemitah year cycles: Elul 23rd was on the Shemitah year of 5775.

Clue #12: The dates on the Noah timeline: the dates have so far proven to be significantly related to the end-times. As such, the Noah dates coming up (Sivan 1, Sivan 17, Av 1, Elul 10, Elul 17, and Elul 23) should be expected to continue this trend at least until the D-o-D event.

Clue #13: June 7, 2013, the date that Putin said he would divorce his wife.

Clue #14: June 7, 2015, the date of Putin saying, "As for some countries' concerns about Russia's possible aggressive actions, I think that only an insane person and only in a dream can imagine that Russia would suddenly attack NATO." - *English translation published in the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera on June 7, 2015, in which Putin gave a two-hour interview.*

Clue #15: June 7, 1967, the date that Israel recaptured the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem during the Six Day War.

Very Simplistic Statistical Computation for Significance

It is difficult to know how many of the clues point directly to June of 2016 (in particular, June 7th and 23rd) or even to the rest of the summer of 2016. It is also difficult to ascertain what level of coincidence these clues possess. However, clues numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, and 15 have direct relevance as far as dates for this summer are concerned. That means there can be established at least 10 clues that point to D-o-D possibly happening this summer, if not one of the two dates for this June.

Assuming a 25% probability that each clue is happening as only a coincidence (implied randomness), one may come up with a very simplistic calculation that might relate, to some extent, an order of probability that these clues -- all pointing in some way to summer of 2016 -- are really just a big coincidence.

The probability of pure coincidence for the totality of these clues can then be calculated as:

$$(0.25)^{10} = 9.5 \times 10^{-7} \quad \text{or} \quad 0.000\ 000\ 95$$

This calculation would imply that there is only one chance in 1,050,000 that these clues have arisen under purely random conditions with no implied significance. This is saying that there is one chance in a million that nothing is going on here.

For the author, this calculation seems to say that this summer has tremendous end-times significance. Although no one in their right mind wants to see the Day of Destruction, the fact that it is probably just around the corner is very, very possible -- even probable.

Appendix 1

Satan: His Character and Ultimate Defeat

Satan is probably one of the most mysterious creatures to have been studied by man, yet he is indeed a creature. The reader may understandably ask the question, “Isn't it a little strange to study about someone so scary?” Although the author is sympathetic to such a position, all students of Biblical eschatology need to have a real grasp of who and what our adversary is. He is the main power broker in the universe except for the Most High. Satan will be behind every major initiative of the Beast: telling him what to do, how to do it, and empowering the Beast to allow his initiatives to be successive. This is why it is important to understand who Satan is.

Created by God, ultimate description of Satan as the "anointed cherub" found in Ezekiel 28:11-15 reveals the admiration and esteem that God had for His prize creation.

You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering... ; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared. You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you ... in the holy mountain of God. You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you. (NASB)

Although the beginning of Ezekiel chapter 28 describes God's judgment on the king of Tyre, the second half of the chapter, with references to the Garden of Eden and the anointed cherub, is clearly the description of a spiritual being created by God for His service since the foundation of the world. It reveals how God feels toward Satan. God admired this blameless, anointed cherub; even a certain sense of admiration can be seen. Note how Satan is described as if he were a costly material object. The description of Satan is similar to how a scientist might describe his creation of an intricate and costly robot. The "anointed cherub" was clearly adored by God.

However, the Almighty's relationship towards Satan changed

dramatically when Satan rebelled against Him. In the most momentous mutiny ever, pride entered Satan's heart because of his beauty, and God cast him to the earth. His selfish ambition cost him the highest position in heaven, protecting God's throne. Ezekiel 28:16-17 and chapter 14 of Isaiah give a powerful rendition of Satan's treason.

...You were internally filled with violence, and you sinned. Therefore I have cast you from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, o covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, that they may see you. (Ezek. 28:16-17, NASB)

The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of rulers ... which subdued the nations in anger with unrestrained persecution. ...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, ..." Nevertheless, you will be thrust

down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit. (Isaiah 14:5-6, 12-15, NASB)

It must be understood that the final sentences of these passages are yet to be fulfilled. Satan's pride did cause him to rebel against God, and God did remove him from His throne-room position, from the "*mountain of God*" and the "*midst of the stones of fire.*" However, the devil is yet to be fully punished.

After Armageddon, the Lord defeats the Beast and the False Prophet (Rev. 19:20), but before beginning His millennial reign on earth, the devil is imprisoned in the abyss for one thousand years but is then released only to be finally cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:2-3, 7-8, and 10 state:

And he laid hold of ... Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed... And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations... And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are also; and they will

be tormented day and night forever and ever.
(NASB)

Therefore, Satan is released to tempt once again after the one thousand year reign of Christ and is then thrown into the lake of fire which will be his place of eternal damnation.

The abyss is denoted in Rev. 20:3 as a type of prison and is probably the same place as Sheol (Old Testament) or Hades (New Testament). In Luke 16:19-28, Jesus describes Hades as a place of considerable agony.

Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and *saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, Father Abraham, have

mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame. But Abraham said, Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us. And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house--for I have five brothers--in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment. (Luke 16:19-28, NASB)

These different terms that are all related to hell describe a terrible place where the dead who did not inherit eternal life are placed prior to their final destination, the lake of fire. It is clear that the lake of fire causes torment day and night for the devil from verse 10. Descriptions of the torment of the lake of fire include "*weeping and gnashing of teeth*" (Matt 25:30). Although the lake of fire was created for the devil and his fallen angels, those who do not choose to follow the Lord will join them in this place

of eternal punishment. Matthew 25:41, 46 says this concerning the separation of the "sheep and the goats":

Then He will also say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels..." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. (NASB)

Such is the fate of the wicked who do not fear the Lord!

The stark reality of such spiritual things as the devil and hell (or Hades) has led mankind to imagine them as merely religious icons and has blurred the truth about the very real existence of Satan. That the devil currently resides in hell with a pitchfork is a superstition not all supported by the Word of God. Indeed, "this false image serves the interests of evil because it makes Satan either seem ridiculous or downright mythological" (a reference from the book, "Apocalypse"). Instead Scripture tells us that Satan fell to the earth and has been given temporary possession of it. Christ, Himself, says the following in Luke 10:18-20.

I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.
Behold, I have given you authority to tread on

serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven. (NASB)

God is ultimately in control, but the world is Satan's home. It is to where he was consigned after his rebellion against God, yet he is in full command of his comings and goings. When Satan tempted Jesus in chapter 4 of Matthew, Jesus did not dispute the devil's claim that the kingdoms of the earth were his. Satan owns the world and operates as the "prince of the power of the air" as mentioned in Ephesians 2:1-2.

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. (NASB)

As such, the spiritual domain of this world is full of spiritual warfare with angel fighting angel. This is clearly shown in the spiritual warfare related in Daniel 10:10-20. In this passage, Daniel sees a prophetic vision, and an angel of the Lord was sent to comfort him and give him better understanding of what would

befall his people in the latter days. However, this angel was restrained by the prince of Persia until Michael, one of the chief princes, helped him.

Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future." When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground

and became speechless. And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, "O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me." Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me. He said, "O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!" Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me." Then he said, "Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. (Dan.10:10-20, NASB)

The use of the term "princes" is to let the reader understand that the angelic beings have territories assigned to them. Apparently, the prince of Persia was a demon with substantial power, enough power to restrain, for a time, an angel sent by God. Michael is

an archangel and is the prince of the people of Israel. In verse 21, he is described as Daniel's prince. Jude 1:6-10 tells us that Satan tried to steal Moses' body after his death, but Michael intervened and saved him.

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire. Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed. (NASB)

Satan also demanded to have Peter (Luke 22:31). In his most bold adventure, Satan even tried to obtain the worship of Jesus (chapter 4 of Matthew).

Although it is Satan's eternal desire to overthrow God, he is consigned to the role of an accuser and troublemaker. A head-to-head conflict with God is beyond his means. Nonetheless, through the centuries he has tried in every way to defeat or humiliate God. Knowing that victory will never be his, he continues to fight against God by deceiving God's most precious creation--mankind. To do this, the devil disguises himself as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14); in chapter 28 of Ezekiel, we find that he was the most beautiful of heaven's angelic host. In many cases, he presents himself before God to ask permission to persecute or accuse God's people. In the first two chapters of the book of Job, the "sons of God," a term possibly referring to the devil's fallen angels (Gen. 6:2), and Satan himself present themselves before God and chide Him to afflict Job. And God does so! Is God under Satan's influence? Of course not, yet God does allow Satan to persecute His people when considered appropriate. God uses the devil; it is not the other way around. Zechariah 3:1-2 portrays a very detailed picture of Satan's role as an accuser of God's people, but in this instance God does not allow Satan his objective.

Then he [an angel] showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! ...Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing before the angel. And he spoke and said to those standing before him saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him. "Again he said to him, "See, I have taken your iniquity from you and will clothe you with festal robes." (NASB)

In this case, Satan is rebuffed and sent packing while God wipes away the iniquity of the high priest. As it is declared in 1 John 4:4, "*...greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*" In Jesus Christ, the believer has no need of fear over the devil. He may persecute us and wreak havoc in the world, but the ultimate victory is with our Lord!

Appendix 2

The Author's Epiphany on Babylon the Great

A somewhat bored student at the age of 15 or 16 (the exact time of the year cannot be recalled) was sitting in history class in his Christian school. The year was 1987 or 1988. That boy, who was then a sophomore in high school, is now the author of this text. What happened on that hour at that day changed his life forever.

Sitting with some boredom in history class, the sophomore student opened up his Bible and asked the Lord to show him something new. Those words and that quick mental prayer has been remembered. It has been branded into his memory, probably for the rest of his life. His Bible opened seemingly randomly to Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51. He began reading with ever increasing interest. God's anger toward an entity called Babylon astonished him.

As some examples, Jeremiah said the following to this young student regarding an entity called Babylon.

"How the hammer of the whole earth has been cut off and broken! How Babylon has become an object of horror among the nations!" (Jere. 50:23, NASB)

'Behold I am against you, O destroying Mountain, who destroys the whole earth,' declares the Lord, 'and I will stretch out my hand against you and roll you down from the crags, and I will make you a burnt out mountain.' (Jere. 51:25, NASB)

Upon reading such statements – and chapters 50 and 51 of Jeremiah are full of them – the young student was perplexed at the anger of God. Although he had already been studying Biblical prophecy on his own for several years, never before had he read such statements in the Holy Word of God directed so energetically against a nation. Upon going home from school, he found more statements against Babylon using similar language. They were found in Revelation chapters 17 and 18.

Little did he know at the time that the study of Babylon the Great would affect him so greatly. At any rate, care must be taken here. Some of Jeremiah chapters 50 and 51 concerns ancient

Babylon and some, the modern-day Babylon of the end-times generation. God, in His own wisdom for His own purposes, seems to have weaved prophecies in Jeremiah's day about the coming invasion of Judah by the armies of Nebuchadnezzar with end-times prophecies for the modern Babylon of our day.

The fact that the language and actions taken against the end-times Babylon in Jeremiah matched so closely with that of Revelation chapters 17 and 18 was seen by the student as no coincidence. He knew that the entire Word of God, though written by multiple authors throughout the centuries, was, in fact, a unified revelation of God to man. The Bible never contradicts itself. It always is in agreement, even passages quoted from Old Testament to those in the New Testament.

The young student knew he had stumbled upon something very important. The descriptions of the coming destruction of Babylon the Great seemed very real. Someday it would happen, no matter how horrible the descriptions. Was his country, the United States of America, this Babylon of which Jeremiah and John spoke? His country was rich. Babylon was rich. His country imported most of what it consumed. Babylon did as well. His country was an immoral nation with its movies watched everywhere. Babylon made the nations *“drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality”* (Rev. 18:3). Babylon the

Great was an end-times nation because Jesus would return very quickly (although not necessarily immediately) after its destruction. Could indeed America, the land that he loved and still loves, be this Babylon? That is, is the fate of America sealed, unless it fully repents?

Until the age of 18, this young man kept these questions in his heart. He had never heard a preacher or read anything from any author that told him America was Babylon the Great. The Internet had not yet been invented, and he felt alone with his confusion. He didn't want America to be Babylon the Great, but the fact that the facts supported it was hard to deny.

At the age of 18, he told his father. His father was also a Christian who was interested in Bible prophecy, too. Nevertheless, his father politely scolded him and told him that no one has ever said such a thing. He had to be wrong.

After two years of begging his father to listen, again and again, the young man finally reached his father. His father was finally willing to admit that the end-times characteristics matched. America was, in all likelihood, this Babylon of Revelation.

For the author, this knowledge has caused much personal struggle. Girlfriends, even a fiancée, have left him after learning of what he believed. It has been hard, at times, to maintain

friendships. Even harder, has it been to be accepted -- with his beliefs -- into church circles. He has been dismayed and disappointed that so many churches refuse to really examine the Word of God on this issue.

The good news is that things are changing. There are now over a dozen books and/or videos that speak about America being Babylon the Great. A recent search by the author on the Internet phenomenon of YouTube revealed literally hundred of such videos. Most, admittedly, are not very good or academic. But the videos are nonetheless there, pointing to the idea that something is wrong and that America is soon to be judged.

The author is pleased that what was once an individual undertaking, almost a personal secret, is now something that others are also studying and communicating to the outside world. Unfortunately, most of the Christian church is asleep and ignorant of this prophecy. One of the main purposes of this book and of the author's life is to try to change this status quo. We, who believe in the God of the Bible, have work to do. Sleep time is over!

Appendix 3

The Blood Moons Phenomenon

In America, many Bible-believing Christians are talking about the “blood moons” research done by Mark Biltz. It is truly fascinating, and this appendix seeks to highlight some of the most important facts uncovered by his research.

First of all, what in the world is a blood moon? No, the moon does not turn to blood. Also, for clarity it should be pointed out that these so called blood moons are not the “moon turning to blood” that the Bible talks about. Summarizing from the book of Mark 13:24–26, Jesus says the following.

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light and the stars will be falling from heaven... and then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with

great power and glory. (Mark 13:24-26, NASB)

So, the Bible does speak of the moon turning to blood and/or losing its light, but this will occur on a very special day, the Day of the Lord, that is, the day of Christ's Return. This occurs after the Tribulation, not before it or even during it. Although this is the end-times generation, it is yet before the Tribulation. So, when someone talks about “blood moons,” it is not equivalent with the sun-moon-stars phenomenon which will occur on the day of the Second Coming.

In his book and DVD, Mark Biltz explains that although lunar eclipses are rare, four lunar eclipses in a row in which each one happens to fall on a feast day or a holy day for the Jews (as prescribed by God in the Old Testament), are truly rare. These lunar eclipses can be called blood moons for the reason that the earth blocks the light from hitting the moon during a lunar eclipse. However, although the earth can block most of the light from hitting the moon, some light is bent through the earth's atmosphere. This bending of the light can cause the moon to take on a reddish color during the lunar eclipse – hence the term “blood moon.”

Now, this idea of four blood moons in a row and also occurring on holy days such as Passover or the Feast of Tabernacles is

important due to the rarity of such occurrences. The holy days of Passover and Feast of Tabernacles are talked about in the Scriptures for God's people to observe and set aside as important feasts on their calendar. They are described in Leviticus chapter 23. Although 4 blood moons in a row – called a tetrad, since there are four – is relatively rare, a tetrad of lunar eclipses falling on the holy feast days of the Jews as proclaimed in Leviticus is extremely rare. This text will refer to such an occurrence as “a holy tetrad” since it is a tetrad of four blood moons that occur, specifically, on the holy days (i.e. the feast days). In the last 1000 years, only four holy tetrads have occurred.

The last holy tetrad that was forecast to occur for this entire century has just occurred with the last blood moon appearing in September of 2015 (notice: the month of Elul).

If the end times are happening in our generation, should not the last holy tetrad to occur in the next century be a wake-up call that the Return of Christ is to happen soon?

Another important thing to note is that these holy tetrads seem to have been put in place by God Himself since the time of the Creation of the universe as a sign to us of His involvement with His people Israel. Remember that in Genesis 1:14, God speaks of the light in the heavens [the sun, the moon, and the stars].

He also says that they are meant for signs and seasons. The word for signs, in the Hebrew language, is “owth”, and has the primary meaning of serving as a flag or a beacon, a signal, if you will. Indeed, with Jesus' First Coming, the Lord used the star of Bethlehem to signal His arrival, like a beacon to the three wise men.

These holy tetrads should not be ignored. In the last 1000 years, only four holy tetrads have occurred. Each one of them occurred close in time to an important event relative to the Jewish people: sometimes good, sometimes bad.

The Holy Tetrad of 1428 A.D.

In the Middle Ages, Italy was somewhat receptive to the Jews living there and tolerated their presence. But by the 1400's, persecution under the false pretense of Christian holiness caused the Jews to be herded into ghettos. To seek respite from this Italian persecution, the Jews brought an enormous sum of money to Pope Martin V. This bribery for their very lives occurred in the year 1428. In the years of 1428 - 1429, four blood moons also appeared in the skies above, the first of the holy tetrads to be seen in the subsequent 1000 years.

The Holy Tetrad of 1493 A.D.

The next holy tetrad of blood moons occurred in 1493 - 1494. This is of interest since the Jews were expelled forcibly from Spain in 1492 by royal decree. They were sent packing from a land in which they had lived peacefully for hundreds of years. They were also sent away without their worldly wealth, confiscated from them prior to their journey by their Spanish overlords.

The Holy Tetrad of 1949 A.D.

The next holy tetrad of blood moons did not occur until the 1900's. In fact, of the four holy tetrads that have occurred in the last 1000 years, two occurred signaling persecution of the Jews in Europe in the 1400's. The next two signaled the return of the Jews and their restoration to the land of Israel. In 1947 and 1948, the Jews received U.N. approval to establish a Jewish nation in their homeland and then did so. A year or two later, in 1949 - 1950, another holy tetrad of blood moons occurred. Is this just coincidence or does God order the motions of the universe from on high?

The Holy Tetrad of 1967 A.D.

The next holy tetrad occurred in 1967 - 1968. It was also in 1967 that the Jews regained the holy city of Jerusalem, Zion, for the first time since 70 A.D. In particular, the Jews regained Jerusalem during what many would consider a Year of Jubilee. Their reclamation of Jerusalem happened in June of 1967. Again, another amazing coincidence, isn't it?

In the last 1000 years, only four holy tetrads of blood moons have occurred. Each of them can be seen to be associated with a pivotal time in Jewish history.

The Holy Tetrad of 2014 A.D.

In 2014 – 2015, another holy tetrad of blood moons has just occurred. Their dates are listed below.

- On April 15, 2014, during the Feast of Passover, the first blood moon occurred.
- On October 8, 2014, during the Feast of Tabernacles was the second blood moon.

- On April 4, 2015, the third blood moon occurred during Passover.
- And on September 28, 2015, during the Feast of Tabernacles, the fourth and final blood moon falling on a holy day will occur. Not only did it occur; it shined brightly. Unlike the other blood moons, the last moon on Sept. 28th of last year was a super moon – 14% bigger in appearance than a regular full moon due to its closer proximity to the earth than usual. It was also able to be clearly seen in Jerusalem.

Is God sending a sign of something important that is scheduled to happen that will strongly affect the Jews? In addition to the blood moons, a full solar eclipse darkened the sun on March 20, 2015. Not only did this event occur in the middle of the four blood moons – the holy tetrad – that has just been witnessed in the recent past, but it occurred on the 1st of Nisan. This date lies in the exact middle of the Jewish calendar on the Shemitah year of 5775.

According to Jewish teachers (a rabbi is a Jewish spiritual teacher) from long ago, it is a Jewish custom to understand that solar eclipses signal a judgment on the Gentile nations. However, lunar eclipses signal a judgment (good or bad) on the

Jewish nation.

Does the reader understand that both Israel and the Gentile nations (led by the United States) are increasingly not only tolerant of sins but are celebrating and affirming the most extreme sins, such as homosexuality -- the sin which became the hallmark sin of Sodom and Gomorrah? The Day of Destruction will be a judgment on both the Gentile and Jewish worlds.

Appendix 4

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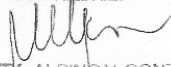
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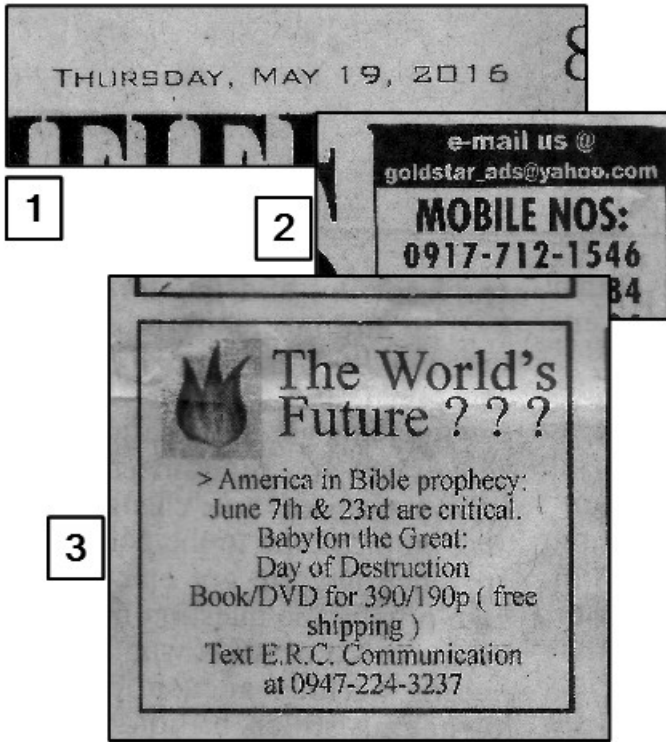
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In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Ross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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