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Production Notes

Primarily designed for video projection to Bible study groups or Church congregations, this Daniel & Revelation Study Guide explains a view of Bible prophecy unavailable to the Church prior to the new nation of Israel being established in 1948 and Jerusalem being freed of Gentile control in 1967. This is the most complete work on Bible prophecy Ellis Skolfield has done to date, however it is still just an outline so some doctrinal concepts might need to be amplified by the teacher.

And when the Two Witnesses
shall have finished their testimony,
the Islamic jihad that cometh
up out of the abyss
shall make war with them,
and overcome them,
and kill them.

INTRODUCTION

Throughout time, there have been only two significant forces in the entire universe: Sovereign God who created all things and Satan who's been trying to seize control of everything ever since, man included. Every departure from the will of God, every false doctrine, every lie, every theft, every homicide, terrorist act or war is just an earthly manifestation of that heavenly conflict. Though we can't see it, that ongoing battle in the spiritual world is real and it's one of the Bible's central themes.

Most of Scripture is history, recorded in prose and poetry, but almost one third is predictive prophecy – God telling His people about events future to when the prophecy was given. Ever since then, theologians without number have been trying to decipher those prophecies, theorizing a zillion or so “views” of exactly how this . . .

Christian era should end: Preterism, Historicism or the ever-so-popular Futurism (*seven-year-tribulation, pre-trib rapture and all*), each with its own intrepid battalion of fire-breathing defenders. But the very existence of so many end-time “positions” shows that the theologians themselves aren’t sure anybody’s got it right.

So lets set aside our traditions for a while and take a look at a couple of events that took place in the Holy Land within the last few years. They just might change the way we ought to look at Bible prophecy.

In **1948**, the few precious Jews who survived the Nazi Holocaust fled Europe and established a new nation in the Holy Land. They named it Israel.

In **1967**, Jerusalem was freed of Gentile control for the first time in 2573 years. Those two events fulfill more Bible prophecy than anything else that’s happened in the world since the Cross! They also open two verses in Daniel that are key to understanding the rest of Bible prophecy . . .

Daniel 12:4 “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end.”

Daniel 12:9 “And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”

The freeing of Jerusalem from Gentile control in 1967 ended the “time of the Gentiles,” *Luke 21:24*, and began Daniel’s “time of the end!” Since Daniel was sealed until the “time of the end,” all prophetic views devised out of Daniel prior to 1967 are at best incomplete, or at worst, false doctrine. Now that’s scary! We could be basing the last few decisions we’ll make on this planet on imaginary events that will never happen.

Look around the world today. Do we see the supposed Seven-year trib anywhere? How about the Antichrist? Preterism? Historicism or any of the other popular end-time scenarios? None seem to fit reality, do they. We see instead, ever increasing natural disasters, earthquakes, huge fish and wildlife die-offs, honeybees disappearing,

floods, famines, terrorists, anarchy, genocides, financial collapses, wars, all getting worse until what?

It can now be proven beyond reasonable doubt that most of Revelation is not in our future. The False Prophet and the Two Witnesses have already been here. Six of the Seven Trumpets, six of the Seven Seals and all three of Revelation's "beasts" have already been here, too! All have been fulfilled during the Christian era.

In fact, all prophecy that needed to be fulfilled before the Lord's return has already been fulfilled and we face the appalling collapse of Western civilization, followed soon after by King Jesus appearing in the sky!

Not what you were expecting to hear, was it. Please set your end-time traditions aside for a while and open your Bibles, because . . . "If any man wills to do His will, he will know of the doctrine, whether it is of God or whether I speak of myself."

EHS

Ellis H. Skolfield on

DANIEL & REVELATION

A Study in Bible Prophecy

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Are church traditions always correct?

I used to think so, but now I'm not so sure.

Stranger on the Beach

Two fishermen, Peter and Andrew, are on the shore of the Sea of Galilee cleaning and mending their nets. A strange man walks up to them and says, “Come, follow Me.”

Matthew 4:20 “They straightway left their nets, and followed him.”

Then Jesus sees a couple more fishermen, James and John, and says basically the same thing to them.

Matthew 4:22 “And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.”

So let me ask, would sane men leave everything they knew to follow some stranger they knew absolutely nothing about? Of course not, these fishermen knew who Jesus was because they'd already heard Him preach.

All four Gospels are eye-witness accounts of what the disciples experienced with Jesus **before** and **after** they were called.

Both Matthew and Luke show that Jesus taught for some time before He called the twelve. Luke states Jesus began His earthly ministry when He was about thirty, *Luke 3:23, 4:14-25*, but Jesus didn't choose His disciples until *Luke 6:13*.

*So how much time intervened?
How many years did the Lord Jesus
actually minister and how old was He
when He went to the Cross?*

NOTE: David, an accepted type of Christ, was crowned king of Judah at Hebron, for seven years, *1Kings 2:11*. He was then crowned king of all Israel in Jerusalem for thirty-three additional years, *2Samuel 5:4*. Is it possible that Jesus preached for seven years before He called His disciples?

Because only three Passovers are recorded in the Gospels, most theologians assume the Lord was 33 when He went to the Cross, and most of us believe it, but what do we know from the Bible?

- 1.** Qurinius was pro-Counsel in Syria when Jesus was born. *(Luke 2:2)*
- 2.** A census sent Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. *(Luke 2:3)*
- 3.** Herod ordered babies killed two years old and under. *(Mat 2:16)*

And What We Know from Recorded History.¹

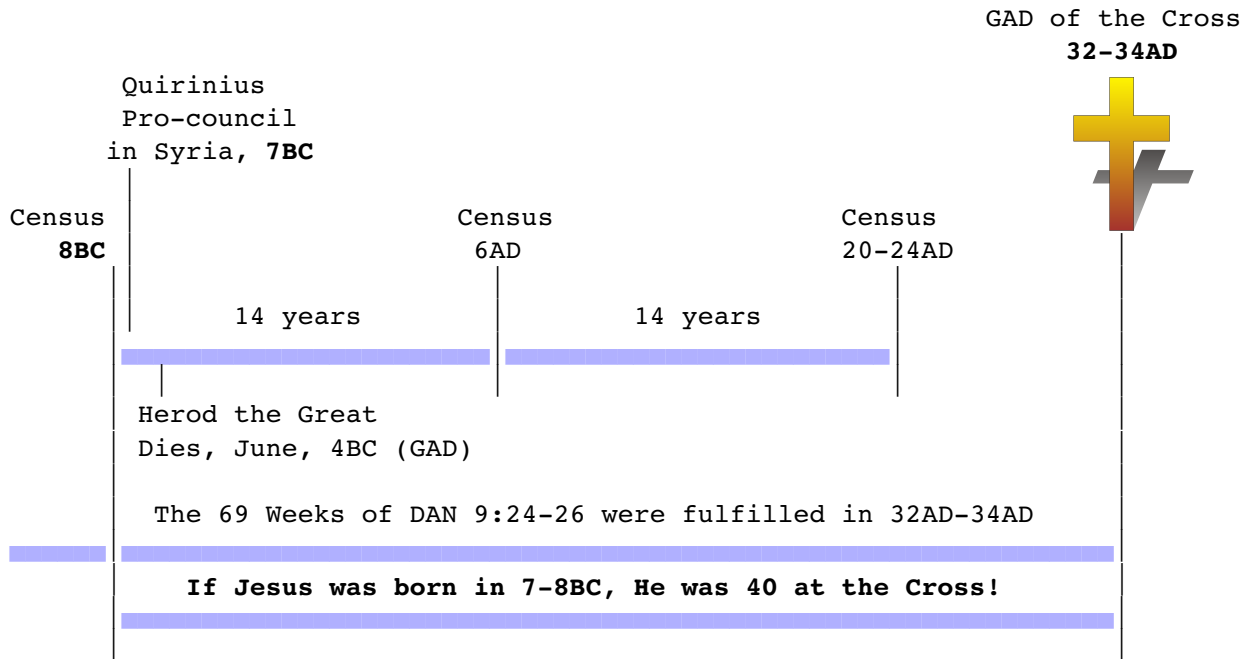
1. Herod died in June of 4 B.C. (GAD)²
2. Quirinius was pro-council in Syria, 7-8 B.C. (GAD)
(Syrian stela states Quirinius was in Syria at this time)
3. The Romans took a census every 14 years.
4. Archeological support for the Roman census of 6A.D., however, all authorities agree, 6 A.D. too late for the birth of Jesus.
5. Archeological support for a Roman census in 8 B.C.!
6. No archeological support for a Roman census between those two dates.

¹ Voluminous documentation: Packer-Tenny-White, Zondervan's Pictorial Bible Encyclopedia, Halley's Bible Handbook, the Internet, etc. There is never-ending scholarly argument about 1st century dating, available data was correlated and conclusions drawn from that picture.

² GAD = Generally Accepted Date

Biblical Forties, Why so Many?

1. Rained 40 days and 40 nights during the flood, Gen 7:4
2. Noah remained in the ark 40 days after dry land appears, Gen 8:6
3. Moses was in the wilderness 40 years, Act 7:30
4. Moses was on the Mountain 40 days, Exo 24:18, DEU 9:18
5. Malefactors were scourged with 40 stripes, Deu 25:3
6. Israelites were fed manna in the wilderness 40 years, Exo 16:35
7. Tabernacle had 40 silver sockets, Exo 26:19
8. There were 40 year periods of peace, Judges 3:11, 5:31, 8:28
9. Eli (a high priest) judged Israel 40 years, 1Sam 4:18
10. Elijah was on the mountain 40 days, 1Ki 19:8
11. David ruled Israel 40 years, 1Ki 2:11
12. Solomon ruled Israel 40 years, 1Ki 11:42
13. Temple nave 40 cubits, 1Ki 7:35
14. Jesus was in the wilderness 40 days, Mat 4:2
15. Jesus appeared to the disciples for 40 days, Act 1:3



*... this would explain the numerous biblical 40's
as types in the life of Christ!*

Incidentally, our calendar year of 2014 A.D. is actually the year 2021-22. Zero year (or lack thereof) ignored because of the 1-3 year ambiguity in dating accepted by most authorities.

Though most Protestant scholars late date the birth of Jesus, the Roman Catholic Church does not . . .

While still pontiff,
John Paul II wrote
that the Gregorian calender
was in error and
Jesus could have been
born as early as
7 B.C.!

But is this truth Important?

1. *Knowing the actual length of Jesus' earthly life is key to understanding two prophecies in Ezekiel.*
2. *Proves a traditional view long taught by the Church to be incorrect, making other traditions suspect.*

All truth is important! According to Jewish tradition, a man had to be 40 years old to become a ruling member in the Sanhedran. Until Jesus was 40, He was thought to be just another rebel in Israel. But when Jesus entered Jerusalem that final time, He was greeted by the people (*in an apantesis**) as a king. If He was 40, He could have seized control and the Pharisees knew it. That's why they said such things as . . .

John 11:48 "If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation."

*At 40, Rabbi Jesus could have become their king,
so the Pharisees believed they had to kill Him to stay in power.*

* *The apantesis is explained in "Messengers," Chapter 24.*

DAYS-TIMES-BEASTS
HEADS-HORNS-LIONS
FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE
KINGS-RODS-EAGLES
BEARS-SCORPIONS

Do you actually believe there's
going to be a real living animal with
seven heads and ten horns
running amuck around the world?
A truly weird monster with the body of a
leopard, feet of a bear and mouth of a lion?

*If taken literally, that is what we have to believe,
because that is what Revelation 13 says.*

Since the physical existence of such an animal
is most unlikely, could God be using that bizarre
creature to picture something else?

When an author wishes to portray characters or events in a hidden or symbolic way he uses figurative language.

Whether a passage is literal or figurative
is not determined by the reader,
but by the Author.

1. Interpreting **literal language figuratively**
results in false doctrine!

(I don't know what that verse means, but it doesn't mean what it says)

2. Interpreting **figurative language literally**
also results in false doctrine.

(That freaky sounding seven-headed "beast" is actually going to exist)

Really? Figurative **signposts** are key to discerning
whether a passage is literal or figurative.

Examples of Figurative Signposts in Scripture

“Like, Likened” or “Like Unto”

Matthew 13:44 “The kingdom of heaven is **like unto** treasure hid in a field.”

Matthew 18:23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven **likened** unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

Mark 4:30 “Whereunto shall we **liken** the kingdom of God?
It is **like** a grain of mustard seed

Luke 13:20-21 “Whereunto shall I **liken** the kingdom of God? It is **like** leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal.”

“AS”

Not always a figurative signpost, must be determined by context.

FIGURATIVE

Luke 17:6 “If ye had faith **as** a grain of mustard seed.”

Mat 13:43 “Then shall the righteous shine forth **as** the sun.”

Luke 10:3 “Behold, I send you forth **as** lambs among wolves.”

NOT FIGURATIVE

Mat 14:36 “and **as** many **as** touched were made perfectly whole.”

Mar 2:14 “And **as** he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom.”

Luk 8:23 “But **as** they sailed he fell asleep.”

“In The Spirit”

A different kind of figurative signpost.

Here the prophet is seeing through his spiritual eyes rather than through his physical eyes.

Rev 1:10 “I was **in the spirit** on the Lord's day.”

Rev 4:2 “And immediately I was **in the spirit.**”

Rev 17:3 “So he carried me away **in the spirit.**”

Rev 21:10 “And he carried me away **in the spirit.**”

All show that the prophet is having a vision and all prophetic visions are figurative!

Example of a Figurative Vision

Genesis 37:9-10 “And *he (Joseph)* dreamed yet another dream *(in other words he had a vision)*, and told it his brethren, and said, ‘Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the **sun** and the **moon** and the **eleven stars** made obeisance to me.’ And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father *(who understood the vision as figurative)* rebuked him, and said unto him, ‘What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?’”

*Joseph’s dream is obviously about Jacob
and the children of Israel.*

*So are there any prophetic visions in the Bible
that are not figurative?*

*The Bible has only one Author
and the Figurative Language in Genesis 37
is the same as that in Revelation 12.*

Revelation 12:1 “And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the **sun**, and the **moon** under her feet, and upon her head a crown of **twelve stars.**”

*Since the **sun**, **moon** and **stars** in Genesis,
are identical to the **sun**, **moon** and **stars** in Revelation,
whom do you suppose Revelation 12:1
is actually identifying?*

Why it's ...

ISRAEL

of course!

So Revelation 12:1-6 is actually about Israel.

Figurative language appears all over Revelation!

Rev 4:6 “And before the throne there was a sea of glass **like unto** crystal.”

Rev 9:10 “And they had tails **like unto** scorpions.”

Rev 11:1 “And there was given me a reed **like unto** a rod.”

Rev 13:11 “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns **like** a lamb, and he spake **as** a dragon.”

Rev 16:13 “And I saw three unclean spirits **like** frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon.”

Rev 16:3 “And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea (*of people, Rev 17:15*); and it became **as** the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died (*spiritually*) in the sea.”

*Revelation has over 60
figurative signposts
so Revelation is
primarily figurative!*

*Some of Revelation's figurative language
is defined for us in the book itself. . .*

Revelation 1:20 “The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The **seven stars** are the angels (*Greek, ἄγγελος, ang'-el-ose, a messenger***) of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”

Revelation 11:3-4 “And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.”

Revelation 17:18 “And the **woman** which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”

*** There all kinds of messengers in Scripture: Jesus is the “messenger of the covenant,” the Holy Spirit is a messenger, holy angels and humans are messengers and so is Satan. In Revelation, context reveals the identity of the various “angels.”*

About “Angels” in Revelation

In the New Testament, the Greek word translated angel is: ἄγγελος, pronounced *ang'-el-ose*, by definition a “messenger.”

1. Jesus is the messenger of the covenant, Malachi 3:1
2. Holy Angels can be messengers, Luke 1:19
3. The Holy Spirit is a messenger, John 16:13
4. People can be messengers, Galatians 4:14
5. Satan and his angels can be messengers, 2 Corinthians 12:7

In Revelation, *ang'-el-ose* appears 68 times. All are messengers of some kind, some very good, others very wicked.

*The identity of the various “angels” in Revelation
must be determined by context!*

Seven Important Rules of Interpretation

1. The Cultural Setting of the Prophet.

All prophecy must be viewed from the prophet's own knowledge base, not from ours. We must place ourselves in the sandals of the prophet and render his prophecy from his historic and cultural position. Interpreting a prophecy from our 21st century knowledge base can lead to false doctrine . . .

Hosea 7:8 “Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is **a cake not turned.**”

*In Hosea's time, a flatbread was cooked one side at a time, just like we do pancakes today. This Hosea prophecy (written just before the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel) tells the Israelites that only half the story of the so-called “ten lost tribes” took place **before** they were dispersed by the Assyrians into the Caucasus Mountains region in 725-722 B.C.. Still part of God's chosen people, Israel was still to become a multitude of nations, Genesis 48:19, but their future would be in among the Gentile nations, Amos 9:8-9.*

2. Idioms Must Be Understood As Nonliteral.

1Kings 21:21 “Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will **cut off** from Ahab him that **pisseth against the wall.**”

So is God is going to perform surgery on those of Ahab’s relatives who can’t find a bathroom? Once again, if taken literally, that is what we have to believe, because that is what Scripture says.

But when understood idiomatically, the prophet Elijah is informing King Ahab of Israel that God is going to judge Ahab’s house because of his wicked deeds, and allow all of his male descendants to die off so that Ahab’s family tree will be wiped out.

3. Scriptural Adjacency.

Revelation 11:4 “These (*two witnesses*) are the two **olive trees**, and the two **candlesticks** standing before the God of the earth.”

*For the definition of scriptural figures, first look within the surrounding verses, then the chapter, then the book, then the testament, then the whole Bible. It is **faulty exegesis** to use Old Testament definitions for “olive trees” and “candlesticks” if there are New Testament definitions that fit these New Testament figures perfectly!*

Romans 11:24-32 and Revelation 1:20

Rules 4 through 7, Having the Right Heart Attitude

4. Recognizing the Bible as the true Living Word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is quick (*Greek: ζάω, dzah'-o, living*), and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

*5. The Lord will not open His Word to us
if we're willing to compromise it.*

*6. The Lord can teach us nothing
if we hold our doctrines above His Word.*

*7. We learn the doctrines of men from books by men,
we learn to know God from His Word.*

OPENING REVELATION



ἀποκάλυψις

ap-ok-al'-oop-sis

disclosure: - appearing, coming, lighten, manifestation, be revealed, revelation.
(Strong's Definition)

Revealing knowledge that was previously unknown. Uncovering of obscure or hidden truth. The disclosure or conveying of divine purpose.
(Webster's definition)

By definition, Revelation should reveal truths
about the Lord that we don't already know!

*So do we go to Revelation
to learn what that might be?*

No, of course not!

*We try to make its visions
fit the doctrines we already believe.*

The truth of Revelation
is not in the doctrines of men like the
“*Left Behind*” series
or the “*Late Great Planet Earth.*”

To understand Revelation the Lord’s way,
we must enter the book with
an open heart and allow the Lord to replace
our debatable traditions with truth!

The Lord can teach us nothing
from Revelation if our end-time doctrines
are already set in concrete.

Chapter One is Key

Revelation 1:1 “The Revelation (*apocalypses*) of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him . . .”

So Revelation is actually God the Father’s revelation about His Son and about God’s plan for the Christian era.

“to shew unto his servants . . .”

*Jesus is then told by God the Father to present Revelation to His servants. The Greek word translated servants in this verse is **δούλος** *doulos*, which by definition means **slave**.*

NOTE: In Greek, the original language of the New Testament, the Lord named many different kinds of servants: the *pais*, the *presbuteros* the *diakonos*, the *episkopos*, the *leitourgikos*, the *huperetes*, the *therapon*, etc., but Revelation wasn’t written to any of those servants. It was written to Jesus’ *doulos*, His slaves! One may indeed be Jesus’ servant, even a church leader, a *presbuteros* or *episkopos*, but to understand Revelation, that person must also be Jesus’ slave!

Revelation 1 continued . . .

“things which must shortly come to pass (*i.e., right away, not 2000 years in the future*); and he sent and signified it by his angel (*Greek: ἄγγελος, aggelos, a messenger. In this verse Jesus is that messenger*) unto his servant John.”

POSITION OF THE CHURCH DURING THE CHRISTIAN ERA

Revelation 1:6 “And hath made (*past tense*) us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

Revelation 1:9 (LITV) “I, even your brother John, and co-sharer in **THE** (*the Greek definite article “τμ”*) affliction (*thlipsis, usually translated “tribulation”*), and in **THE** “τμ” kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.”

So are the “tribulation” and Jesus’ kingdom concurrent?

Revelation 1 continued . . .

Revelation 1:10 “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day (*aren't all prophetic visions figurative?*), and heard behind me a great voice, **as** of a trumpet (*“as,” a figurative signpost*).”

Revelation 1:13 “And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one **like unto** the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle (*the high-girding of authority, compare with Daniel 10:5*).”

Revelation 1:20 “The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels (*so stars in Revelation are messengers*) of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches (*and candlesticks in Revelation are churches*).”

Revelation 1:19 “Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.”



Note the tense of the verbs! The book of Revelation is partly about events that took place before John's time, partly about events that happen during John's time and partly about events future to John's time!



The Seven Churches

Rev 1:10-11 “I was **in the Spirit** on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, ‘Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to **Ephesus** and to **Smyrna** and to **Pergamum** and to **Thyatira** and to **Sardis** and to **Philadelphia** and to **Laodicea.**’” (NAS)

- 1. These seven churches actually existed in John's time and were just as John described them.*
- 2. Throughout the Christian Era there have been churches spiritually like each of those churches.*
- 3. Those were not the only churches in Asia Minor, they were chosen by the Lord in a specific order for a reason.*

What was that reason?



THRACE

Philippi

Thessalonica

Athens

PHRYGIA

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Philadelphia

Laodecia

Ephesus

Colosse

Miletus

Myra

Perea

The Post Road

Though there were three other cities nearby to whom Paul had written epistles (Thessalonica, Philippi and Colosse), they were not included because they were not on a Post Road beginning in Ephesus. As a result, they could not give us a timed picture of conditions in the Church during the Christian era.

The Post Road began in Ephesus and continued on to the various cities in the order given in Revelation 2-3.

From “**Ephesus** and to **Smyrna** and to **Pergamum** and to **Thyatira** and to **Sardis** and to **Philadelphia** and to **Laodicea**.”

And that exactly matches the spiritual condition of Church during the Christian era.

- 32-95AD **Ephesus.....** *“Lost your first love...”*
Rev 2:4, Heresy enters church: Marcionites, Gnostics, Nicolaitans, Balaamites, etc.
- 95-321AD **Smyrna.....** *“Persecuted 10 days...”* Rev 2:10
Ten major persecutions under ten Roman Emperors:
(1) Domitian (2) Trajan (3) Hadrian (4) Antonius Pius (5) Marcus Aurelius (6) Septimus Severus (7) Maximin (8) Decius (9) Valerian (10) Diocletian
- 321-450AD **Pergamum.....** *“Where Satan's throne is...”* Rev 2:13
Constantine makes Christianity state religion. Church hierarchy begins.
- 450-950AD **Thyatira.....** *“That Woman Jezebel...”* Rev 2:20
Beginning of Mary worship. Idols brought into the churches.
Bishops rise to power.
- 950-1450AD **Sardis.....** *“But you are dead...”* Rev 3:1
Dead Catholic formalism. Bible taken from the people.
Persecution of the brethren intensifies.
- 1450-1948AD **Philadelphia...** *“You have kept My Word...”* Rev 3:8
The Reformation, Protestant churches rise, the Puritan movement, foreign missions founded.
- 1948AD-???? **Laodicea.....** *“You are neither hot nor cold...”* Rev 3:15
Lukewarm church of today. Great “so-called works,”
but spiritually cool.

Sheldon Church

Just west of Beaufort, S.C. are the ruins of the church of Sheldon Township. John Bull, the first Lord Proprietor to the Carolinas is still buried under the altar. Sheldon Church was burned by Tarleton's raiders during the Revolutionary War, rebuilt, burned again in the Civil War during the northern army's march to the sea. Sheldon Church was never rebuilt again.

Sheldon Township is gone now, the worshipers are gone, the life is gone. All that remains are the church's bones, the smoke stains of those burnings still visible on the outer walls.

As the Western Church falls into apostasy, is not Sheldon a perfect metaphor of what is happening spiritually to our once Christian country . . .



Less than 3% of Europeans still claim the faith. Their great cathedrals have been turned into tourist attractions.

30,000 people a week are leaving mainline churches.

(1995 statistic)

In Britain today, more people worship in mosques than in the Church of England.

In Scotland, it's difficult to find a church open.

THE CHURCH OF TODAY

Revelation 3:14-22 “And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither *(spiritually)* cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art *(spiritually)* lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am *(spiritually)* rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing *(huge organizations, popular pastors and world-renowned TV evangelists)*; and knowest not that thou art *(spiritually)* wretched, and *(spiritually)* miserable, and poor, and blind, and *(spiritually)* naked: I counsel thee to buy of me *(spiritual)* gold tried in the fire *(of My cross)*, that thou mayest be *(spiritually)* rich; and white raiment *(of My imputed righteousness)*, that thou mayest be clothed, and

that the shame of thy *(spiritual)* nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with *(spiritual)* eyesalve, that thou mayest see *(marvelous things out of my law)*. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man *(in the other six churches, the Lord was dealing with the church in general, but in this Laodicean age, He is addressing each of us as individuals)* hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.”

*“He that hath an ear,
let him hear what the Spirit
saith unto the churches.”*

An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, Israel, showing the Old City walls and the Dome of the Rock in the center. The image is slightly blurred, giving it a historical or artistic feel. The text 'רגל הדם' is overlaid on the lower-left portion of the image.

רגל
הדם

Hebrew: רגל *reh'gel*, regal ... הדם, *had-ome'*, footstool

God's Footstool Forever

1Chronicles 28:2 “Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the **footstool of our God**, and had made ready for the building.”

2Chronicles 7:16 “For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there **forever**: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there **perpetually**.”

*Revelation is God the Father's account
of the 6000 year battle
for His footstool
and for the souls of His people.*

*The Church may have forgotten
Mount Moriah as the footstool
of God's feet forever, but God has not.
As you will soon see, much of Revelation
is about the Holy Land and
that temple mount!*

A photograph of a Gothic cathedral, likely the Duomo di Milano, featuring a tall, striped bell tower and a large rose window. The text is overlaid on the image.

What the Church
knew in

1659

♦ ♦ ♦ and then forgot

What the Church has Forgotten

Bible scholars of the Middle Ages didn't have the luxury of a library full of commentaries. As a result, they did extensive study in the Bible itself. Some of their writings, like those of Calvin and Luther, achieved immense success. Though not so widely known, other Reformation writers also found significant doctrinal insights from Scripture. Thieleman van Braght (the great Anabaptist theologian) and Matthew Henry (a Reformed theologian) are quoted below.

“FROM Adam to Noah, from Noah to Abraham, from Abraham to Moses, from Moses to Christ, from Christ to the end of the world, God ordained, for each of these periods, different customs, as regards to the external divine service of this church; also different signs, seals, and appurtenances; though it is, was, and shall be, the **same church, the same people, and also the same God** whom they served, still serve, and shall serve unto the end.

So what is the important difference between these ages?

The only major difference
between the Antediluvian, the
Levitical and the Christian eras
lies in how God willed
to reveal Himself to man.

Thieleman J. van Braght, 1659AD . . .

“And that thus the Son of God died, and tasted death and shed his precious blood for all men; and that he thereby bruised the serpent's head, destroyed the works of the devil, annulled the handwriting and obtained forgiveness of sins for all mankind; thus becoming the cause of eternal salvation for all who, **from Adam unto the end of the world**, each in his time, believe in and obey Him, (Gen 3:15, 1Jo 3:8, Col 2:14, Rom 5:18).

“After the Ascension of Christ, the very numerous church which was at Jerusalem dispersed, on account of persecution, through the land of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles; so that this distinguished church, which, it appears, was the chief one on the face of the earth, had to sojourn secretly in a strange land, (Act 8:1).

Thieleman J. van Braght, 1659AD . . .

“Afterwards when the emperor Domitian had banished John, the holy apostle and evangelist, for the Gospel's sake, on the island of Patmos, the Holy Ghost revealed unto him **the future state of the Church of Christ**, namely, that she would have to flee into the wilderness, on account of the persecution of Antichrist, and there be fed by God, a thousand two hundred and threescore days, which, **reckoned according to prophetic language, means as many years**, (Revelation 12:6-11).”

“A thousand two hundred
and three score days
which, reckoned according
to prophetic language,
means as many years.”

Thieleman J. van Braght, 1659AD . . .

“Whether we begin to reckon these years from the death of the apostles; or with the year 300, when the so-called patriarchs had their origin; or with the year 600; or a little later, when Mohammed rose in the east among the Greeks, and the pope in the west among the Latins, and raised no small persecution against the defenseless and innocent little flock of the church of Christ, so that all who did not wish to be devoured, either in soul or in body, had to hide themselves in deserts and wildernesses; let it be reckoned as it may, say we, **a very long period** is to be understood by it, which has extended to this, or about this time . . .”

Thieleman J. van Braght

July 31, 1659AD, from pp21, 25, and 40 of Martyrs Mirror.

And Thieleman J. van Braght was not alone!

Matthew Henry in his 18th Century *Commentary on the Whole Bible* came to the same conclusions. The following excerpts are quoted from Vol VI, p1157, col 1, par I & II:

Par 1: “Some think these (*Two*) witnesses are . . . the church of the believing **Jews** and that of the **Gentiles** . . .”

Par 2: “. . . the time of their prophesying, or bearing witness for Christ. A thousand two hundred and three score days . . . and if the beginning of that interval could be ascertained, this number of prophetic days, taking **a day for a year**, would give us a prospect of when the end should be.”

The above principles were well understood by most Bible scholars prior to the 20th century. Unfortunately, the Church has allowed these major insights into prophetic Scriptures to be forgotten.

Who else wrote about Day-Years?

A few notable theologians, there are many more . . .

Tichonius, 380 A.D.

Philip Melanchthon, 1543 A.D.

Benjamin Nahawendi, c. 850 A.D.

Johan Funck, 1558 A.D.

Solomon bar Jeroham, c. 950 A.D.

King James I, 1609 A.D.

Abraham bar Hiyya, 1136 A.D.

Matthew Henry, 1662-1714 A.D.

Joachim of Floris, 1202 A.D.

Sir Isaac Newton, 1727 A.D.

Arnold of Villanova, 1292 A.D.

Appolos Hale, 1840 A.D.

John Wycliffe, c. 1379 A.D.

William Miller, 1789-1849 A.D.

Nicholas of Cusa, c. 1452 A.D.

Josiah Litch, 1809-1886 A.D.

Martin Luther, 1522 A.D.

Uriah Smith, 1827-1915 A.D.

But Where Did the Day-Year Idea Come From?

It's from the Bible, of course!

Numbers 14:34 “After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, **each day for a year**, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.”

Ezekiel 4:5 “For I have laid upon thee the **years** of their iniquity, **according to the number of the days**, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.”

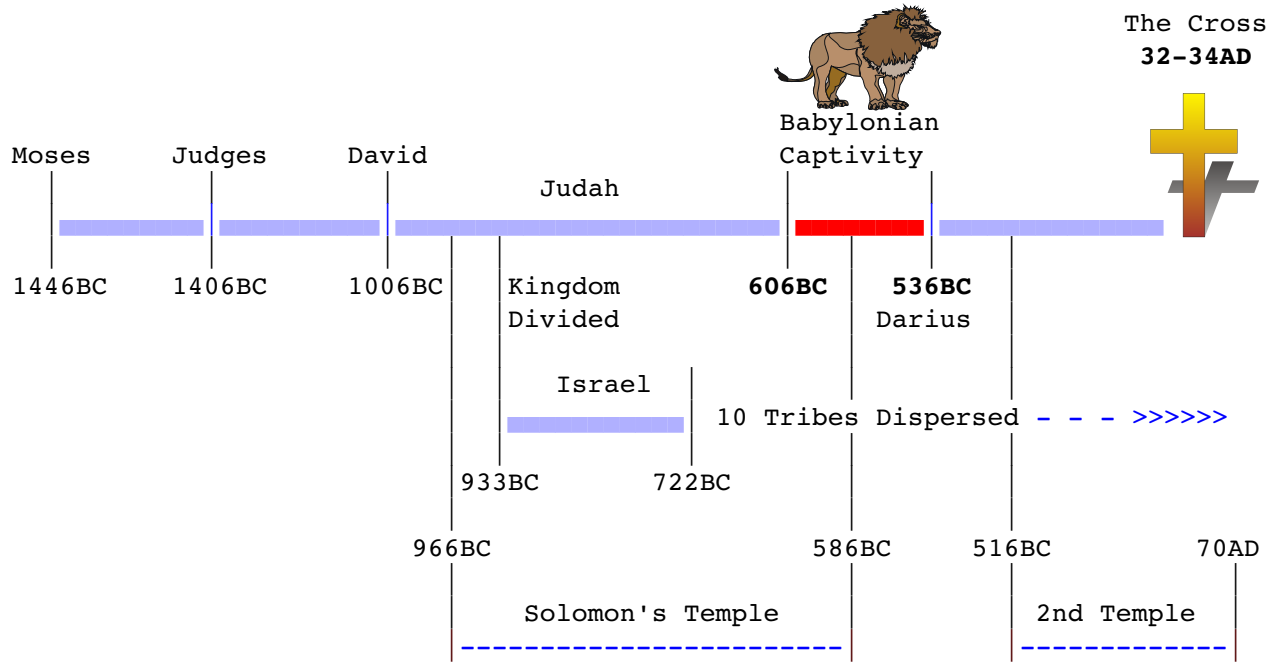
*It was 390 Hebrew years from the close
of the Old Testament to the birth of Jesus.*

Ezekiel 4:6 “And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each **day for a year**.”

It was 40 years from the birth of Jesus to the Cross.

PROVING
THE
DAY-YEARS

End-Time Prophecy Begins With Daniel in Babylon



NOTE: This graph presents the conservative historic position. The dating may be verified in any conservative reference work such as *Halley's Bible Handbook* or *Zondervan's Pictorial Bible Encyclopedia*.

Daniel's Seventy "Weeks" Prove the Day-Years

Prophecy given to Daniel in the first year of Darius, 536 B.C.

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks (שְׁבַעִים *shiveem'*, שְׁבַעִים, *shavuim'*, or *seventy sevens*) are determined upon **thy people** (*the Jews*) and upon **thy holy city** (*Jerusalem*), to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."

*The addressees are stated: Jerusalem and Thy people!
The prophesy is in Hebrew and in the Old Testament!*

***So this is to and about the Old Testament Jews,
it is not to the Church or about the end of the Christian era!***

Daniel 9:25-27 “Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times . . .”

*Four decrees about the Jewish people were issued by Medo-Persian kings. The only one that fulfills the above prophecy is the decree of Artaxerxes I (444-445 B.C.) recorded in **Nehemiah 2:8**. So this is the starting time for this prophecy.*

“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, *(killed)* but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood *(of foreign people)*, and unto the end of the *(spiritual)* war desolations are determined.”

There is no word in Hebrew for week.
Instead, the Jews call a week “a seven.”

The Hebrew word for “seven”
used everywhere in the Old Testament
is **שבעֵם**, *shavua*, meaning “a seven.”

But the word for seven used in **Daniel 9:25-26**
is not **שבעֵם**, *shavua*, it is **שבעֵים**, *shavuim*,
the male plural form of shavua!

Shavuim, a **plural** of seven, requires a multiplier
so these 69 weeks are not
weeks of ordinary 24 hour days!

Ezekiel 4:5-6 states, “a (*prophetic*) day for a year.”



← Neo-Babylonian Empire, 606BC-536BC →

← Medo-Persian Empire →

Daniel
Taken Captive
606BC

562BC 555BC

536BC

444BC

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

NABONIDUS

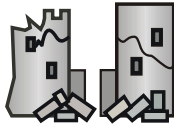
DARIUS

ARTAXERXES I

586BC!

Belshazzar
Made Regent
552BC

Decree
To Rebuild
The Wall



Jerusalem
Sacked



Vision of 70 "Weeks"



69 "Weeks" Begin Here,
The 69 Weeks tell us when
Messiah will be Killed

Now Let's Look At That Verse Again

Daniel 9:25-26 “. . . and after *(69 weeks from the decree of Artaxerxes I)* shall Messiah be cut off *(idiom for killed)*, but not for himself.”

*Our history is written in solar years of 365.24 days.
Hebrew prophetic years have 360 days,
so we must convert prophetic years
to solar years to fit our historic record.*

69 weeks, each with 7 days = 483 days
(Conversion factor to fit our solar year is $360/365.24 = .9857$)

$483 \times .9857 = 476.068$ of our years.

*So Gabriel is telling Daniel there will be 476 solar years
from the decree of Artaxerxes I to the Cross.*

“Blessed are the eyes
which see the things that ye see:
For I tell you, that
many prophets and kings
have desired to see those things
which ye see, and have not seen them;
and to hear those things which ye hear,
and have not heard them.”

Luke 10:23-24



THAT WHICH MAKES DESOLATE

Since we can prove
Daniel's 69 weeks
were actually 483
Hebrew years . . .

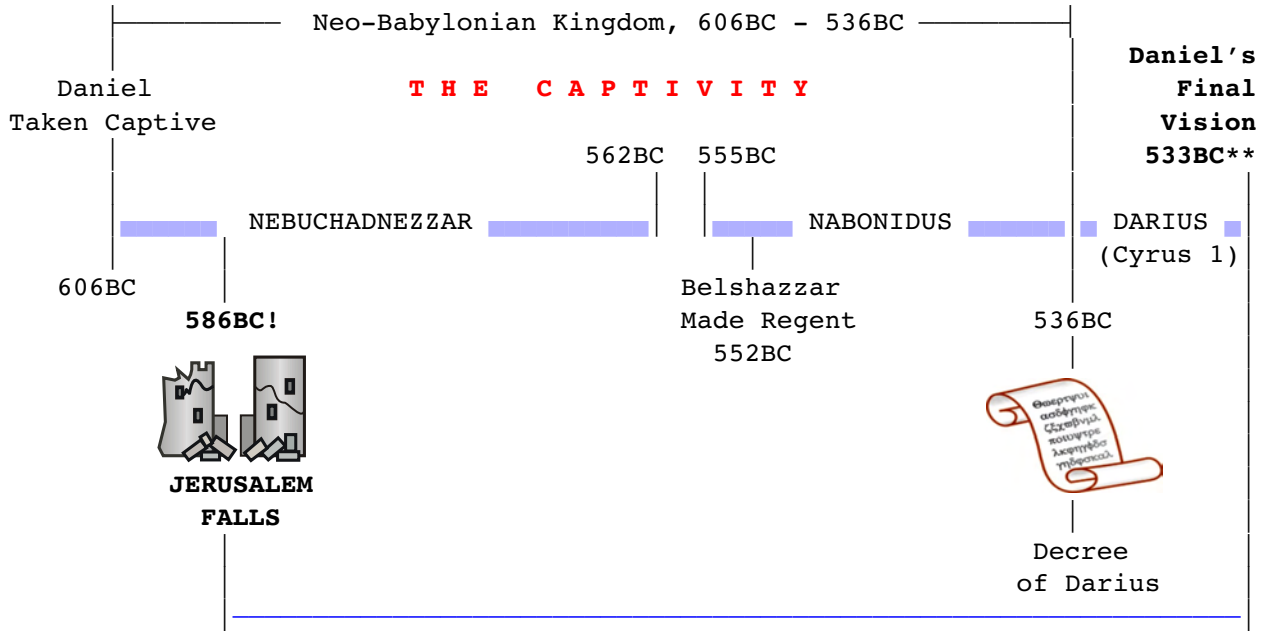
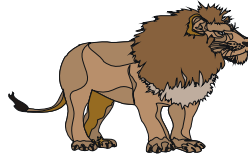
Shouldn't we be consistent
and view the rest of the
prophetic "days" in
Daniel as Hebrew years?

Daniel's Final Vision

Daniel 10:1 “In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, but the time appointed was long: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision.”

*Historic pin: the third year of Cyrus’
control of Babylon . . . 533 B.C. !*

(important to know later)



Prophecy of 1290 days given here,
50 years after sacrifices were abolished.

** Cyrus's reign over the Medo-Persian Empire actually began in 559B.C., however his control of Babylon didn't begin until the city fell to Darius in 536B.C., so from Daniel's viewpoint, 533 B.C. was the "third year of Cyrus."

The 1290 Days of Daniel 12:11

Daniel 12:11, NAS

"And from the time
that the regular sacrifice
is abolished, and the
abomination of desolation
is set up, there will be
1,290 days."

But is this abomination a thing or a person?

Mark 13:14 “But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where **IT**** ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains.”

****** *In Greek: δει, dei, a neuter pronoun.*

According to Mark,
the abomination is not a person, but an “it,”
so the abomination is not the **Antichrist**.

The abomination is a thing!

But Were Sacrifices Abolished When Jerusalem Fell?

The Bible Shows otherwise!

Jeremiah 41:5 “There came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the LORD.”

*Jeremiah 41:5 was written 6 to 10 months
after the temple was destroyed,
so sacrifices were still being offered
at the temple site!*

Local Gods

In Old Testament times, a belief among Middle Eastern people was that “gods” had a limited geographic sphere of influence, *II Kings 17:27*. Osiris had power in Egypt, Baal had power in Syria, Dagon was lord in Philistia, Marduk had control in Babylon, Melkart was potent in Tyre and our God had to be feared in the holy land.

So in 586 B.C., when Nebuchadnezzar invaded Judah for the second time, he would not have wanted to stop the Jews from worshiping their “local” God, and he didn’t, *Jeremiah 41:5*. However, the rebellious Jews murdered Gedaliah, Nebuchadnezzar’s governor for the area, *Jeremiah 41:2*. In response, Nebuchadnezzar sent Nebuzaradan, captain of the king’s guard, to Jerusalem to carry the final captives off to Babylon, *Jeremiah 52:30*. Since sacrifices were indeed abandoned while Daniel was in Babylon, *Daniel 9:17*, the last of the priests were undoubtedly included in this final captivity.

*According to Daniel 9:17, sacrifices were abandoned
sometime while Daniel was in Babylon,
but when?*

Liberal Scholars or the Scripture?

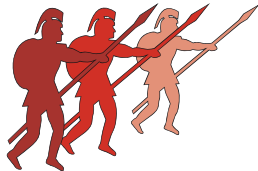
This is where you decide who you are going to believe!

1. God told Jeremiah the prophet that the Jews would be captive in Babylon for 70 years, Jer. 25:11-12 and 29:10
2. Daniel recognized that the 70 years of captivity were over in the first year of Darius, Dan 9:1-2.
3. Conservative scholars have always recognized 536 B.C. as the first year of Darius so $536 \text{ B.C.} + 70 = 606 \text{ B.C.}$ and the fall of Jerusalem.
3. Liberal historians claim that Jerusalem fell in 605 B.C.
4. They further claim that Darius sacked Babylon in 539 B.C., three years before the generally accepted date. If the liberals were right, then the captivity lasted only 66 years.

Three times the Scripture states that the Jews would be captive in Babylon for 70 years, so liberal scholars are wrong.

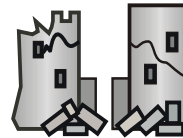
The Final Captivity

Jeremiah 52:30 “In the **three and twentieth year** of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons *were* four thousand and six hundred.”

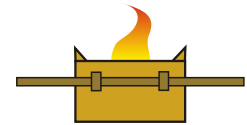


Battle of Carshemish
Nebuchadnezzar's 1st Year (*pin date*)
Jerusalem Falls

606BC



Temple Destroyed
586BC



Priests Taken
583BC



So Sacrifices were actually abolished in 583BC!

Daniel 12:11 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be **a thousand two hundred and ninety days.**”

Regular sacrifices
Abolished

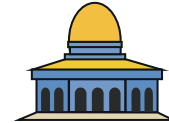


583BC

1290 HEBREW DAYS

1271.49 SOLAR YEARS

Dome of the Rock
Constructed 685-705AD



688AD!

*According to Mark 13:14, the abomination is an "IT" not a him,
and so it has turned out to be!*

Now remember **688AD**, you are going to run into it again!

Declaration of the Bishop of Jerusalem

When Khalifah Omar entered Jerusalem in 639AD, he was met at the gates by Bishop Sophronius who ushered him through the city. Seeing the temple mount (then in ruins), Omar declared that he was going to build a memorial to Muhammad on the original site of the temple of God. Sophronius exclaimed in horror, "Verily, this is the Abomination of Desolation as spoken of by Daniel the prophet, and it now stands in the holy place." Though Sophronius was an old man of 80 years, Khalifah Omar put him in prison and forced labor, the rigors of which killed him.

Paraphrased from Jerry Landay's, *The Dome of the Rock*,
Newsweek, New York, NY, 1972, p. 18

Somehow, we have managed to forget the truth for which Sophronius gave his life. The Dome of the Rock being the Abomination that maketh Desolate is not new theology.

This knowledge has been in the Church for over 1300 years!



Daniel said he “understood the vision,” but how?



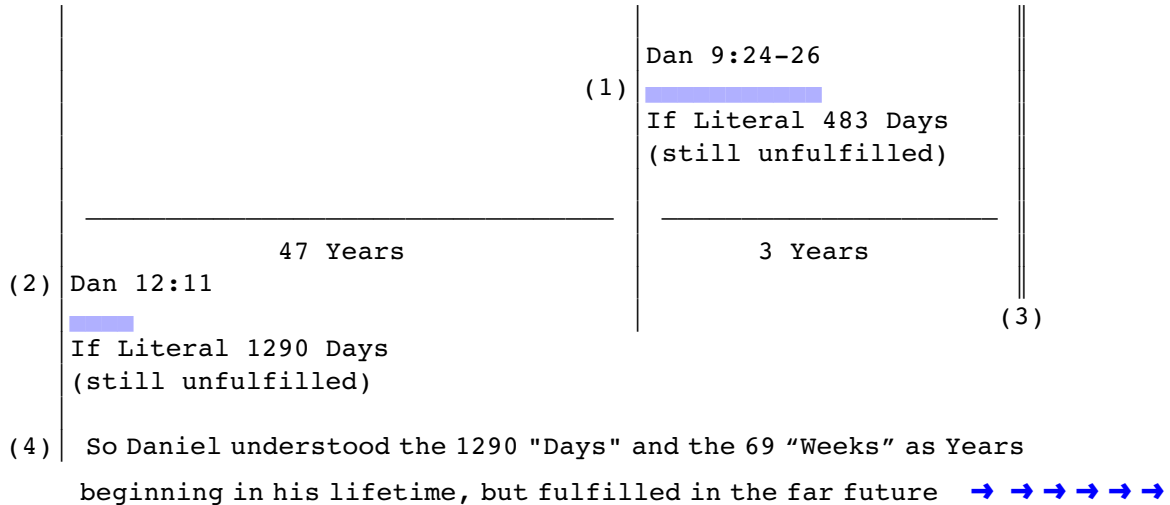
Sacrifices Abolished
583BC



Vision of 70 Sevens
536BC



Vision of 1290 Days
533BC



Isaiah 28:9-10 “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.”

*And that's the way it is!
Understanding Bible prophecy is cumulative,
one concept built upon another until we
dimly see a little of God's wonderful plan
for the Church, the Jewish people,
and the rest of His creation.*



THE TEMPLE WAS WHERE?

Mark 13:1-2 “And as he (*Jesus*) went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here! And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

38 years later, in 70A.D., the Roman General Titus sacked Jerusalem and tore the Temple of Herod down to bedrock, exactly fulfilling Jesus' prophecy.

As a result, the exact location of the Temple was lost until Israeli archeologist, Dr. Asher F. Kaufman, found it again in 1983!

The Threshingfloor of Ornan

1 Chronicles 21:22-26 “Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people. And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give thee the oxen also for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all. And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for **I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.** So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering.”



Threshing grain in Bhutan

2 Chronicles 3:1 “Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the **threshingfloor** of Ornan the Jebusite.”

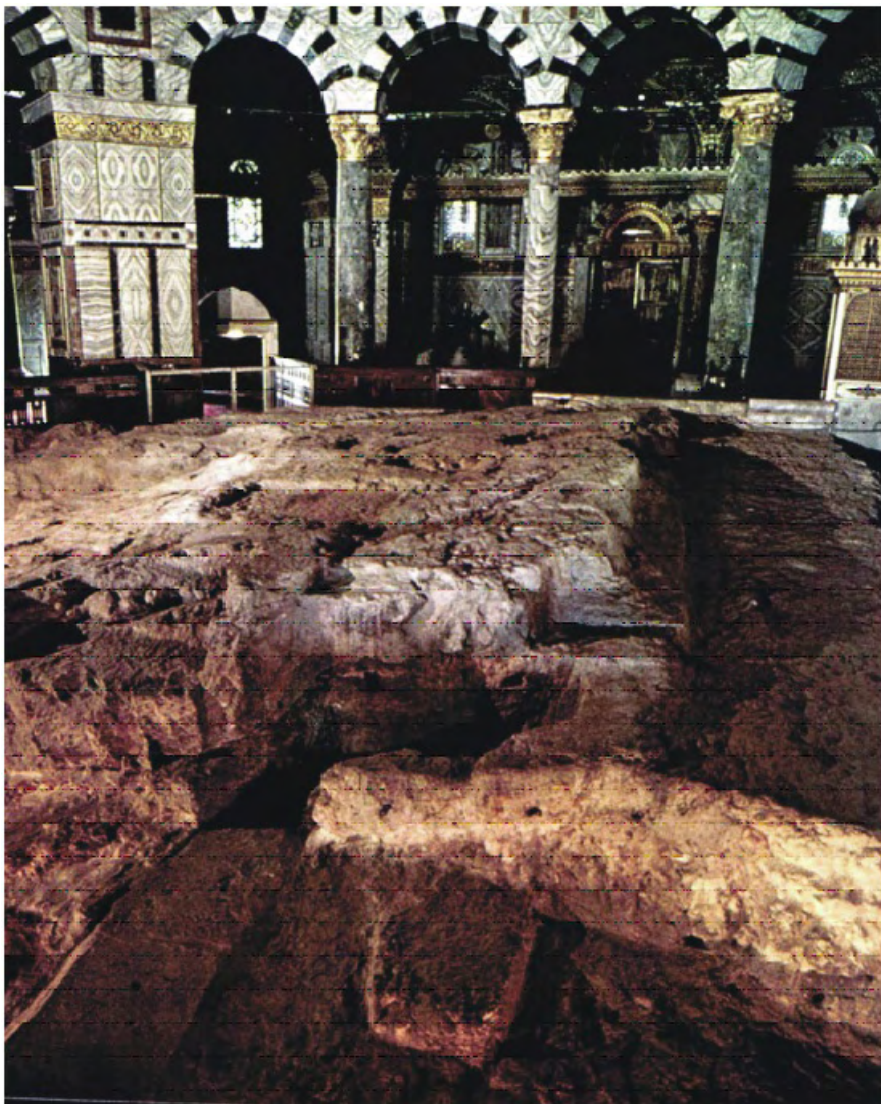
*So the Temple of Solomon was built on
the threshingfloor of Ornan!*



Philippine Threshing Floor



Winnowing Wheat on a Threshingfloor.
"The chaff which the wind driveth away," Psalm 1:4



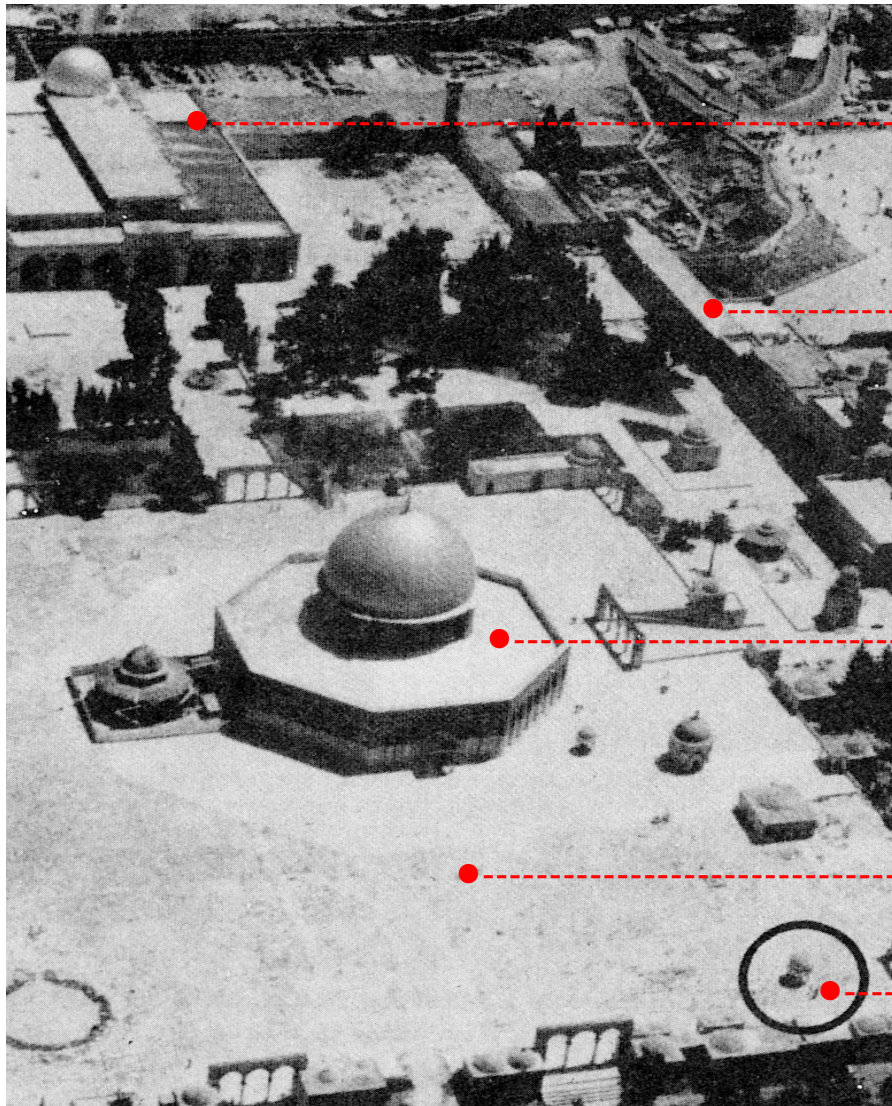
“As Sakrah”, the exposed bedrock under the *Dome of the Rock*.

Would any farmer in his right mind try to thresh or winnow grain on this craggy old stone when there is a perfectly flat rock only 300 feet away?



Present Archeological evidence indicates that the *Temple of Solomon* stood just beyond the Eastern Gate, that the Holy of Holies was located under the little cupola known as the Dome of the Tablets.

(See arrow)



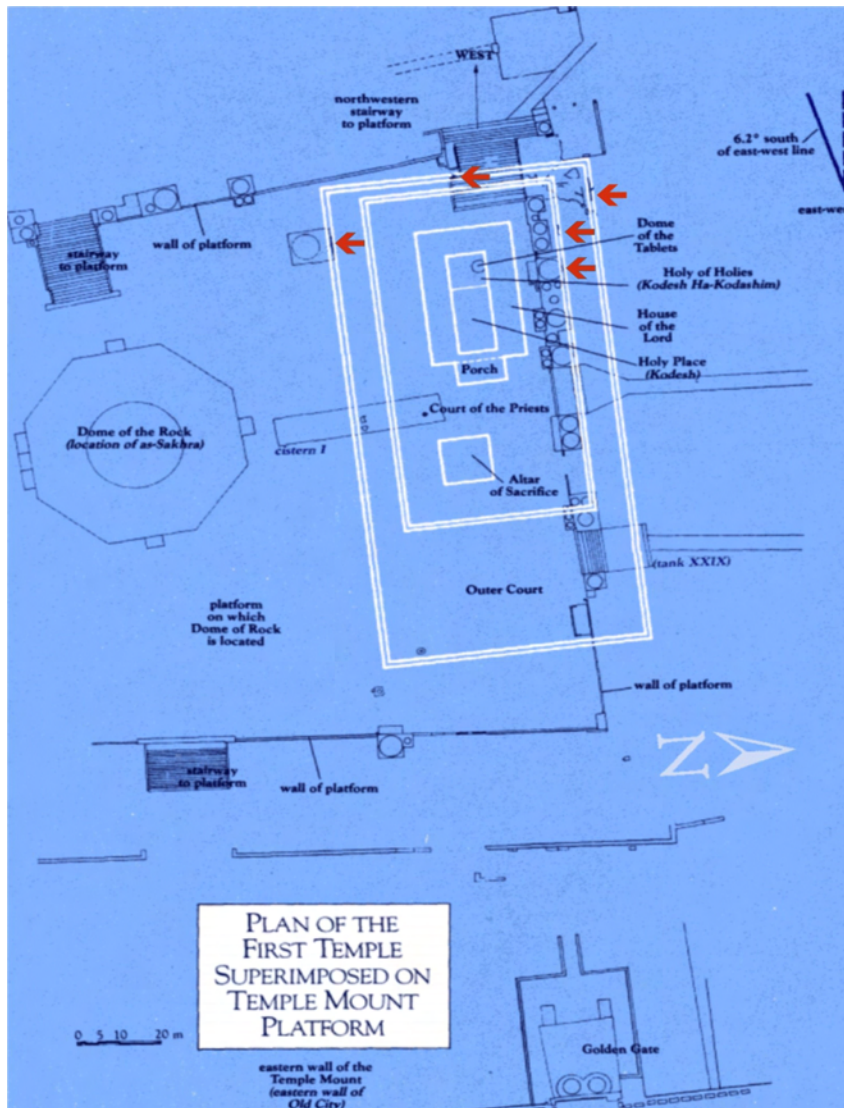
al Aqsa Mosque, 705AD

The Wailing Wall

Dome of the Rock

Court of the Gentiles

Dome of the Tablets



Note the dark areas in the temple walls (*at arrows*). At these locations, Dr. Asher F. Kaufman, an Israeli archeologist, found holes and cuts in the bedrock based on the “sacred cubit.” (The standard cubit is 18 inches. The 21-5/8 inch “sacred cubit” was used only in temple construction). Since the exact temple dimensions are a given in Scripture, Dr. Kaufman was able to accurately determine the location of the Temple of Solomon.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE TEMPLE MOUNT

Seen from the East

Illustration by
Biblical Archeology
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DOM OF THE TABLETS

Viewed from the West

The Holy of Holies was here.

The Ark of the Covenant
rested here.

But the Moslems
guessed wrong and built
The Dome of the Rock
300 feet away, on the
WRONG ROCK!

“Given to the Gentiles”

*The Dome of the Rock
being on the Wrong Rock is a
direct fulfillment of Bible prophecy!*

Revelation 11:2 “But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot **forty and two months.**”

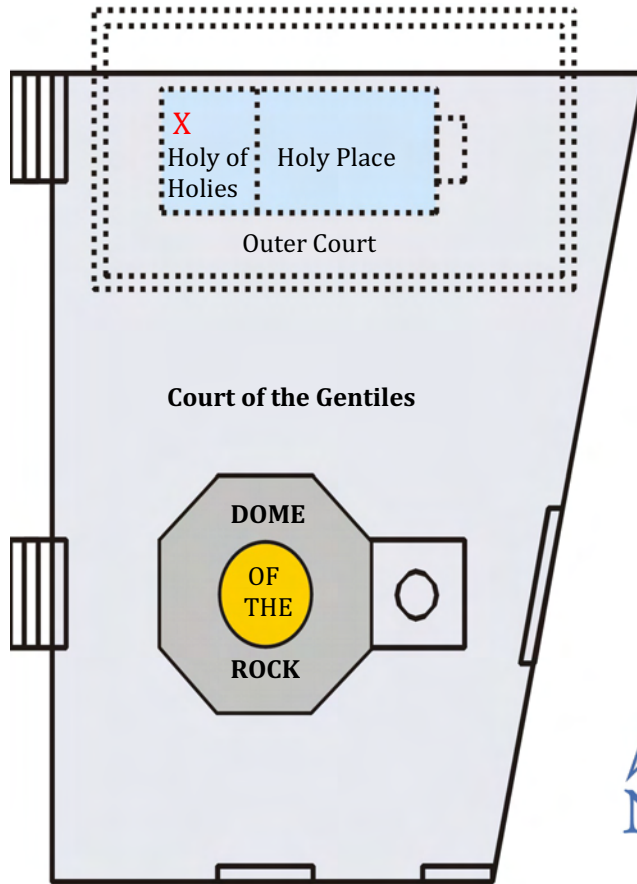
Revelation 11:2 addresses two different events:

- 1: The temple's court will be given over to Gentiles.
- 2: Jerusalem will be under Gentile control for 42 months.
(Gentile control was over on June 6th, 1967)



Dividing 365.24 days by 12
gives us a month of 30.437 days.
 $42 \text{ months} \times 30.437 \text{ days} = 1278.34 \text{ days.}$

“I give you a day for a year,” Ezekiel 4:5-6



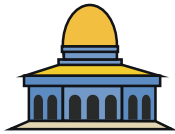
Gate Beautiful

“And Leave out the Court, which is Outside the Temple and measure it not, for it is given unto the Gentiles and they will tread underfoot the Holy City forty and two months.” Rev 11:2.

(X) Location of flat bedrock in the Holy of Holies.

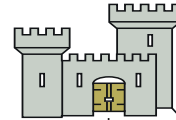
Forty Two Months is 1278.34 Day-Years

Dome of the Rock
Construction 685-705AD



688AD

Jerusalem Freed
June 6, 1967AD



1967AD

42 MONTHS 1278.34 YEARS

Construction of the Dome of the Rock began in 688A.D.

*Jerusalem was freed of Gentile control in 1967!
That was exactly 1278.34 years after the Muslims
began building the Dome of the Rock!*



WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS

Revelation 12:1-6 “And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman (*Israel*) clothed with the **sun**, and the **moon** under her feet, and upon her head a crown of **twelve stars**: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon (*Satan*), having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads (*Satan’s control of world empires*). And his tail drew the third part of the stars (*angels*) of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron (*Jesus*): and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

And the woman (*Israel*) fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**”

Cross-referencing Explains the Passage

1. Woman with 12 stars = Israel, *Gen 37:9-10*
2. Dragon = Satan, *Rev 20:2*
3. Heads & Horns = Kingdoms of this Earth, *Dan 7:1-24*
4. Stars = Fallen messengers or angels, *Rev 1:20*
5. Child = Jesus, *Rev 19:15*
6. Child Caught Up = Ascension in 32-34AD, *Acts 1:9-11*

Revelation 12:6 “And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**”

*We are in the New Testament era so there is
no Hebrew conversion factor.
John used a Solar calendar just like ours.*

New Nation of Israel established 1948 A.D.
-1260 Day-Years

688 A.D.
Dome of the Rock!

The 1260 Days

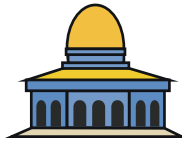
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Ascension of Jesus
32-34AD, Rev.12:5



32-34AD

Dome of the Rock
Constructed 685-705AD



688AD

New Nation Of Israel
May 15, 1948

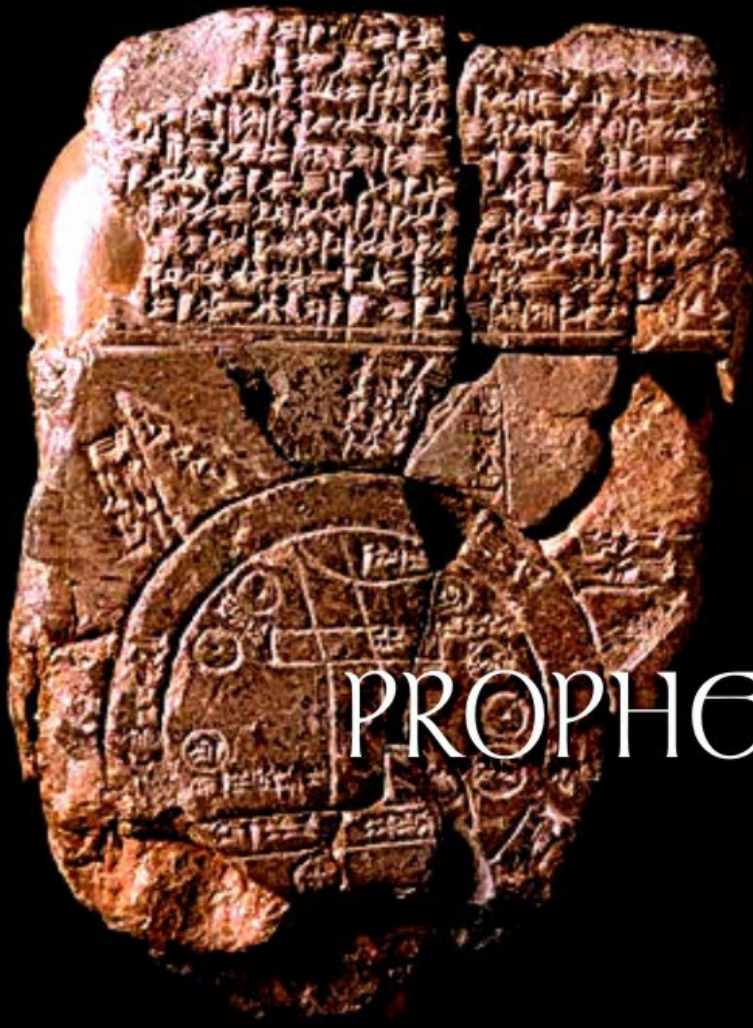


1948AD

PROPHETIC SILENCE**

Revelation 12:6
1260 DAYS (YEARS)

** Prophetic silence here because prior to the Moslems building the Dome of the Rock, both Jews and Gentiles could have worshiped on the old temple site.



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PROPHETIC TIMES

Where Do Prophetic Times Appear?

Daniel 7:25 “And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High...and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.” (*time in Chaldee, עֵיִן, id-dawn, a set time*)

Daniel 12:7 “and it shall be for a time, times, and an half; (*Hebrew, מוֹעֲדִים, mo-aw-daw', a fixed time or season; specifically a festival*) and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.”

Revelation 12:14 “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a **time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent.”

We have seen three prophecies fulfilled to the exact year when prophetic days were understood as years, Ezekiel 4:5-6.

- 1.** The 1290 Days, Hebrew word יום, yom, of Daniel 12:11 are from the abolition of sacrifices in 583 B.C. until 688 A.D. and the construction of the Islamic Dome of the Rock.
- 2.** The 1260 Days of Revelation 12:6 are from 688 A.D. to 1948 A.D. and the new nation of Israel!
- 3.** The 42 months of Revelation 11:2 are from 688 A.D. until Jerusalem is freed from Gentile control in 1967 A.D..

But now we are dealing with “times,” two different words:

עֵינָן, id'-dawn and מוֹעֲדִים, moadah.

Why Different Words?

The Hebrew word for “day” is יום, *yom*

The Chaldee word for “time” is עֵינָן *id'-dawn*,

a Hebrew word for “time” is מוֹעֲדִים, *moadah*.

In Ezekiel 4:5-6, God gave us

a prophetic “day,” a יום *yom*, for a year.

God did **NOT** give us a prophetic “time”,
an עֵינָן *id'-dawn*, or a מוֹעֲדִים, *moadah* for a year.

*Therefore: A prophetic “time” is **not** a year,
but a different duration of time!*

Understanding Idiomatic Language

2Kings 6:10 “And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.”

Job 33:14 “For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.”

Job 40:5 “Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.”

Psalms 62:11 “God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.”

ONCE is one and TWICE is only one more!

$$1 + 1 = 2$$

“Time, Times and a Half” is Idiomatic

Jewish sages comments on Daniel 12:7: in the Tanach state that “three and a half times” is an incorrect rendering of “time, times and half a time.” That the phrase should be understood as “two and a half times,” so . . .

Daniel 7:25 “And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High . . and they shall be given into his hand until a time *(one)* and times *(only one more)* and the dividing of time *(or half a time).*”

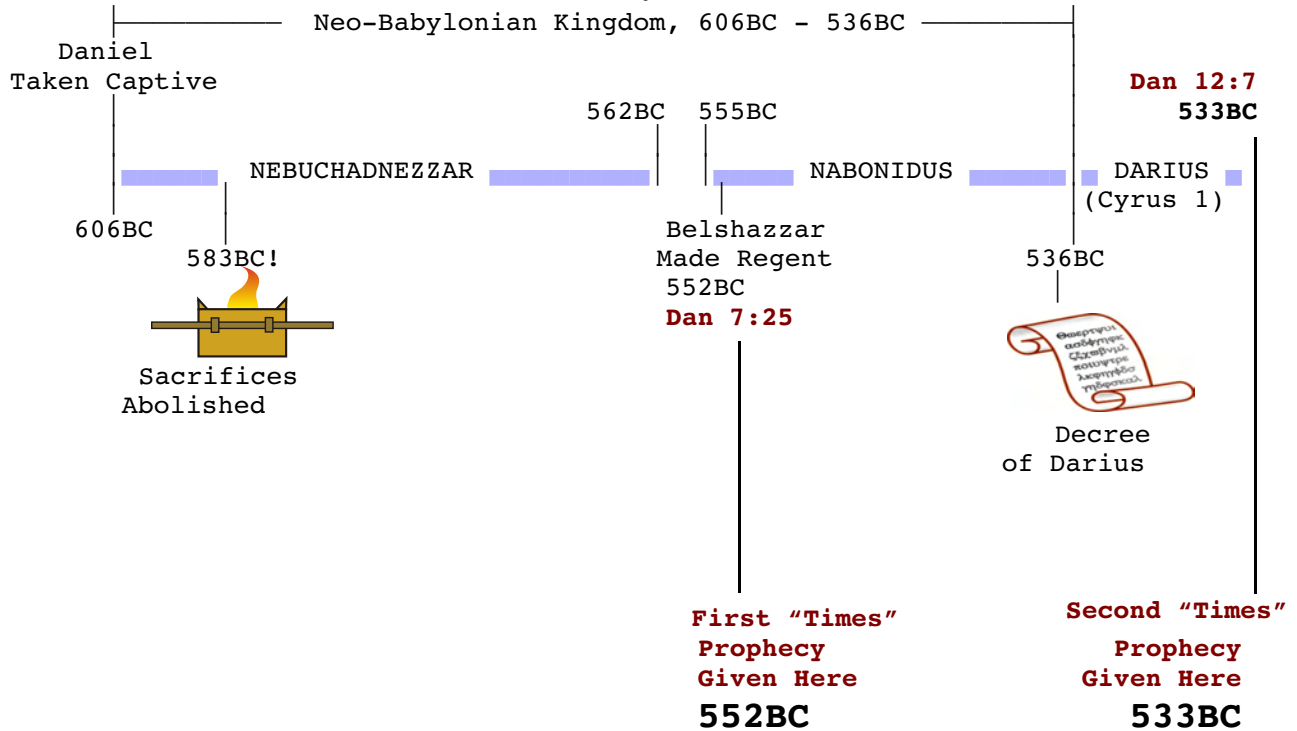
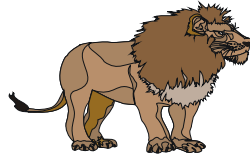
For a total of two and a half “times.”

So When do Prophetic “Times” Begin?

1ST Year of Belshazzar, 552BC: Daniel 7:25 “And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High . . . and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”

3RD Year of Cyrus 533BC: Daniel 12:7 “and it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter (*or shatter, NAS*) the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.”

The “scattering” or “shattering” of the power of the holy people was over on June 6th, 1967. That’s when the Jews again controlled Jerusalem for the first time in 2573 years. As a result, Daniel 12:7 was fulfilled on June 6th, 1967!!!



But How Long is a Time?

Hay-mer`-ah . . . is an ambiguous word!

2 Peter 3:8 “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day (*Greek: ἡμέρα, hay-mer`-ah*) is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”

The Greek word rendered “day” in this verse is *hay-mer`-ah* (ἡμέρα), variously translated: day, year, age, while and “time” depending upon context. The NAS translated *hay-mer`-ah* “time” in 12 different verses: Luke 1:39, 6:12, 23:7, Acts 1:15, 5:36, 6:1, 7:41, 9:37, 11:27, 21:38 and Hebrews 12:10. Since 2Peter 3:8 has nothing in context to indicate a specific rendering, “time” is a plausible translation.

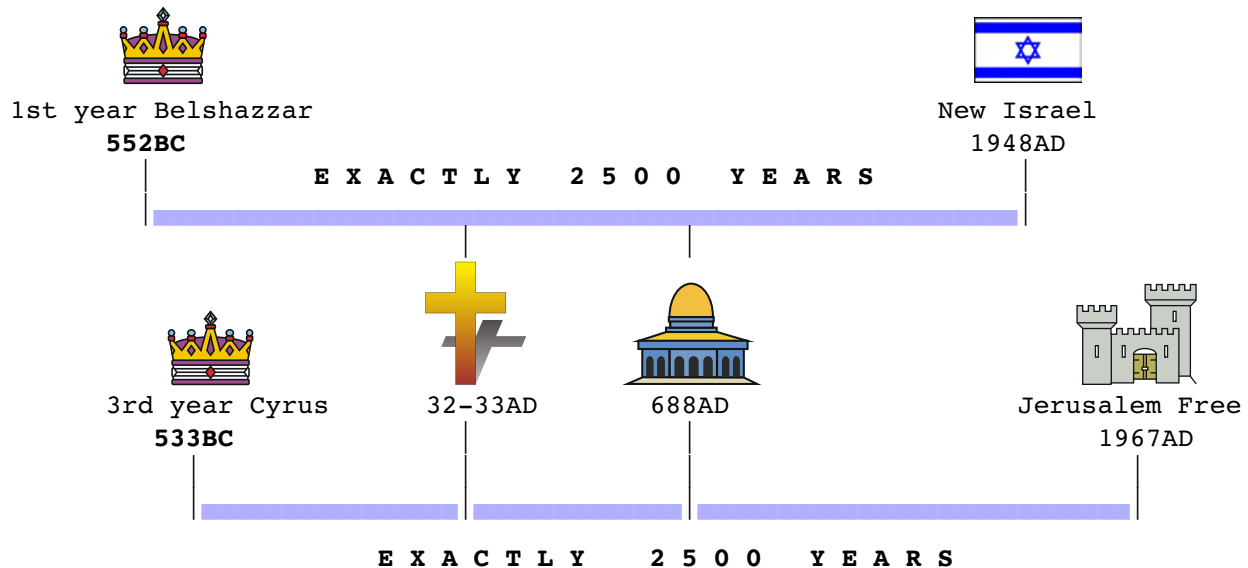
*The principle being:
any length of time is as nothing to the Lord,
a moment, a day, a month, a thousand or even a million years.
Thus a prophetic “time” could be
a 1000 years!*

If Time is 1000 years
and Times is only one more,
plus half a 1000 . . .

Then it's possible that
“time, times and half a time” represents
2500 Years!

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*It is statistically impossible
for prophecies of two specific events
still 2500 years in Daniel's future
to be fulfilled to the exact year
... by accident!*

As a result, we now have a provable doctrine. When a prophetic "time" is understood to be a thousand years, all four prophecies fit history to the year!

“Beware lest any man
spoil you through
philosophy and vain deceit,
after the tradition of men,
after the rudiments of the world,
and not after Christ.”

Colossians 2:8

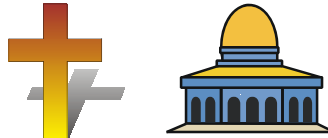
An aerial photograph of Jerusalem's Temple Mount. The image shows the massive stone wall of the Temple Mount Fortress on the right, with a large, multi-story building behind it. In the foreground, the ruins of the Second Temple are visible, including the foundations of the Temple and the Western Wall. The city of Jerusalem is visible in the background, with a large dome on a hill.

SUMMARY

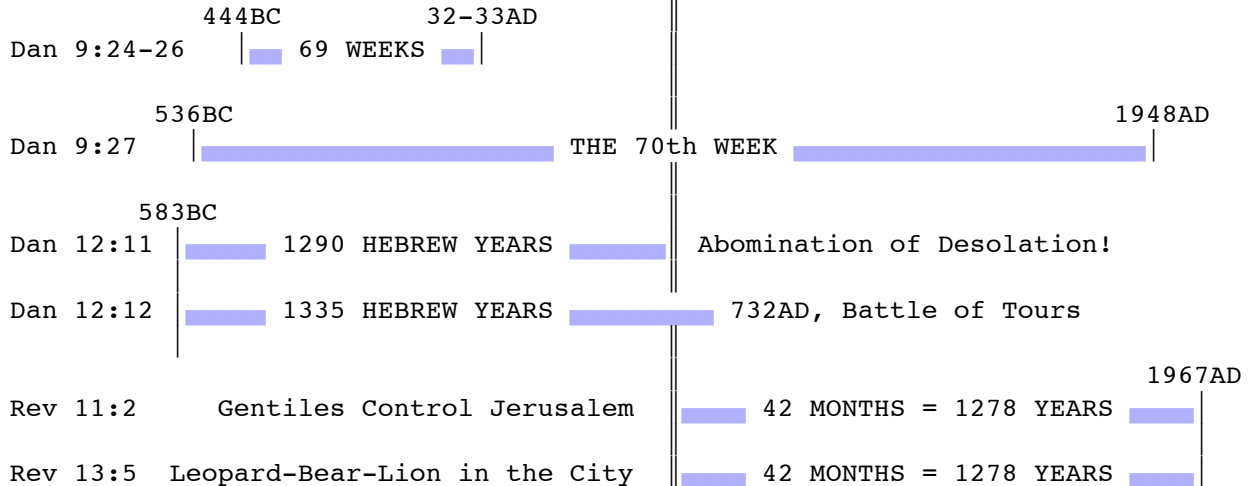
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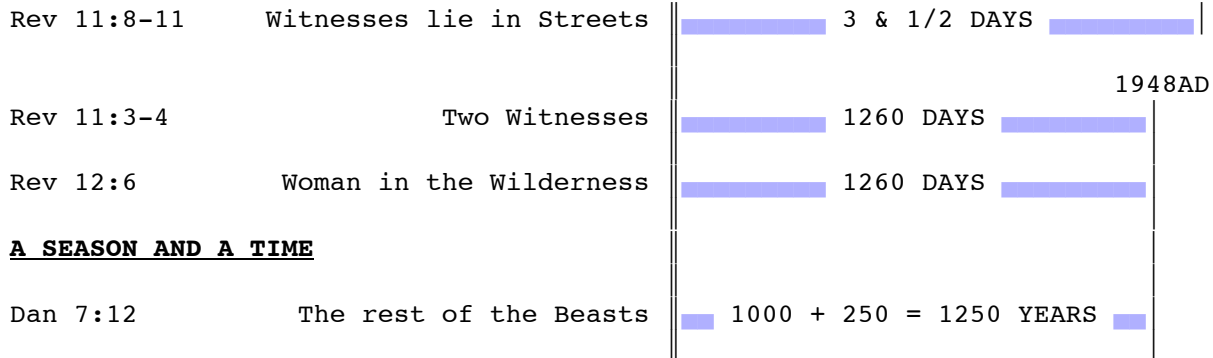
Summary of Prophetic Days & Times

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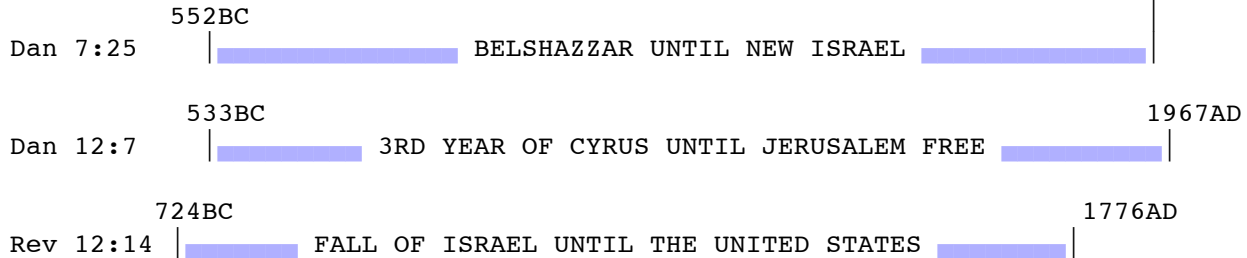


THE DAY YEARS





THE TIME, TIMES, & 1/2 TIMES



A dozen exact fits are too many to discount. This historic data is virtually unassailable.

Miracle of the Day-Years

536BC

Daniel prophesied both ends of the 69 Weeks in **536BC!**

Prophecy Start Date

444BC



32-33AD

69 WEEKS

NOTE: When the Lord gave the vision of the Seventy Weeks to Daniel, the Decree of Artaxerxes of Dan 9:24 was still 92 years in his future. Both ends of the Seventy Weeks were still in Daniel's future. The same is true for the prophetic Day-Years of Revelation.

1290 days prophesied

533BC



John is here, 100AD



688AD

583BC

1290 DAYS of DAN 12:11

Dome of the Rock
Construction

1967AD

Jerusalem Freed, Rev 11:2

42 MONTHS

Witnesses Dead in the City, Rev 11:9

3 & 1/2 DAYS

Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast, Rev 13:5

42 MONTHS

Two Witnesses, Rev 11:3

1260 DAYS

Woman in the Wilderness, Rev 12:6

1260 DAYS

1948AD

NOTE: When John saw these “days,” the Dome of the Rock was still about 573 years in his future and new Israel and a freed Jerusalem were still about 1850 years away.

“Son of man,
What is that proverb that ye have,
saying the days are prolonged,
and every vision faileth?”



“Tell them therefore,
Thus saith the Lord GOD;
I will make this proverb to cease,
and they shall no more use it as a proverb;
but say unto them, The days are at hand,
and the fulfillment of every vision.”

Excerpts from Ezekiel 12:22-23



ישראל

THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Throughout the Christian era, we have been faced with the continuing miracle of the existence of the Jewish people. Dispersed into the nations, they were hounded from country to country, forced into ghettos, suffered genocidal pogroms, inquisitions and the Nazi Holocaust. Nevertheless, Jews survived as a cohesive people and even prospered. Now they have regained their ancient homeland and established a new nation they call Israel. There the spoken language is biblical Hebrew, even the street signs are in Hebrew and the Star of David flies over the ancient walls of Jerusalem.

Absolutely impossible, nonetheless, there they are! And the fulfilled day-year and time-times prophecies are prima facie evidence that the Jewish people continue to be part of God's plan for the Christian era. But why do they still exist? Why don't they accept Yeshua as their Messiah and why aren't they being absorbed into the church?

Fulfilled Prophecies Prove
that the Jews have always been part of God's plan!

- 1.** Time-Times and Day-Year prophecies are about three events. An Islamic abomination that keeps the Temple Mount spiritually desolate unto this day.
- 2.** The restoration of the Nation of Israel to the Holy Land in 1948 A.D..
- 3.** The freeing of Jerusalem in 1967 A.D. from 2573 years of Gentile control.

So after Jesus was crucified, did God forget the “everlasting covenant” He gave to the physical seed of Israel?

The First Century Picture

Jesus sets the stage for the coming Christian era.

Luke 5:30-35 “But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners(*both considered unclean by the Pharisees*)?”

“And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the (*self*) righteous, but sinners to repentance.

“And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers (*observe the Jewish rituals*), and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?”

“And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber (*the soon coming Church*) fast, while the bridegroom (*Jesus*) is with them? But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them (*at the ascension*), and then shall they fast in those days.” (*literal, and now His parable follows*)

Old Wine and New Wineskins

This principle is so important that the parable appears in all three synoptic gospels: Matthew 9, Mark 2 and Luke 5.

It's a short prophecy, in figurative language, about the Jews and the Church during the Christian era,.

Luke 5:36-39 “And he *(Jesus)* spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment *(the New Testament Gospel)* upon an old *(sacrificial worship system)*; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old. And no man putteth new wine *(of the Gospel)* into old bottles *(of Moses' law)*; else the new wine *(of the Gospel)* will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the *(Old Testament)* bottles shall perish. But new wine *(of the Gospel)* must be put into new bottles; and both *(the Jewish people and the Gentile Church)* are preserved.”

So the *New Wine* of the Gospel
is preferable to the *Old Wine* of the
sacrificial worship system.

But how can
the Jewish people be “preserved”
if they don’t recognize Yeshua
as their Messiah?

The Two Witnesses

2Corinthians 13:1 “In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.”

True for the Old Testament, true for the Christian era and God honors His own word. Throughout this era, God has had Two Witnesses to his sovereignty

Revelation 11:3-4 “And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two **olive trees**, and the two **candlesticks** standing before the God of the earth.”

It's Figurative Language, Folks!

Revelation 1:20 “The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels (*messengers*) of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”

*If Seven Candlesticks in Revelation 1
are seven churches,
then Two Candlesticks
in Revelation 11 are two churches!*

The Two Olive Trees

Romans 11:24-25 “For if thou (*Gentile believers*) wert cut out of the **olive tree which is wild** by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a **good olive tree** (*the Jewish people*): how much more shall these natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

And there are the two Olive Trees of Revelation 11: 3-4!

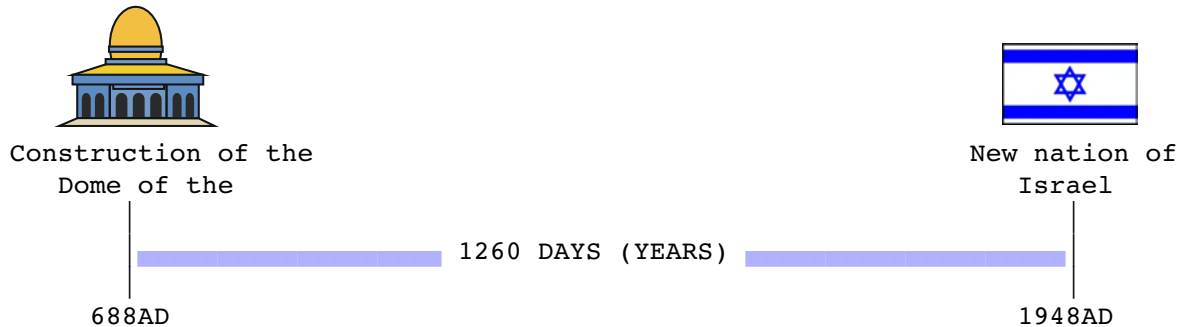
“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to **Israel** (*the Jewish people*), until the fulness of the **Gentiles** be come in.” (*i.e., when all Gentiles destined for salvation have come to the Lord*)

The cultivated olive tree is the Jewish people;
The wild olive tree is the Gentile believers;
and thus the Two Witnesses
during the Christian Era are ...

The Jewish People
AND
The Gentile Church!

“They Shall Prophecy 1260 Days!”

1. Two Witnesses witness in the Gentile world for 1260 days
2. Identified by the Bible as two candlesticks and two olive trees.
3. Rev.1:20 identifies candlesticks as churches!
4. Rom.11:24-25 identifies olive trees as Jew and Gentile believers.



NOTE: The 1260 days started AFTER 688AD. Why? Because prior to the construction of the Islamic *Dome of the Rock*, both Jews and Gentiles could freely worship on the Temple Mount. In fact, Jerusalem was the home of the great Coptic Church. Only after the Islamic Jihad of the 7th Century were Christians and Jews prevented from worshiping on the site.

So is One of God's Two Witnesses Lost?

The following passage is to the physical Jews of Jeremiah's day and about their physical descendants. It is not to or about the Gentile Church that has been grafted in.

Jeremiah 31:35-37 "Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

"Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD."

God's Covenant with Physical Israel

Leviticus 26:33-45 (*excerpts*) “I will scatter you (*Isrealites*) among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you . . . and they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands . . . And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God . . . But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.”

*So salvation for the physical seed of Israel
does not depend on their sanctification,
but on the covenant-keeping faithfulness of God.*

Romans 11:8 “According as it is written, God hath given them *(the Jewish People)* the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see *(the Gospel)*, and ears that they should not hear; unto this day.”

*So the question is this:
Would God be just if He sends a people to Hell
after He sovereignly blinded them to the Gospel?*

Not according to this verse!

Romans 4:15 “For where no law is,
there is no transgression.”

Verses Many Churches Refuse to Believe

Romans 11:11 “I say then, Have they (*the Jewish people*) stumbled that they should fall (*i.e., lose their salvation*)? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.”

Romans 11:28-29 “As concerning the gospel, they (*the Jewish people*) are enemies (*of the Gospel*) for your sakes: but as touching the election (*Greek: ἐκλογήν, eklogē, by definition: divine choice*), they are beloved for the fathers’ sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance (*In Greek: ἀμεταμέλητος, ametameletos, which by definition is: irrevocable or never repented of*).”

The Born Again Principle

Before Jesus went to the Cross, He said the following to Nicodemus . . .

John 3:3-10 (excerpts) “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. **Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?**”

*Since Jesus expected Nicodemus to understand
the born again principle before the Cross,
Old Testament believers could be born again
before the Cross!*

*So did those Old Testament Jews
spread throughout the whole world
(some of whom never even heard of Jesus)
become un-born again
immediately after the Cross?*

Ridiculous! Salvation has never been based on updating one's doctrine, but on a "humble and contrite heart " and faith in God: Samuel 16:7, Psalm 24:3-6, 51:17, Isaiah 57:15, 66:2, Micah 6:8, Romans 4:15, 11:8, 11:11, 11:28-29, Hebrews 11:4-38, all declare it to be true.

Point being: If a blinded Jew can be saved for one micro-second into the Christian era without recognizing Jesus as his Messiah, then a Jew **in that same spiritual condition** can be born again right now without recognizing Jesus as his Messiah.

*Salvation has never depended on doctrinal knowledge,
it has always depended on heart condition!*

Declaration of the Jews at the Pavement

Matthew 27:24-25 “When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed His hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, **‘His blood be on us, and on our children!’**”

Above is one of the most beautiful verses in the whole Bible. The Jews may have thought they were uttering a curse, but did the Lord see it that way?

“For by thy words thou shalt be justified.”

Matthew 12:37

We are saved today because Jesus' blood is upon us, isn't that also true for the Jews?

The Dry Bones of Ezekiel are New Israel in 1948

Ezekiel 37:4-6, 12 “Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, *(these bones are a figurative picture of the children of Israel, so the passage is figurative)* and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, **I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves,** and bring you into the land of Israel.”

Ezekiel 37 was fulfilled in 1948.

The Parallel Prophecy in Daniel 12

Daniel 12:1-2 “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble (*Nazi death camps of Jeremiah 30:1-6*), such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. **And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth** (*i.e., the dry bones*) **shall awake**, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (*Romans 2:28-29*).”

So Daniel 12: 1-2 were also fulfilled in 1948.

Melchizedek

מֶלְכִּי־צֶדֶק

“Without father, without mother, without descent,
having neither beginning of days, nor end of life;
but made like unto the Son of God;
abideth a priest continually.”

Abraham Meets Melchizedek

Most conservative theologians agree that Melchizedek is a theophany, an Old Testament appearance of the Lord Jesus before He was born of the virgin Mary.

Hebrews 7:1-3 “For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.”

Abraham Eats with Melchizedek

Genesis 14:18-20 “And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he (*Abram*) gave him (*Melchizedek*) tithes of all.”

*So how important could it be
that Melchizedek
served bread and wine to Abram?*

Abraham Tithes for Israel

Hebrews 7:9-10 “And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.”

- 1. Levi received tithes from all Israel.*
- 2. Levi paid tithes to Melchizedek through Abraham.*
- 3. Therefore: through Abraham, Levi paid tithes to Melchizedek for all future Israel.*

For just as all future Israel
gave tithes through Abram,
in like manner, Melchizedek
had communion with
all future Israel!

Romans 11:33-36 “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.”

A Few Scriptures on Israel

Gen 17:7 speaks of an unconditional everlasting covenant with the seed of Abraham.

Lev 26:44-45 Shows Israel's restoration would not be conditional.

Isa 11:11 speaks of a second restoration of the Jews.

Isa 26:20-27:1 speaks of a final hiding of the children of Israel followed by Satan's complete judgment.

Isa 27:12-13 in context with the above, speaks of a final regathering of Israel.

Jer 30:4-8 speaks of the time of Jacob's trouble and future restoration.

Jer 30:18-24 states that a restoration for the tents of Jacob will take place in the latter days.

Jer 31:35-37 speaks of the permanent nation of Israel.

Jer 33:24-26 is a definitive unconditional covenant with Jacob's descendants.

Eze 16:60-63 speaks of an unconditional everlasting covenant with the Jews.

Eze 37:1-28 speaks of an unconditional restoration of Israel, followed by a major conflict in Eze 38-39.

Hos 11:9-10 speaks of a restoration of Israel from the West.

Joe 3:1-3 predicts the restoration of Judah, followed by war.

Amo 9:11-15 speaks of Israel restored to the land.

Zec 8:7-8 speaks of a post-exilic unconditional restoration of the Jews to Jerusalem and to the land.

Zec 10 & 12 contain more prophecies of a future restoration of the Jews.

Zec 14 speaks of final battle with the Jews in Jerusalem.

Luk 21:24 speaks of a dispersion, the time of the Gentiles, and a restoration following.

Rom 11:11 states that the Jews have not fallen.

Rom 11:17 states that only SOME of the branches were broken off.

Rom 11:17 further states that the church was grafted in AMONG the Jews.

Rom 11:28 states that the gospel age Jews are still elect.

Rom 11:29 states that God's calling of the Jews is irrevocable.

Rev 7:4-9 speaks of the 12 tribes of Israel during the Christian Era.

Rev 12:1-6 speaks of Israel during the Christian Era.

Rev 15:3 there are two songs, one for the Jewish people, one for the Gentile Church.

*If the Jews cannot trust the promises God gave them,
then the Church has no basis for trusting
the promises God Gave us!*

Jeremiah's Picture of Jewish Restoration

THE NEW NATION OF ISRAEL IN 1948

Jeremiah 30:3 “For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall **possess** it.”

The Jews were restored to the land in 536 B.C., but the land remained under some form of Gentile control. Israel did not really “possess” the land as a sovereign nation until 1948 A.D.

THE HOLOCAUST

Jeremiah 30:4-8 “And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? **wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins**, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble.”

*Haven't we seen pictures of Jewish men
staggering blindly into the Nazi gas chambers,
while covering their nakedness with their hands?*

Jeremiah 30:4-8 continued . . .

“but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his *(Satan’s)* yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more **serve themselves** of him.”
(Hebrew: עֲבָד, aw-bad’, by definition: enslave or keep in bondage)

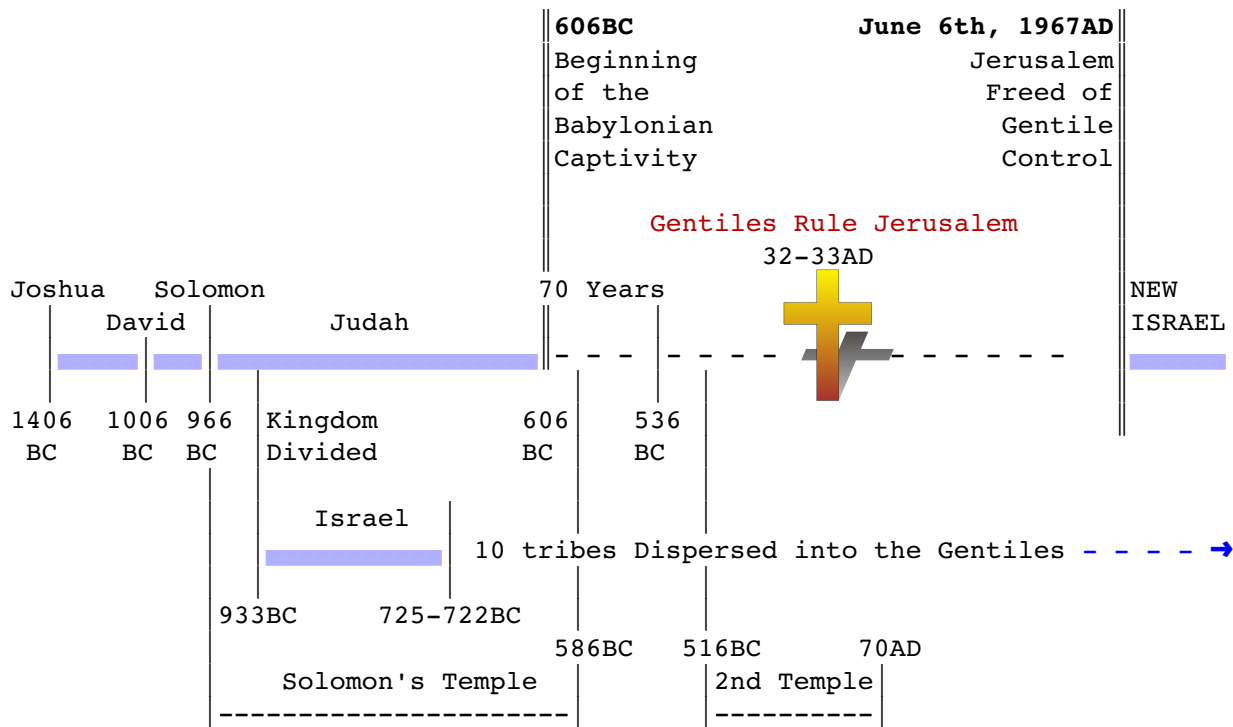
THE COMING MESSIAH

Jeremiah 30:9 “But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.” *(at the Return of Jesus)*

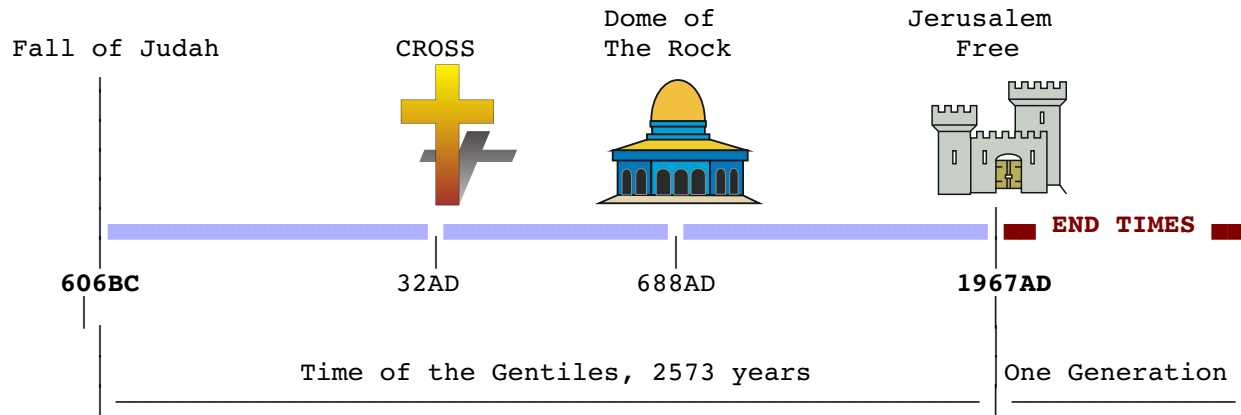
JESUS FORETELLS THE END OF GENTILES CONTROL OF JERUSALEM

Luke 21:24 “And they *(the Jews)* shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, **until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**” *(June 6, 1967)*

The Time of the Gentiles?



A Closer Look at Luke 21:24



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Gentile dominion of Jerusalem ended on June 6, 1967!



THE FIG TREE

Israel is the Fig Tree

Hosea 9:10 “I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the **fig tree** at her first time.”

So the children of Israel are figuratively a fig tree.

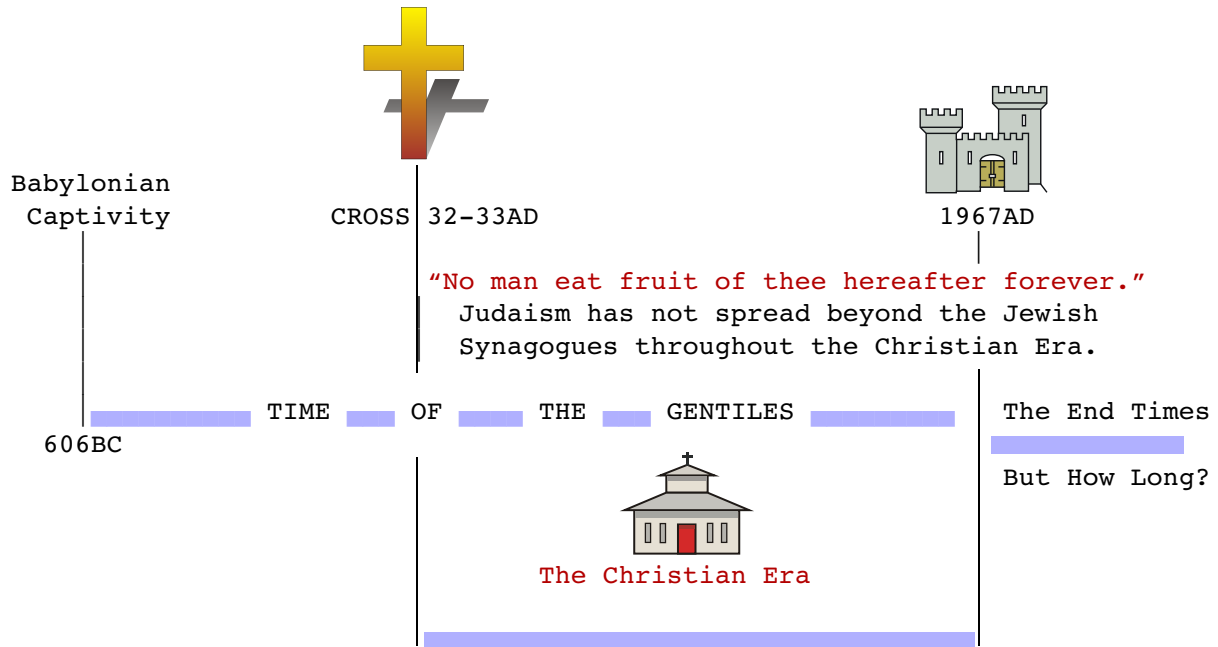
Also see Jeremiah 24:1-7

Jesus at a Fig Tree

Mark 11:13-14 “And seeing a **fig tree** afar off having leaves, he *(Jesus)* came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves. And Jesus answered and said unto it, ‘No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever.’ And his disciples heard it.”

Mark 11:20-22 “And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the **fig tree** dried up from the roots. And Peter . . . saith unto him, ‘Master, behold, the **fig tree** which thou cursedst is withered away.’ And Jesus answering saith unto them, ‘Have faith in God.’”

The Fig Tree during the Christian Era



Parable of the Fig Tree

Matthew 24:32-33 “Now learn a parable of the **fig tree**; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves *(not spiritual fruit)*, ye know that summer *is* nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.”

Luke 21:31-32 “So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation *(of the fig tree putting forth leaves, i.e., the new nation of Israel being established in 1948)* shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.”

New Israel is the Fig Tree Generation

Luke 21:29-33 “And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree (*Israel*), and all the trees (*the surrounding nations*); When they now shoot forth (*leaves not spiritual fruit*), ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation (*of the people who were alive and helped Israel become a nation in 1948*) shall not pass away (*shall still be alive*), till all be fulfilled (*at the return of Jesus*). Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.”

Jesus Warns Today's Church!

Luke 21:34-36 “And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”



THE

GREAT EAGLE

Figurative Language Is Now Understandable

Revelation 12:1-6 “And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman (*Israel*) clothed with the sun (*the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, Mal 4:2*), and the moon (*the church*) under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars (*the 12 tribes of Israel*): And she being with child (*Jesus*) cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon (*Satan! the “Scarlet Beast” of Rev 17:3 is another figurative picture of him*), having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. (*world empires*) And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven (*fallen angelic messengers, Rev 1:20*) , and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child (*Jesus*), who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne (*Jesus ascends into heaven, 32-34 A.D.*) . . .

Revelation 12:1-6 continued . . .

And the woman (*all Israel*) fled into the wilderness (*of the Gentile nations, Ezekiel 20:15*), where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days” (*1260 years, from the construction of the Dome of the Rock in 688 A.D. until the new Israel in 1948*).

*Revelation is a book of repeats. 12:6 was fulfilled in 1948
now we go back to the time of the Cross!”*

Revelation 12:7-13 “And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; **neither was their place found any more in heaven.** And the great dragon was cast out (*of heaven, Luke 10:18, John 12:31*), that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (*So after Jesus was glorified, Satan no longer had access to the presence of God the Father or permission to accuse the saints to Him.*)

The Christian Era

Luke 10:18 “And he *(Jesus)* said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

John 12:31 “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out *(of Heaven)*.”

Satan can no longer enter Heaven to accuse the brethren.

Revelation 5:6 “And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne *(between God the Father and the saints)* stood a Lamb as it had been slain . . . and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb.”

After the Cross, the Lord Jesus stands between us and the throne of God the Father.

Revelation 12:7-13 continued . . .

“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:”

*The Bible states that the kingdom
of Jesus exists right now!*

1Peter 2:9 “But ye are *(the verb is present tense)* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation:”

Revelation 1:6 “And hath made *(the verb is past tense)* us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

Revelation 5:10 “And hast made *(the verb is again past tense)* us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 12:7-13 continued . . .

“for the accuser of our brethren is cast down (*John 12:31*), which accused them before our God day and night And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death (*John Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*). Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath because he knoweth that he hath but a short time (*the Christian era*). And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.” (*Faithful Jews have been persecuted throughout this era*).”

Revelation 12:14-17 “And to the woman (*Israel*) were given two wings of a great eagle (*Jesus is the eagle*), that she might fly into the wilderness (*of the Gentile nations, Ezekiel 20:15*), into her place, where she is nourished for **a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent (*Satan*)

Revelation 12:14-17 continued . . .

“And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood (*of people, Revelation 17:15*) after the woman (*Israel*), that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth (*the physical and spiritual seed of Abraham were geographically separated from Satan’s servants by immigrating to the Western Hemisphere*). And the dragon was wroth with the woman (*Israel*), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, (*both spiritual and physical*) which keep the commandments of God (*Jews during the Christian era*), and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (*New Testament Church*).

*The countless saints (both Jew and Gentile)
who were burned at the stake during the Middle Ages,
weren’t martyred for keeping their mouths shut.*

Jesus Made Us the Spiritual Kings and Priests *of this Christian Era!*

Mat 16:19 “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

*When the Coptic church in the Middle East fell into idolatry,
Islam appeared!*

Mat 16:19 “whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

*Only 3% of Europeans still cling to the faith so now
60,000,000 Muslims are in Europe!*

Mat 16:19 “whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

*Only an estimated 5% of Americans are truly born again
so nine million Muslims are in America right now!*

*The Church forgot to bind the enemy
through the Gospel and prayer so Islam is our fault!*

Time, Times & Ephraim

The ten northern tribes are: Reuben, Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Ephraim, and Manasseh. Levi was not counted among the tribes because the Lord separated that tribe out as His tithe, to be His priests. (*Levi is counted in Revelation, and Dan is left out*).

During the 200 years of its existence, the northern kingdom grew to have a strong economy and powerful army, but it never became a multitude of nations. So what happened to them?

Genesis 48:19 “. . . (*Manassah*) shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but . . . (*Ephraim*) shall be greater than he, and **his seed shall become a multitude of nations.**”

Hosea 1:10 “Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea . . . in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.”

Historic Position of Daniel & Hosea

Daniel prophesied to the southern kingdom of Judah. His ministry began at the start of the Babylonian captivity, 606-536BC.

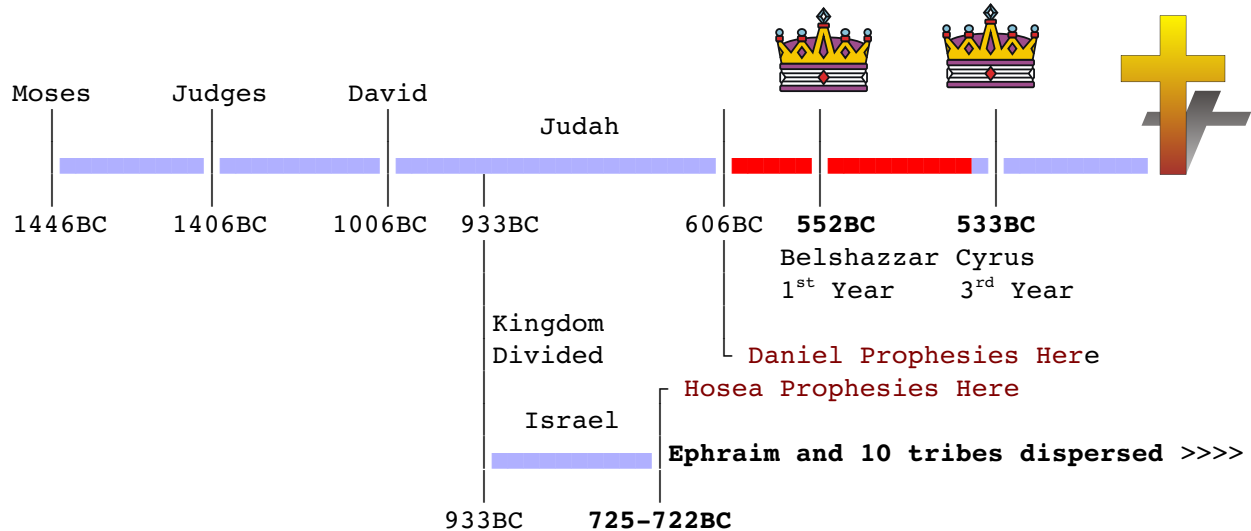
Why? To tell the Jewish people what their future would be while Gentiles ruled the Holy Land.

Hosea, the prophet to Israel, prophesied just before the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel, 725-722BC.

Why? To tell the ten tribes of Israel what their future would be after they were dispersed into the Caucasus Mountain region, and later into the kingdom of the Khazars.

Graph of Divided Israel

In 933 B.C., Jeroboam rebels against Solomon's son, Rehoboam. This divides Israel into two separate countries: Israel in the North with 10 tribes, and Judah with Benjamin in the South.



Connecting The Dots

1. The 10 tribes of Israel were taken captive by Shalmaneser the Assyrian in 725-722 B. C. and dispersed into the Caucasus Mountains region.

Deuteronomy 4:27 *“And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you.”*

Amos 9:8-9 *“Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom (Israel), and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD. For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations (so the ten tribes were dispersed among the Gentiles), like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.” (But none of them will be lost)*

2. Just analyzed documents from the former USSR indicates that in the following centuries, a large unidentified body of light-skinned blue-eyed people migrated from South of the Caucasus into Kingdom of Khazaria.



3. During the Islamic expansion of the 8th century, a Moslem army under Abdel Rahman tried to invade Europe through a pass in the Caucasus, but Khazarian armies defeated him. Were it not for the bulwark of Khazaria, Christian Europe could have fallen to Islam from the East.
4. Not wanting religious wars to divide his country, the King of the Khazars ordered three missionaries to appear before his court: a Christian monk, a Jewish priest and a Moslem Imam.
5. After carefully listening to the arguments of each, the King of the Khazars chose Judaism to be the state religion!
6. Later, the people in Khazaria clinging to Judaism emigrated to Europe, where they became known as **Ashkenazi Jews**.

Leviticus 26:33 *“And I will . . . draw out a sword after you.”*

7. Then came Hitler and the Holocaust, in which the Nazis in their death camps like Auschwitz-Birkenau, Buchenwald, Treblinka, and in over 1000 ghettos, tried but failed to exterminate the Ashkenazi Jews.

Deuteronomy 4:30-31 *“When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, **even in the latter days**, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.”*

8. After the Holocaust, what was left of the Ashkenazi Jews fled Europe and immigrated to the holy land.

Jeremiah 29:14 *“And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; **and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.**”*

9. In 1948 A.D., the sovereign nation of new Israel was established by what were primarily Ashkenazi Jews. Then in 1967, by those same ten “lost” tribes, Jerusalem was finally freed of Gentile domination for the first time in 2573 years!

God does not forget His promises!

But What About the Tribe of Ephraim?

Hosea 2:16 “And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi (*Hebrew: איש, husband*); and shalt call me no more Baali (*Hebrew: בעלי, master*).”

Hosea 7:8 “Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned.”

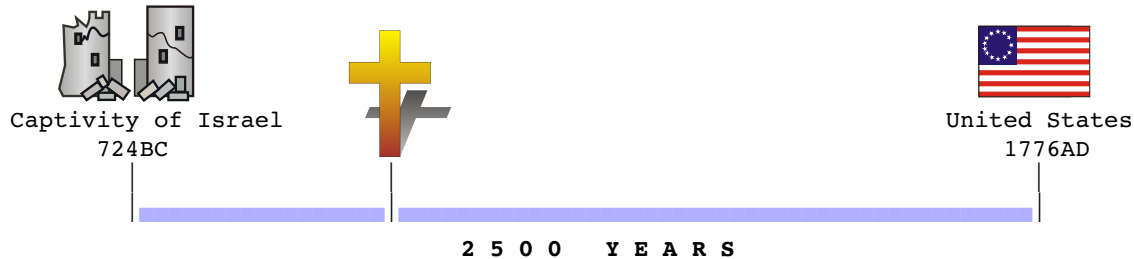
Hosea 8:8 “Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles . . .”

Hosea 11:10 They [*Ephraim*] shall walk after the LORD . . . then the children shall tremble from the West.

Still 2500 Years?

Revelation 12:14 “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness *(of the Gentile nations)*, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”

From Daniel’s “time” prophecies, we already know “time, times and half a time” to be 2500 years, but this prophecy is in the New Testament so this is about the dispersed tribes of Israel during the Christian era!



Daniel is an O.T. prophet. He was to the Jews and to the nations that would control the Holy Land during the “time of the Gentiles.” Revelation is primarily to the church, it was penned by the Apostle John, the prophet to the Church.

But from context, Rev 12:14 is about the dispersed tribes of Israel during the Christian Era (Rev 7:1-9, 14:1-5). The language of Rev 12:14, "might fly into the wilderness," pins us to the major deportation of the Northern Kingdom rather than the fall of Samaria 722BC. That major deportation took place in 724BC, two years before the city fell.

Additional verses for Study: *Hos 1:10-11; Hos 2:14-16, Hos 2:19-20, Hos 2:23; Hos 3:5; Hos 7:8, Hos 9:13-17, Hos 11:8-10*

A scenic landscape of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a calm lake reflects the surrounding mountains and sky. The mountains are rugged, with some snow patches and green vegetation on the lower slopes. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text 'BIFIDS' and 'CHIASMS' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a white, serif font.

BIFIDS CHIASMS

The Mirrors of Scripture

Webster's Dictionary says:

Bifid: An object or document
separated into two equal
or almost equal parts or lobes.

Why the concept is important.

**Major prophecies in the Bible
are Bifidic.**

*Bifidic books are **repetitive in nature**. Isaiah is not 14 different subjects, but seven subjects repeated.*

BIFID IN ISAIAH **

1ST HALF CHAPTERS -----	CONTENTS -----	2ND HALF CHAPTERS -----
1-5	Ruin and Restoration	34-35
6-8	Biographical Information	36-40
9-12	Blessings and Judgments	41-45
13-23	About Gentile Nations	46-48
24-27	Redemption and Deliverance	49-55
28-31	Ethics and Sermons	56-59
32-33	Restoration of Israel	60-66

If Daniel & Revelation are bifidic, then they contain different prophecies that are fulfilled at the same time!

** Packer Tenny White's Bible Dictionary

PROVING DANIEL'S BIFID

Daniel's prophecies were written in two languages.

Daniel 2:4 “Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in **Syriack**,
‘O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream’”

*Daniel 2:4 through 7:28 was written in Chaldee,
the court language of the Babylonians.*

*Daniel 8 through 12 were written in Hebrew,
the language of the Jews.*

Why?

*Daniel is in two languages
because it has two audiences.*

Chaldee
Chapters 2-7

In a Gentile language because those chapters are to and about the Gentile empires *and their descendants* who would rule in Holy Land during "*The time of the Gentiles.*"

Hebrew
Chapters 8-12

Daniel 8-12 are in Hebrew because they are to and about the future of God's chosen people during the time their land was under Gentile control during "*The time of the Gentiles.*"

*Both Daniel 2-7 and 8-12 are about a time of Gentile rule
of the Holy Land so Daniel is bifidic and **repetitive!***

Luke 21:24 "And they (*the Jews*) shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

And the time of the Gentiles was over on June 6, 1967.

So When Are We Prophetically?

The time of Gentile control
of Jerusalem ended on June 6th, 1967 so
“The time of the Gentiles” is over!

Daniel 12:4 “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to **the time of the end**: many shall run to and fro (*through the book*), and knowledge shall be increased.”

*The only epochal “time” in Scripture following
“The Time of the Gentiles”
is Daniel’s “Time of the End,” so right now,
we must be in the time of the end!*

*But there's another Hebrew poetic form employed
in the prophetic books.*

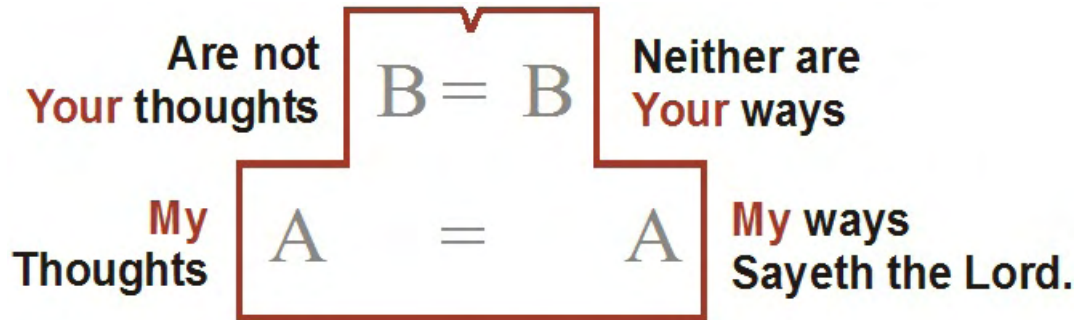
THE CHIASM

The chiasm is a poetic stepladder
and the chiasm is *repetitive* in nature!

The concepts in the ascending
two or three steps
are repeated in the descending
two or three steps.

A TWO-STEP CHIASM in the Old Testament

Isaiah 55:8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.”



THREE-STEP CHIASMS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 5:3-5

A Who had his dwelling **among the tombs**;
B and no man could **bind him**,
C no, not **with chains**:
C he had been bound **with chains**,
B neither could any man **tame him**.
A And always he was **in the tombs...**

Acts 17:24-25

A God that made the world **and all things** therein,
B **He is Lord** of heaven and earth,
C Dwelleth not in temples made **with hands**;
C Neither is worshipped **with men's hands**,
B **He giveth** to all life, and breath,
A **And all things**.

*Chiasms are repetitive in nature!
If Daniel and Revelation are chiasmic,
both books will contain prophecies that are parallel,
fulfilled at the **SAME** time!*

Daniel Sealed Until the End of the Christian Era

Daniel 12:4 “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, *(through the book)* and knowledge shall be increased.”

The above is a command, so Daniel has to do something to seal the book, which he does by verse 9.

Daniel 12:9 “And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”

By sovereign decree, the book of Daniel was sealed until after “The time of the Gentiles” was over!

But Daniel couldn't modify what the Lord had inspired him to write, so what could Daniel do between verses 4 and 9 to seal the book?

Daniel's Chronology is the Key

(605BC) Daniel 2:1 “In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams.” (*Conservative dating, liberal scholars claim 604BC*)

(592BC) Daniel 3:1 “Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold.” (*No direct archeological evidence (GAD)*)

(558BC) Daniel 4:1-37 Nebuchadnezzar goes insane. (*We have some archeological evidence that supports this event*)

(536BC) Daniel 5:30-31 “In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom.” (*Fall of the Babylonian Empire, conservative date, liberal scholars claim 539*)

(535BC) Daniel 6:1 “It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom.”

God inspired Daniel
to scramble his book.

Daniel's Visions
ARE OUT OF
Chronological Order!

Out of Chronological Order, but Why?

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Ch. 8 (549BC) Daniel 8:1 “In the third year of the reign of king **Belshazzar** a vision appeared unto me.”

Ch. 9 (536BC) Daniel 9:1 “In the first year of **Darius** the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans.”

If Daniel's prophecies had not been rearrange out of order, his chiasms would not have existed and recognizing the book as chiasmic is key to understanding it!

DANIEL'S FIRST CHIASM!

In Chaldee so it is to the Gentiles

	PROPHECY	SUBJECT
A	ch.2 The Great Image	4 Gentile Empires
B	ch.3 The Fiery Furnace	God's People in Tribulation
C	ch.4 Nebuchadnezzar Insane	Gentile Rulers Judged
C	*ch.5 Belshazzar Killed	Gentile Rulers Judged
B	*ch.6 The Lions Den	God's People in Tribulation
A	*ch.7 The Four Beasts	4 Gentile Empires

*chs. 7-8 Now here, but written before chapter 5.

*ch.9 Now here, but written before chapter 6.

*Prophecies in chiasms are not fulfilled one after another, they are **parallel in time!***

CHIASMS REVEAL HIDDEN TRUTHS

- A-A Daniel 2 and 7** Are about the Gentile empires that would control the Holy Land during the “time of the Gentiles.”
- B-B Daniel 3 and 6** Are about God's people in tribulation during the “time of the Gentiles.”
- C-C Daniel 4 and 5** Are about judgment on the Gentile rulers at the end of the “time of the Gentiles.”

Central message of 1st chiasm: During “the time of the Gentiles,” *Luke 21:24*, there will be four major empires (*Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and their descendants*) who will rule over over the Holy Land into the far future. Also, during that time, God’s chosen people (*the Jews*) will suffer great persecution, at the end of which, God will judge the nations that made His land a desolation and made slaves of His people, *Jeremiah 30:10-11*.

DANIEL'S 2ND CHIASM

In Hebrew for the Jews

	PROPHECY	SUBJECT
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A	ch.8 Ram and He Goat	2 Gentile Empires
B	ch.9:24-26 69 Sevens	Messiah in Gentile Times
B	ch.9:26-27 70th Seven	The Time of the Gentiles
A	ch.10-12 North & South	2 Gentile Empires

Central message of 2nd Chiasm: After the Jews return from captivity there will only be two major Gentile empires (*Medo-Persia, Greece and their descendants*) who will have dominion over the Holy Land into the distant future. During that time, Messiah will be born, will be killed, the temple will be destroyed and an abomination that makes God's temple mount desolate will be constructed. But in the end, the enemy will lose and be destroyed.

Daniel's bifid and chiasms prove
his prophecies to be **parallel in time**.

If Revelation is patterned like Daniel,
(and the same God inspired both books)
then Revelation was not fulfilled by 70A.D.
or about a "Seven-Year Great Tribulation"
at the end of the Christian era.

Instead, Revelation is a series of
parallel in time prophecies,
primarily about the Christian era!

BUT CAN THAT BE PROVEN?

*Can the Seven Churches, the Seven Seals,
the Seven Trumpets and the Two Witnesses
be **repetitive** in time?
All primarily about the Christian Era?*

We know the Seven Churches existed during the Apostle John's lifetime, but could the the Seals, Trumpets and Two Witnesses also be fulfilled?

Revelation is Bifidic

Chapters 2-11

Revelation 5:7 “And he (*Jesus*) came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.”

God the Father gives the “little book” of Revelation to Jesus, who then reads about the Seven seals, the Seven Trumpets the 144 Thousand, and the Two Witnesses.

Chapters 12-20

Revelation 10:10-11 “And I (*John*) took the little book out of the angel's (*Jesus'*) hand, and ate it up; And he said unto me, thou must prophesy **again.**” (*Note the again!*)

Jesus gives Revelation to John who then reads about the woman with 12 stars, the three great beasts, the Holy City and Babylon the Great.

*So just like Daniel, Revelation is bifidic!
The twelve prophecies in Revelation are parallel and
concurrent, fulfilled **during the Christian era!***

Revelation 1:19 is the key!
Revelation is a synopsis of the 6000 years
God has been dealing with man.
It is about events

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

from the time of John.
the Seven Seals were opened by the Lord
immediately *after* He was glorified.

The “little book” of Revelation is index
to the rest of the Bible.

Its 12 visions are God the Father's repeated pictures
of major events that will take place
before, during and after the Christian era.

The “Little Book” of Revelation 5

*The following is “**hast seen**,” i.e., before John’s time.*

Revelation 5:1-4 “And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside (*Because it has two readers, Jesus and John*), sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth (*before the Cross*), was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.”. And I wept much, because no man (*including the Lord Jesus*) was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

... next, the things that “are” during John’s time.

Revelation 5:-7 “And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David (*Jesus*), hath prevailed (*so when did Jesus prevail?*) to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb (*Greek: ἀρνίον, arnion, a defenseless little lambkin*) as it had been slain (*on the Cross*), having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God (*Isaiah 11:1-3*) sent forth into all the earth. And he (*Jesus*) came and took the book out of the right hand of him (*God the Father*) that sat upon the throne.”

... and finally “shall be,” i.e., future to John’s time.

Revelation 6:1 “And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see (*the Christian era*).”

So The Seals are Opened Right After Jesus is Glorified,
but what about the Seven trumpets?

Look at what Jesus said about His coming Crucifixion.

Luke 12:49-50 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!" (NKJV)

*Obviously Figurative language:
Jesus is referring to the fire on the brazen altar, Exo 29:18
that burned the sacrificial lamb (a type of Christ)
so this "baptism" is His coming crucifixion.*

The Trumpets Begin to Sound.

Revelation 8:2-6 “And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel (*Jesus*) came and stood at the altar (*of the Cross*), having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense (*prayer*), that he (*Jesus*) should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne (*Isa 53:12, Rom 8:34, Heb 7:25*). And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s (*Jesus*) hand. **And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth:** and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.”

Luke’s 12:49-50, “I came to send fire on the earth” parallels the above quote, therefore both are about the Cross. So Revelation’s trumpets start to sound at the beginning of the Christian era.

Revelation is Chiasmic

The 1st Chiasm

		PROPHECY -----	SUBJECT -----
A	ch. 2-3	The Seven Churches	The Church
B	ch. 6	The Seven Seals	Christian era trials
C	ch. 7:4-8	The 144,000	12 Tribes of Israel
C	ch. 7:9-14	A Great Multitude	The Gentile Church
B	ch. 8-9	The Seven Trumpets	Christian Era trials
A	ch. 11	The Two Witnesses	The Church

Central message of the 1st Chiasm: During the Christian Era there will be Two Witnesses to our God, seven different church periods, and seven different kinds of churches. The Jewish people and the Gentile Church are those Two Witnesses. Trials, plagues, famines, tribulation and wars will take place during this era. But those who die in Christ, both Jew and Gentile, will safely be with the Lord. At the end of this era, God will set up a kingdom that will remain forever.

Revelation's 2nd Chiasm

		PROPHECY -----	SUBJECT -----
A	ch.12	Woman with 12 Stars	Jews during this Era
B	ch.13	Leopard, Lion, Bear Beast	Satanic Kingdom
ba	ch.14	144,000 & The Gospel	All the Redeemed
C	ch.15	Song of Moses and Lamb	Jew & Gentile Redeemed
C	ch.16	Bowls of Wrath	Wrath for the Wicked
B	ch.17	Seven Headed Beast	Satanic Kingdoms
ba	ch.18	Babylon	All the Lost
A	ch.20	The Thousand Years	Gentile Church Era

Central message of the 2nd Chiasm: There will only be seven major Gentile empires (*and their descendants*) who will control the Holy Land during the Christian era. Those empires will be ruled by Satan. Concurrent with those visible kingdoms will be the spiritual kingdom of the Lord Jesus, in which the saints (*both Jew and Gentile*) will be spiritually ruling on Earth. At the end of this era, Jesus will physically return to Mount Zion to judge the wicked and reward the saints. The everlasting Kingdom of God begins immediately, *Revelation 11:15*.

ORIGINS

of Fables & Myths

Daniel Sealed until 1948-1967

Important because our popular end-time doctrines were devised before Daniel was opened.

Daniel 12:4 “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words,
and seal the book.”

Daniel 12:9 “And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words
are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”

*Because the book of Daniel was sovereignly
sealed until the time of the end . . .
all prophetic views devised out of Daniel
prior to 1967 are at best imaginary
and at worst, completely false doctrine.*

Here are a couple of examples . . .

Enter the Jesuits

*We need to understand the ORIGIN and REASON
some views of Bible prophecy exist today.*

In the 16th and 17th centuries, Reformation leaders were linking the Roman Catholic hierarchy to the “Whore of Babylon” of Rev 17. To stop it, Roman Catholic leaders began a counter-reformation, during which two Jesuit priests were commissioned to develop end-time doctrines that would derail the reformation and their efforts almost succeeded.

FIRST, IN 1591 A.D.: THE FUTURIST VIEW

Developed and popularized by Fr. Ribera, a Jesuit priest. His view claimed that Revelation would not be fulfilled until the end of the Christian Era. Ribera taught a rebuilt Babylon, a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, the restoration of animal sacrifices and a future Antichrist.

*Sound familiar? It should, Ribera is the father of
futurist (i.e., dispensational) eschatology.*

THEN IN 1614 A.D.: THE PRETERIST VIEW

Created by Alcazar, another Jesuit priest, for the same reason. He claimed the Olivet Discourse and the book of Revelation were fulfilled by the fall of Jerusalem in 70AD!

Preterism, as this view is called, supports “Replacement Theology” (*the idea that after the Cross, God broke covenant with the physical Seed of Abraham and the Church is the only Israel in this era*). Despite the evidence of their own eyes (*the new nation of Israel chock full of returned Jews*), this dubious view is still accepted by many evangelical churches.

Futurism and Preterism were doctrinal propaganda circulated by Jesuits to hold back the Reformation, nevertheless, both views are now accepted as sound doctrine by most major Protestant denominations.

Bible prophecy fulfilled in the holy land in 1948–1967, show Futurism and Preterism to be biblically unsupportable!

“Many shepherds
have destroyed my vineyard,
they have trodden my portion
under foot, they have made
my pleasant portion
a desolate wilderness.”

Jeremiah 12:10

So That's How It All Began,
but how did this Poisonous Mushroom grow?

1745AD, MANUEL DE LACUNZA Y DIAZ

Born in Chile, but sails to Spain to become Jesuit priest. In 1765, all Jesuits including Lacunza, are expelled from Spain because of their cruelty. Though not implicated, de Lacunza immigrates to Imola, Italy where he claims to be a converted Jew named *Rabbi Juan Josafat Ben Ezra*.

Based on the seminal work of Ribera, in 1785 de Lacunza writes "*The Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty*." From Daniel 12:11 and 12:12, de Lacunza then theorizes a 45-day mini-tribulation to take place at the end of the Christian Era.

*Manuel de Lacunza y Diaz's book is
published in Spain in 1821.*

Enter the Irvingites

1827AD, EDWARD IRVING

Founder of the Irvingite cult,
believes Lacunza's view
and translates his book into English.
Publishes Lacunza's ideas
in his Irvingite periodical,

"The Morning Watch"

Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch

1830AD, MARGARET MACDONALD

A sickly, 15 year old Scottish girl, a Christian for only a year, claims to have a “secret rapture” vision. Also said to have been in the occult, including a *documented levitation!*

1831AD, ROBERT NORTON

Robert Norton, an Irvingite evangelist, meets Margaret Macdonald. Norton is so enchanted by her “secret rapture” vision that he spreads her flight of fancy all over England.

Next Comes the Plymouth Brethren

1870AD, JOHN N. DARBY

John Darby, founder of the Plymouth Brethren, goes to Irvingite meetings where he learns *Ribera-Lacunza-McDonald-Irving* end-time imaginations. Darby doesn't accept Lacunza's forty-five day mini-tribulation as long enough for God's wrath to do a proper job of terrorizing the world's final generation of sinners, so Darby adds a new wrinkle to their rather dubious eschatology by theorizing Daniel's 70th week¹ to be an absolutely horrendous "Seven-Year Great Tribulation" to take place at the end of the Christian era!

¹ Daniel's 70th week is carefully examined in Chapter 19 of this study.

Wow! And thus Darby invents the now world-famous

Seven-Year-Great-Tribulation!

Ta-Da! Then to make that problematic concept fit reality, Darby theorizes a “2000 year gap” between the 69th and 70th weeks.

Guess what? The whole absurd scheme was imaginary theology with absolutely no biblical support whatsoever, but knowing Irvingites to be cultish, Darby and the Plymouth Brethren hide the origin of the view, claiming it to be their own.

*And that's how all the doctrinal pieces came together,
but how is the enemy going to spread this dubious fabrication
throughout the Western Church?*

Well, armed with these new Irvingite “insights,”
Darby travels to the United States where he meets . . .

The Distinguished Dr. Cyrus I. Scofield.

1909AD, C.I. SCOFIELD

Though three members of his revision committee resign because they recognize *Ribera-Lacunza-Irving-McDonald-Darby* cannot be biblically supported, Dr. C.I. Scofield accepts their “Seven Year Tribulation” hypothesis and includes it in his 1909 – and all subsequent editions – of the Scofield annotated Bible.

Scofield’s group knows the true origin of the “seven-year” and “pre-tribulation” rapture views, but since Irvingites were known to be cultish, hides the knowledge from the public. The view supported anyway because of its great fund-raising capability and because it increased the sales of the Scofield annotated Bible.¹

¹ Copy of Lacunza’s original work is in Oxford University Library, Oxford, UK. Documentation for the above is voluminous, three readily accessible sources are: Dave McPherson’s *The Rapture Plot* or *The Great Coverup*, and Michael de Semlyen’s *All Roads Lead to Rome?*

Believe it or not,
It was all just a fanciful theory!

There is not a single verse
anywhere in the Bible stating
there will be a horrific
“Seven-Year Great Tribulation”
at the end of the Christian era!

Furthermore, God Declares, “I Change Not!”

721BC - Hosea began prophesying at the fall of the Northern Kingdom to tell the soon to be displaced Israelites what their long term future would be. Israel's Ten Tribes would be spread throughout the Gentile nations, but the Lord would not forget them and would save them, *Amos 9:8-9*. Through Hosea, God details what will happen to the Ten Tribes during the Christian Era.

606BC - Daniel began prophesying at the fall of the kingdom of Judah, which began “*the time of the Gentiles,*” *Luke 21:24*. Daniel's ministry was to tell the Jews and the Gentile nations who held them captive, what both their futures would be while Gentile powers controlled Jerusalem (*606 B.C. – 1967 A.D.*). Daniel also prophesies that Messiah would be born and be killed while the Jews were dispersed and what would happen to their people during their dispersion, a time we generally recognize as the Christian Era.

95-105 A.D. So how about Revelation? Was the culminating book in the Bible positioned at the beginning of the Christian Era to just tell the Church about the first forty years of this era (*as Preterists believe*) or about just the last seven years of this era (*as Dispensationalists believe*)?

*If either is true, then God changed His prophetic method
from foretelling the **whole future** of an era
to foretelling just tiny bits of this one.
Since “God changes not,” that is most unlikely!*

It appears that Revelation was penned
at the beginning of this era to tell God’s Two Witness
(*the Jewish people and the Gentile Church*)
what both their futures would be during this era
and to warn the unsaved world
of His impending judgment.



Heavenly Trumpets

Getting Our Chronology Right

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 “ Behold, I shew you a mystery; **We** shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last (*Greek: ἐσχάτη, eschatos, meaning final or uttermost*) trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

*Same event, “we,” the whole Church, are taken to be with the Lord at the **last** trumpet.*

So can there be
any trumpets after
the “last trumpet?”

Of course not,
or the last trumpet
wouldn't be the last!

Some end-time positions exclude the seven trumpets in Revelation, claiming them to be “trumpets of judgment” that sound after the “rapture” of the Church, during a supposed Seven-Year-Great-Tribulation that is believed to be coming at the end of the Christian era.

If that view is correct, then God inspired a serious error in 1Corinthians 15:52.

The Last *Trumpet*

Since our trumpet is the **LAST Trumpet**,
All other trumpets must come before it!

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Church Taken Up

The Last Trumpet draws a line in time! Every event in the Bible takes place either to the right or the Left of that line! Other references to that Trumpet . . .

The Last Trumpet,	1Co 15:51-52
The Trump of God,	1Th 4:16
The Great Trumpet,	Mat 24:31
The Great Trumpet,	Isa 27:13
Warrior's Trumpet,	Zec 9:14
The Seventh Angel	Rev 10:6-7
The Seventh Trumpet	Rev 11:15

THE LAST TRUMPET IS DESCRIBED

Revelation 10:6-7 “there should be time (*Greek, χρόνος, khron'-os, time*) no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound (*Greek, σαλπίζω, “sal-pid'-zo,” i.e., the sound of a trumpet*) the mystery of God should be finished (*Greek, τελέω, tel-eh'-o, IS finished, brought to a final and complete end*), as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”

THE LAST TRUMPET SOUNDS

Revelation 11:15 “And the seventh angel sounded; ** and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.” (*i.e., the eternal kingdom of God*)

****** *There are no trumpets following the 7th trumpet of Rev 11:15, so this is indeed the **last** trumpet of all time! Why the Last Trumpet sounds here rather than later in Revelation is the subject of Chapter 09, “Bifids & Chiasms.”*

Remember the old Hymn?

“When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more.”
That hymn writer knew something the Church has forgotten!

Revelation 10:6 KJV, “. . . there should be **TIME** no longer”

The Greek word translated “time” in this verse is **χρόνος** (*khron'-os*), by definition . . . a space of time.

The Greek word **χρονίζω** (*chro-nid-zo*), from the same root, is by definition . . . to linger, to delay, to tarry.

Modern translators incorrectly translate *chronos* “delay”, but why? If God had intended Rev 10:6 to read, “*no more delay*,” rather than “*no more time*,” then God used the wrong Greek word to express it! The verse plainly states that time, as a natural phenomenon, ends for believers at the Last Trumpet! At that final trumpet, believers go immediately into the eternal kingdom of God, no pre-trib rapture, no millennium. When *chronos* is correctly translated, those mistaken end-time doctrines cannot be biblically supported!

The Last Trumpet

Trumpets 1 through 6
of Rev 8:2-11:15

All Prophecy Fulfilled

<<<< back this way including

Isa	Jer	Eze
Dan	Hos	Joe
Amo	Oba	Jon
Mic	Nah	Hab
Zep	Hag	Zec
Mal	Revelation	

No More Trumpets! 1CO 15:52

No More Time! (Gr. chronos)
Rev 10:6 (KJV)

Mystery of God Finished! Rev 10:7

Eternal Kingdom of God!

Rev 11:15

All prophecy fulfilled!



Church Taken Up

1Co 15:52, Rev 10:6-7, and Rev 11:15 draw a line in time! At the Last Trumpet, time as we now understand it comes to a complete end. All things prophesied in Scripture (*referring to this present age*) must take place before the end of time.

Some End-Time Positions Rewrite Scripture

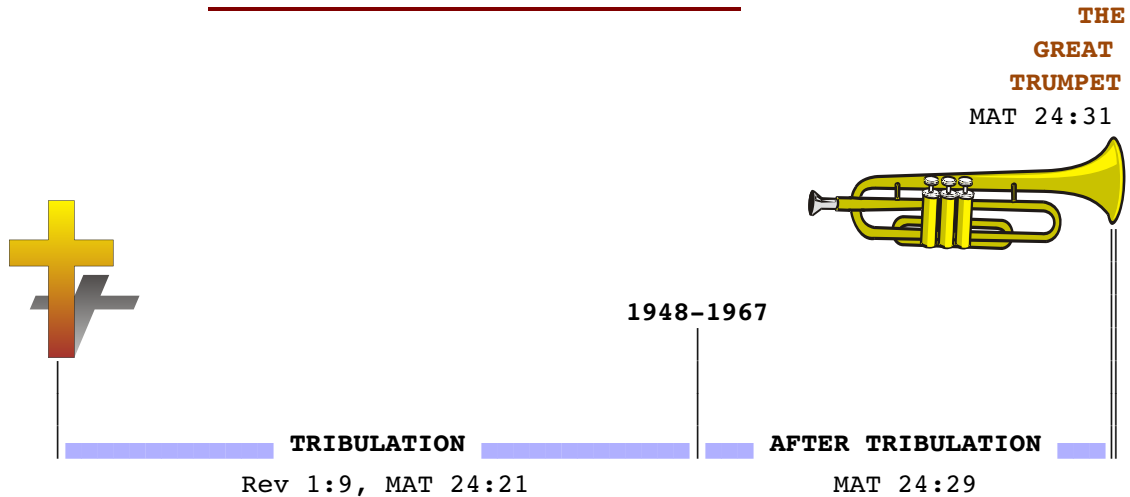
Matthew 24:21 “For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

Matthew 24:29 “Immediately **after the tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened (*Mal 4:2*) and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars (*Rev 1:20*) shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.”

Matthew 24:31 “And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a **trumpet**, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

*The pre-tribulation rapture goes against Scripture
because Mat 24:21 is before Mat 24:31.*

Graph of the Christian Era



That **the** tribulation started in the 1st Century is provable by Rev 1:9, “I John, who also am your brother and companion in **the** (*Greek, τμ, the definite article*) tribulation and in **the** (*τμ*) kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ . . .”

The definite article, “τμ,” appears in the Greek texts in both places.

Tribulation is promised for the saints, John 16:33 and 2 Timothy 3:12 being examples. For Christians, tribulation has continued unabated throughout the Christian Era. The word for tribulation, **θλίψις**, *thlip'-sis*, appears 37 times in the Greek New Testament manuscripts. In all but a couple, *thlip'-sis* is to and for God's children.

“In the world ye shall have tribulation (*thlip'-sis*)
but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”
John 16:33

“Yea, and all that will live godly
in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.”
2 Timothy 3:12

*If we Christians aren't suffering persecution, it's because
we've done nothing to deserve it!*

NOTE: The lost aren't persecuted, they are “appointed unto wrath.”
(Greek: **ὀργή**, *or-gay* or **θυμός**, *thoo-mos*.)

Furthermore, Mat. 24:29 is Figurative.

Matthew 24:29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the **sun** be darkened, and the **moon** shall not give her light, and the **stars** shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:”

SUN: **Malachi 4:2** “But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun (*Hebrew: שמש sheh'-mesh, i.e., the sun in the sky*) of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.”

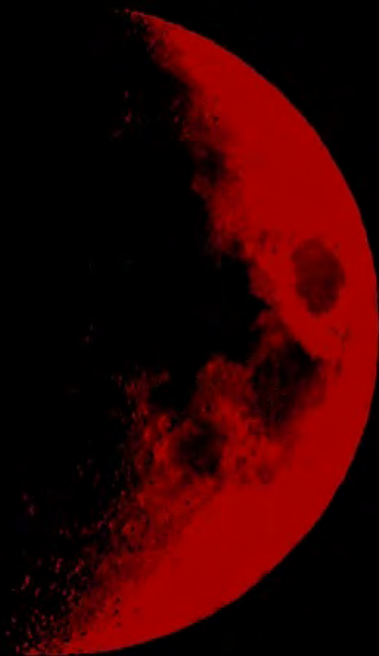
STARS: **Revelation 1:20** “The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven **stars** are the angels (*Greek: ἄγγελος, “ang'-el-os”, a messengers*) of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.”

MOON: The moon has no light on its own; all it can do is reflect the light of the sun. So what is the moon?

Less than 3% of Europeans
still claim the faith.
Less than 5% of Americans
are truly born again.

So the moon “turning to blood”
and “not giving its light”
is today’s

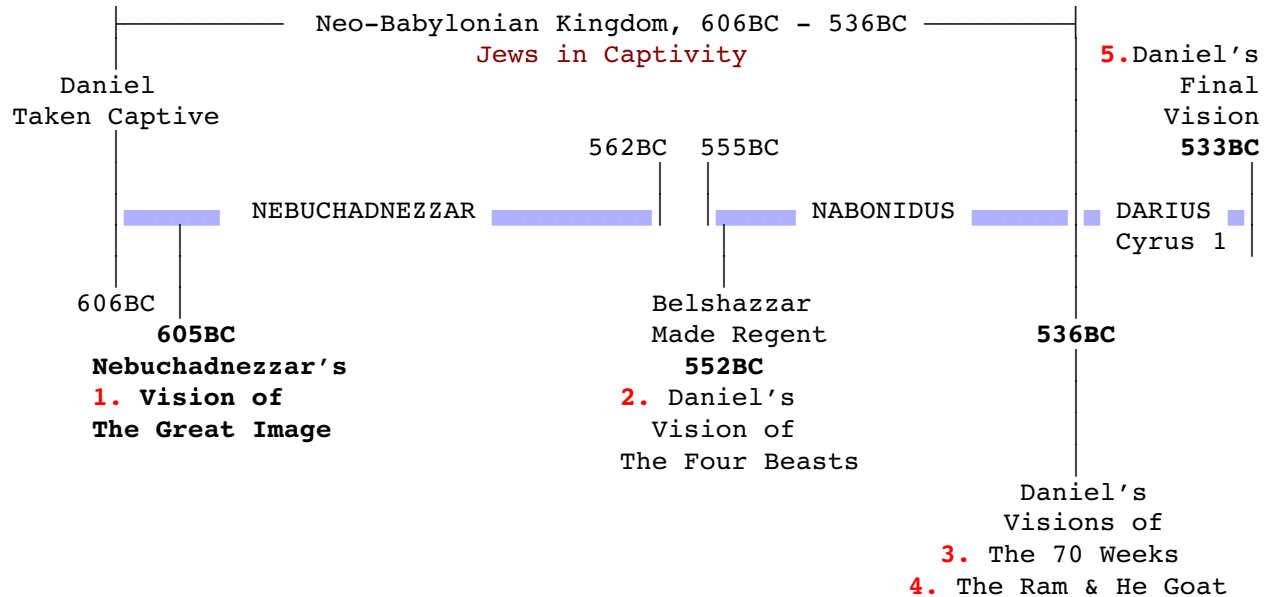
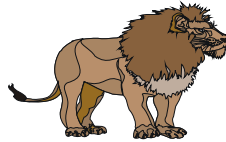
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BEASTS IN DANIEL

When Were the Visions in Daniel Given?



Nebuchadnezzar's Vision

In 605 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, but couldn't remember it.

Daniel 2:27-34 (excerpts) “Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these: Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image . . . This image's head was of fine **gold**, his breast and his arms of **silver**, his belly and his thighs of **brass**, His legs of **iron**, his feet part of iron and part of clay, Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet and brake them to pieces.”

The Chaldean magi couldn't interpret this, but Daniel does.

Daniel 2:36-44 “This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, *art* a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. (1) *Thou art this head of gold.*

“And after thee shall arise (2) *another kingdom* inferior to thee, and another (3) *third kingdom of brass*, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

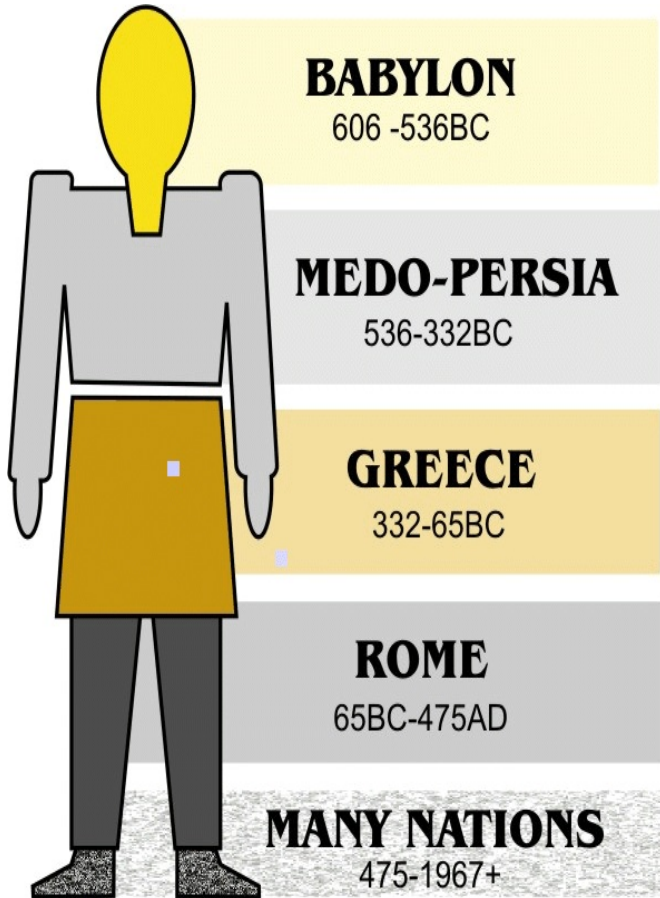
“And the (4) *fourth kingdom* shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

Daniel 2:36-44 continued . . .

“And whereas thou sawest (5) **the feet and toes**, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”

To correctly understand
Daniel's visions
we must stand in his sandals
in 604-533 B.C.
and look into the future
from his time and historic setting,
not back from ours!



(1) "Thou art this head of gold...." v. 38,

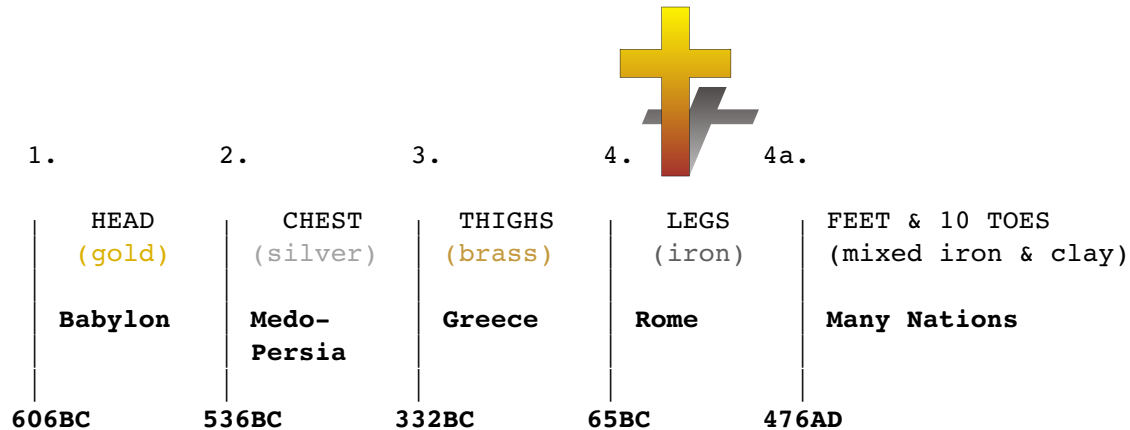
(2) "And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee..." v. 39,

(3) "and another kingdom of brass shall rule over all the earth..." v. 39,

(4) "And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch... and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces..." v. 40,

(5) The 10 toes are the countries that came out of the Eastern and Western Roman Empires, v 42.

Graph of Nebuchadnezzar's Image



The “Great Image” vision was given to a Gentile king at the beginning of “the time of the Gentiles” to show the Gentiles there would be only four major world empires (*and descendants*) who would rule over the Holy Land into the far future.” So it has turned out to be.

Chiasms are Key to Interpretation

	PROPHECY	SUBJECT
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A	ch.2 The Great Image	4 Gentile Empires
B	ch.3 The Fiery Furnace	God's People in Tribulation
C	ch.4 Nebuchadnezzar Insane	Gentile Rulers Judged
C	ch.5 Belshazzar Killed	Gentile Rulers Judged
B	ch.6 The Lions Den	God's People in Tribulation
A	ch.7 The Four Beasts	4 Gentile Empires

*These prophecies are fulfilled during the “time of the Gentiles.” All are about Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome (and their descendants) who would rule over the holy land from 606 B.C. to 1948 A.D. They are **parallel and concurrent**, predicting events from Daniel’s time into the distant future!*

Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts

Daniel 7:3-24 (*excerpts*) “And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a **lion** . . . And behold another beast, a second, like to a **bear** . . . After this I beheld, and lo another, like a **leopard** . . . After this . . . behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces . . . and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns . . . there came up among them another **little horn**, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed . . . As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a **season and time.**”

Daniel 7:3-24 Continued . . .

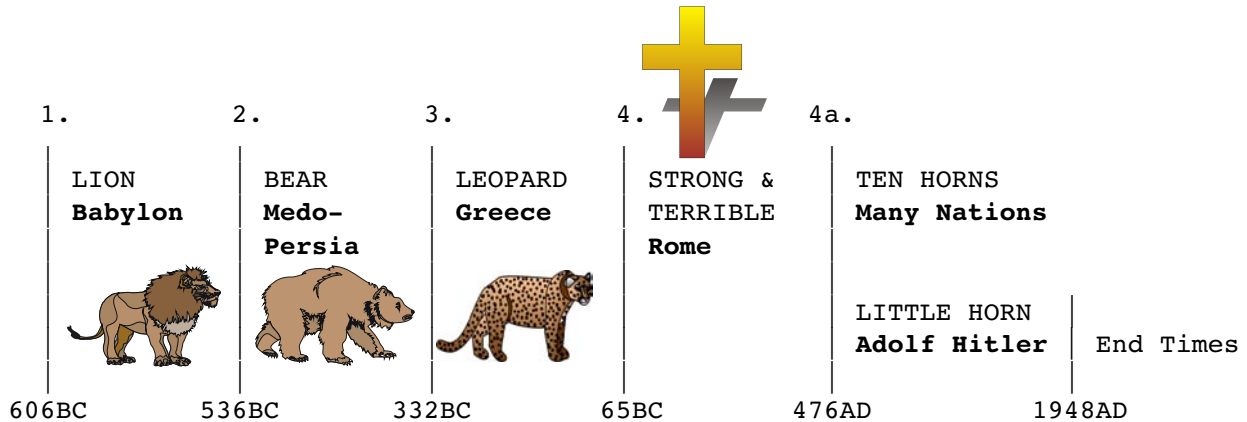
“These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth . . . The fourth beast shall be the **fourth kingdom**** upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

“And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.” (KJV)

*Since the fourth beast is identified as a fourth kingdom, then the other three “kings” are also kingdoms.***

** Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece were each ruled by absolute monarchs. Rome had a different form of government, a Caesar with a Senate. The Lord addresses this difference by calling the first three world empires “kings” and the Rome empire a “kingdom.”

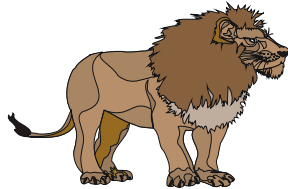
Graph of Daniel's Four Beasts



The 10 horns of the “Strong and Terrible” beast come out of the Roman Empire. The “little-horn” of Daniel 7 is not from the Leopard-Bear-Lion (the Islamic Middle East), so the little-horn of Daniel 7 is Adolf Hitler.

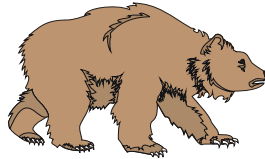
After the Nazi regime was destroyed there has been NO dominant European power just a weak alliance of the 10 horns of the EU! “The rest of the beasts,” the “Leopard-Bear-Lion” had their world “domination taken away,” but the Islamic states of the Middle East have controlled the holy land and influenced world events ever since.

So Beasts in Prophetic Visions Are Empires!
Remember it, you're going to run into them again!



Babylon

Lion



Medo-Persia

Bear



Greece

Leopard

Beast Strong & Terrible = Rome

“A Season and a Time”

These verses in Daniel prove from the Old Testament that prophetic “time” is 1000 years.

Daniel 7:11-12 (KJV) Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast (*Rome*) was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire (*during WW2*). As concerning the rest of the beasts, (*the Lion, Bear, Leopard*) they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season (*Chaldee: זמן, z^eman, a season*) and time (*Chaldee: עֵרֶן, id-dawn', a time*).**

** Some late versions translate “season and time” as “an appointed period of time,” but the intent of this prophecy cannot be discerned unless “season and time” are correctly translated. When prophetic time is understood to be a 1000 years, this prophecy fits *to the year* events that took place in the Holy Land’s future, the length of which will be a prophetic “time,” 1000 years, plus a “season” or a 1/4 of a time.

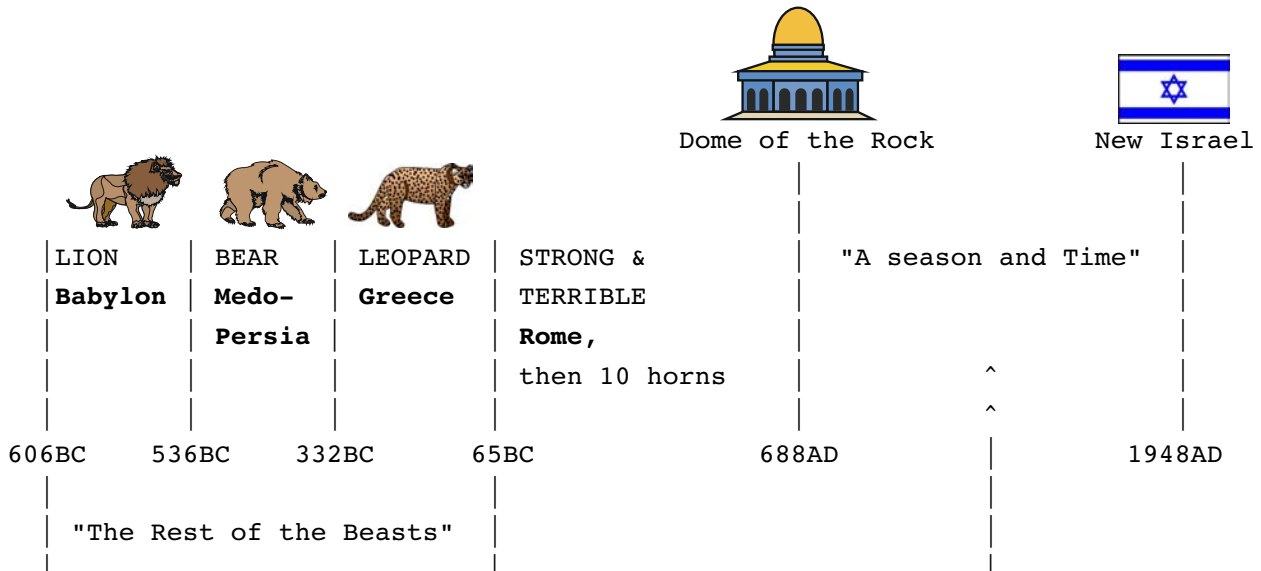
Prophetic “time” is 1000 years so a season is a quarter of a time. It was a “season and a time,” i.e., 1260 years, from the construction of the Dome of the Rock (688AD) until the new nation of Israel was established. (1948AD)!

“The rest of the beasts,” (*Leopard, Bear, Lion*) had no world dominion during the Christian Era, but they continued to have dominion over the Holy Land . . . “for a season and time.”

Bible prophecy is ethnographic: The visions in Daniel foretell events that would take place forward from Daniel’s time . . . in the Holy Land and the surrounding countries. Here is how we know it . . .

Romans 1:8 “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.”

*In Paul’s time, the Church was only in the Roman Empire
so Bible prophecy is **not** about the whole planet!
It is only about the part of the world known to the prophet!*

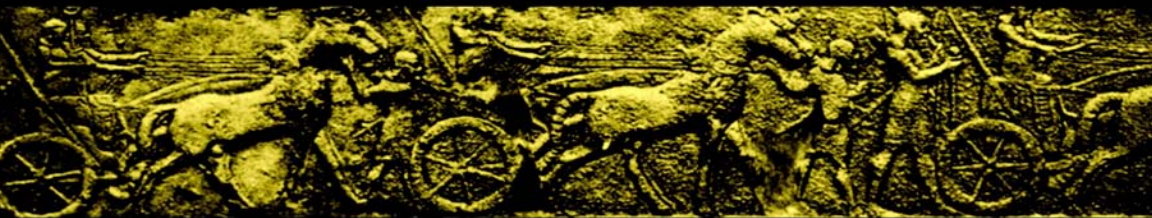


A Time = 1000 Years

A Season is approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of a time or 260 Years

Total = 1260 Years

THE RAM & THE HE-GOAT



Daniel 8, the Ram and He Goat

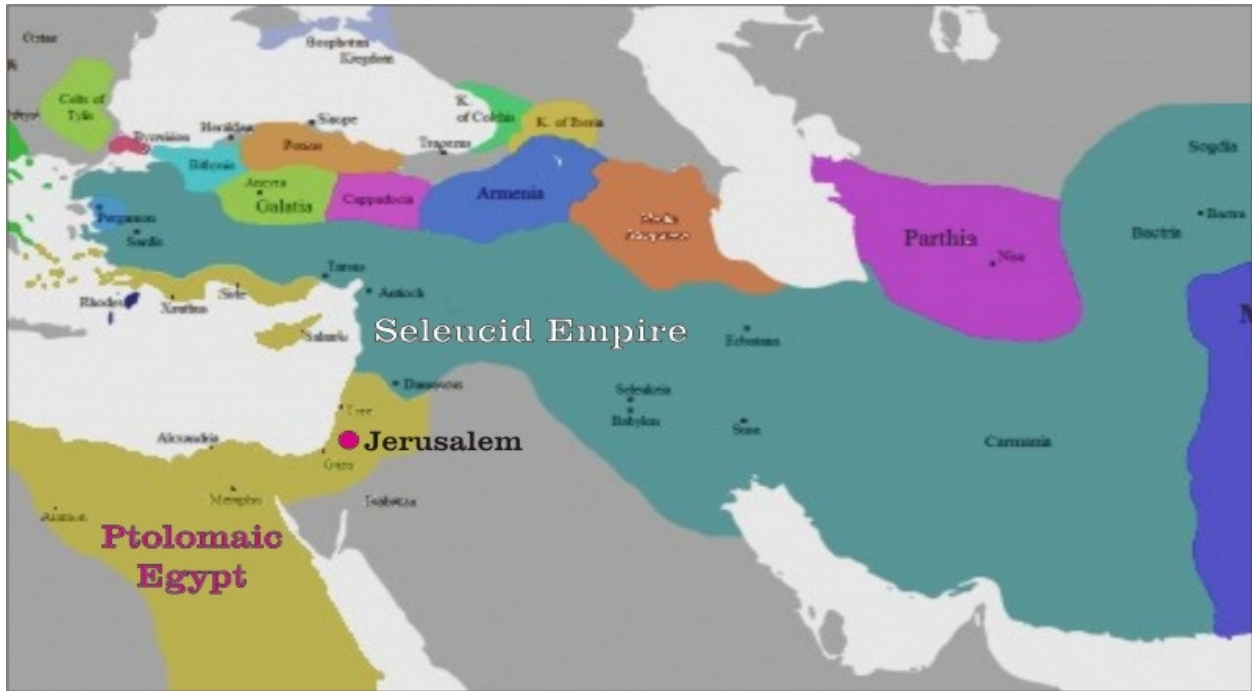
Daniel 8:20-21 “The **ram** which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia (*kingdom*). And the **rough goat** is the king (*kingdom*) of Grecia: and the great **horn** that is between his eyes is the first king (*Alexander the Great*).”

So “beasts” are kingdoms and “horns” are kings!

Daniel 8:4-23 (excerpts) “Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw (*in a vision, and all prophetic visions are figurative*), and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns (*the Medo-Persian Empire*), and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last (*the Persians absorbed the Median confederation and they became one empire*). I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts (*empires of Lydia, Egypt and Babylon*) might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great (*Medo-Persia became the largest and strongest empire of the ancient world*).

Daniel 8:1-27 continued

“And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth (*Greece*), and touched not the ground (*it happened swiftly*): and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes (*Alexander the Great*). And he came to the ram that had two horns (*Medo-Persia*), which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. And (*Greece*) smote the ram (*Medo-Persian Empire*), and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand (*the Battles of Issus and Gaugamela, 332B.C., ends the Medo-Persian empire*). Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken (*Alexander dies in Babylon, possibly poisoned, 323 B.C.*); and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven . . . (*Alter Alexander’s death, the Greek empire was divided among his four generals, Ptolemy ruled Egypt, Seleucid took Syria, Lycimicus ruled Babylon, and Antigonus controlled Greece.*)



After the death of Alexander the Great, Ptolemaic Egypt and Seleucid Syria (*both culturally Greek*) fought for control of the Holy Land for the next 250 years. In Daniel 10-11, those physical wars and the unseen spiritual wars behind the scenes were foretold in detail by an early O.T. appearance of the Lord Jesus, *Daniel 10:5-6*. The Holy Land itself became culturally Greek and Greek became the lingua franca of the whole known world. That's why the N.T. was written in Koine` Greek. Rome did not control the Holy Land until 65 B.C.

Daniel 8:1-23, continued . . .

“And out of one of them (*Seleucid Syria*) came forth a little horn (*king*), which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land (*Israel*). And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away (*in circa 168 B.C., Antiochus epiphanies, king of Syria, offered a pig on the brazen altar at the temple of God in Jerusalem.*)

This is so terrible to the Lord that He details the event . . .

“O son of man: for at the time of the end (*of the Old Testament Levitical era*) shall be the vision. . . for at the time appointed the end shall be. And in the latter time of their kingdom (*O.T. Grecian control of the Holy Land*), when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up (*the Syrian king, Antiochus epiphanies*). And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power (*Antiochus was empowered by Satan and even called himself God*): and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.”

“2300 Evenings and Mornings”

Daniel 8:12-15, LITV “And a host (*the Jewish people*) was given with the regular sacrifice because of transgression. Then I heard a certain holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that one who spoke, Until when is the vision, the regular sacrifice and the desolating transgression, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled? And he said to me, For **two thousand, three hundred** evenings and mornings, then the sanctuary will be put right.”

*Levitical “evening and morning” sacrifices were offered daily at the temple. In 168 B.C., Antiochus epiphanies, (*the little horn of Daniel 8:9*) offered a pig on the brazen altar at the Temple, sparking the Maccabean revolt. Bible historians generally accept that the Maccabean priests cleansed the Temple and reinstated daily sacrifices some 3 years after its desecration. The only contemporary records of intertestamental events, 1&2 Maccabees, are not accepted as totally reliable.*

Understanding the 2300 Evenings and Mornings

In Ezekiel 4:5-6, God gave us a prophetic day (an **יוֹם**, yom) for a year so in prophetic visions, “days” should be understood as years. If God had used “days” in Daniel 8:14, to be consistent, we would also need to interpret these “2300 evenings and mornings” as years.

*But God did **not** give us (an **ברע**, eh`-reb, evening) or a (**רקב**, bo`-ker morning) for a year, so these “2300 evenings and mornings” are **not** years, but actual evenings and mornings!*

The Levitical priests offered sacrifices on the brazen altar every evening and morning. 2300 evening and morning sacrifices, 1150 of each, would take place in 1150 days. So the Maccabean priests probably cleansed the Temple and began sacrifices about 3 years after Antiochus epiphanies desecrated it, circa 165 B.C.

The Importance of Daniel 12:7

Daniel 12:7 “And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter (*Hebrew: נָפַץ* *naphats, to scatter or shatter*) the power of the holy people, **all these things shall be finished.**”

The power of the “Holy People,” i.e., the Jewish control of Jerusalem, was no longer “scattered” or “shattered” after June 6, 1967!!!

As a result, “all these things” must include everything in Daniel’s final vision! The willful “king” of Dan 11:36-45 can then be recognized as Muhammad, a false prophet in our past, not an “antichrist” in our future.

Daniel was positioned
at the beginning of Gentile control
of the Holy Land to tell
its Gentile rulers and God's people
what would happen in the Holy Land
during the "Time of the Gentiles."

(So named by the Lord Jesus in Luke 21:24)

2573 years, from 606 B.C. to 1967 A.D.

The purpose of Daniel's ministry
was fulfilled when Jerusalem was no longer
under Gentile control, so it is probable that

*all visions in the book of Daniel
were fulfilled by June 6, 1967!*

The Willful King of Daniel 11:36-45

The following verses are thought by many eschatologists to be about a future Antichrist to be revealed at the end of the Christian era. The last phrase of Daniel 12:7, “all these things shall be finished,” was provably fulfilled on June 6th, 1967, so the Willful King of Daniel 11:36 must have been fulfilled earlier than 1967, sometime during the Christian era, but when?

Daniel 11:36-45 (excerpts) “And the king (*the evil spirit behind Islam, probably Satan*) shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished (*at the return of Jesus*) . . .

“Neither shall he (*Muhammad*) regard the God of his fathers, (*al Mat was the god of Muhammad’s father*) nor the desire of women (*Muslim women are little more than sex slaves. A Muslim man may marry a child, have up to four wives and as many mistresses as he can afford, but a woman caught in adultery is stoned to death*).

Daniel 11:36-45 (continued)

“But in his estate shall he (*Muhammad*) honour the God of forces (*Jihad*): and a god whom his fathers knew not (*Allah*) shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. Thus shall he do in the most strong holds (*Jihad from th Indus Valley to Spain*) with a strange god whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory . . . and shall divide the land for gain . . .

“And he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious (*holy*) land . . . And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace (*the Dome of the Rock*) between the seas in the glorious holy mountain (*the Temple Mount in Jerusalem*); yet he shall come to his end (*at the return of Jesus*), and none shall help him.”

Ezekiel's Dry Bones & Michael Stands Up!

Ezekiel 37's dry bones shed light on Daniel 12:1-2. Both passages are figurative of course, and despite some traditions to the contrary, those verses are not in our future; they have already been fulfilled.

Ezekiel 37:11-12 (KJV) "Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and **cause you to come up out of your graves**, and bring you into the land of Israel."

On May 15th 1948, a new nation was established in the Holy Land. Its national language is biblical Hebrew, the street signs are in Hebrew and the star of David flies over the ancient walls of Jerusalem.

Jews had not governed their ancient land for 2573 years, but now they do. An unbelievable fulfillment of Bible prophecy that we can go and see with our own eyes. To deny the existence of Israel or the return of the Jews to their ancient homeland is to deny observable reality.

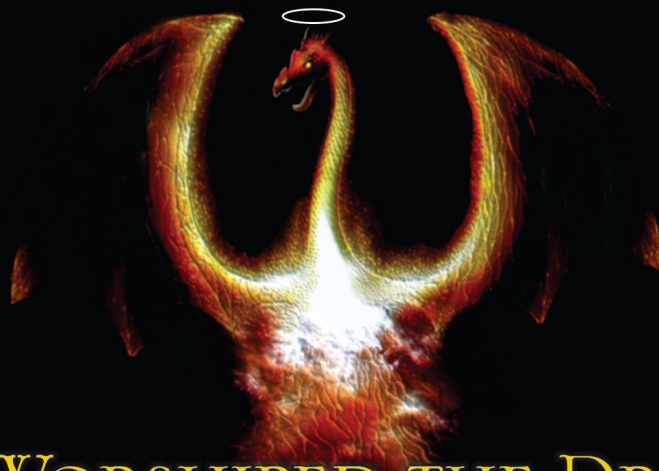
Daniel's prophecy about the Same Event!

Daniel 12:1-2 (KJV) “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble (*the Nazi Holocaust*), such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that **sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake**, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

Ezekiel: “I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves.”

Daniel: “Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake.”

*Different words, but the same event!
The 1948 A.D. founding of new Israel proves these
prophecies to be parallel and fulfilled!*



“AND THEY WORSHIPED THE DRAGON”

The First Bible Prophecy about Islam

**Isaiah prophesied 700 years before Jesus was born and
1400 years before Muhammad.**

Isaiah 14:12-15 “How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning (*Satan is called the angel of light, 2Cor 11:14*)! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will **ascend** (*in Hebrew: הֲלַע, alah, pronounced ahla by Jews and Allah by Muslims*) into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation (*the Temple “mount” in Jerusalem where Islam built the Dome of the Rock in 688 A.D.*), in the sides of the north (“sides,” in Hebrew: הַכְרִי, yer-ay-kaw', *actually defined “flank.” The Dome of the Rock is on a “flank” of the North, actually 300 feet South of the Temple*): I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell . . .”

Revelation's First Beast

THE 2ND CHIASM

		PROPHECY -----	SUBJECT -----
A	ch.12	Woman with 12 Stars	Jews during this Era
B	ch.13	Leopard, Lion, Bear Beast	Satan's Throne
ba	ch.14	144,000 & The Gospel	All the Redeemed
C	ch.15	Song of Moses and Lamb	Jew & Gentile Redeemed
C	ch.16	Bowls of Wrath	Wrath for the Wicked
B	ch.17	Seven Headed Beast	Satan's Kingdoms
ba	ch.18	Babylon	All the Lost
A	ch.20	The Thousand Years	Gentile Church Era

*The Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast identifies the **geographic center** of Satan's empire during the Christian Era.*

Satan's Empire

Revelation 13:1-5 “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast (*an empire*) rise up out of the sea (*of people, Rev 17:15*), having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy (*a satanic empire*). And the beast which I saw was like unto a **leopard**, and his feet were as the feet of a **bear**, and his mouth as the mouth of a **lion** (*this is one beast so it is one empire*): and the dragon (*Satan*) gave him his power, and his seat (*throne*), and great authority.

*Haven't we just seen **Leopard**, **Bear** and **Lion** beasts in Daniel 7? And weren't they positively identified as the the ancient Middle Eastern world empires of Greece, Medo-Persia and Babylon?*

Revelation 13:1-5 continued . . .

“And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they **worshipped the dragon** . . .

So those in the Leopard-Bear-Lion worship Satan!

“which gave power unto the beast (*remember beasts are empires*): and they worshpped the (*Leopard, Bear, Lion*) beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue **forty and two months**. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle (*the temple mount*), and them that dwell in heaven.”

Revelation 13:6-10 “And it was given unto him (*the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast*) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him . . .

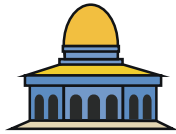
*This prophecy is only about the world as known to John.
Primarily about Israel and the surrounding nations
of the Middle East .*

“whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”

Revelation 13:5 “And there was given to him (*LBL*) a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to act (*in the holy land*) for **forty-two months** was given to him.”

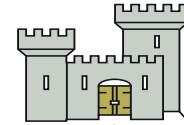
The Forty Two Months

Dome of the Rock
Construction 685-705AD



688AD

Jerusalem Freed
June 6, 1967AD



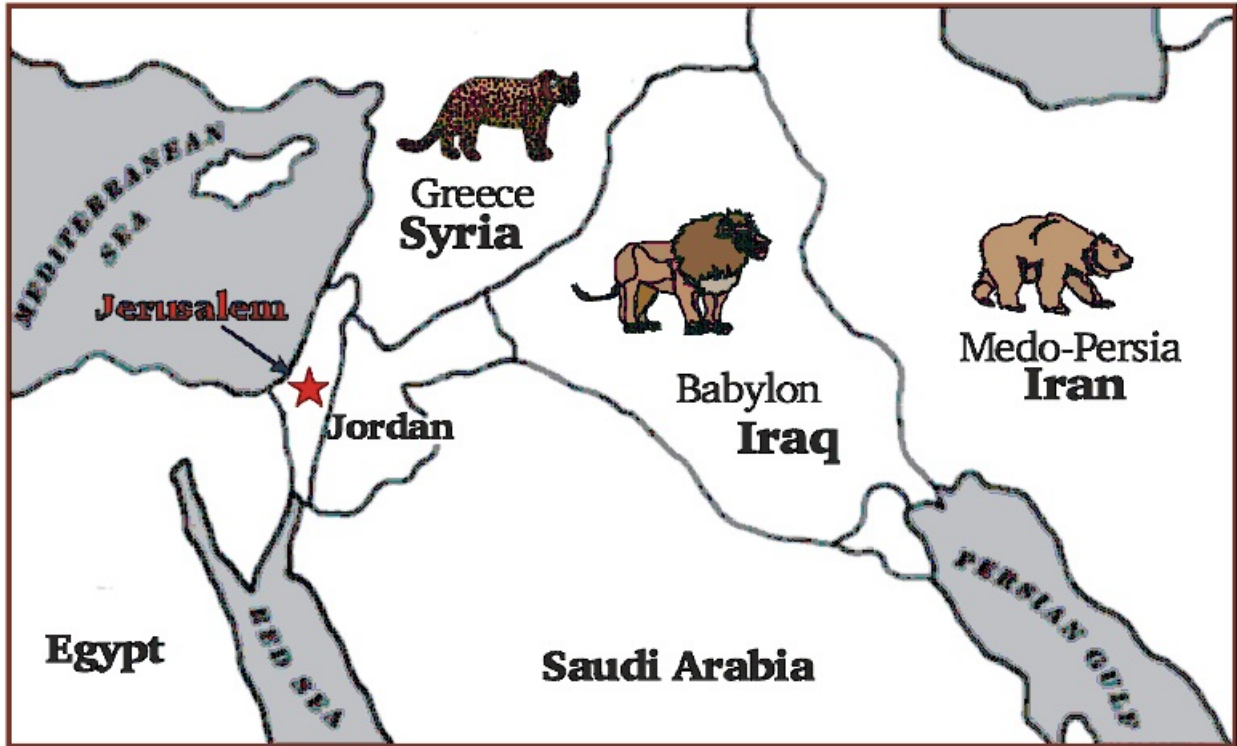
1967

42 MONTHS

1278.34 YEARS

688AD, Construction begins on the Dome of the Rock
Moslems then control Jerusalem for 1278.34 years!

*In 1967AD, Jerusalem is freed of Gentile control,
so these 42 months were over on June 6th of that year.*

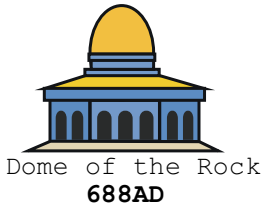


Though pictured separately here, the empires of Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece each controlled the whole known world while they were in power.

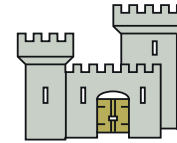
Though they sometimes fight each other,
today's nations in the Middle East
are bound together against everyone else
on earth by a common religion,

ISLAM

So Revelation's Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast
is the religious empire in control of
the same geographic area
as their ancient counterparts!



Dome of the Rock
688AD



Jerusalem Free
1967AD

"Authority to act for forty-two months."

Leopard	Bear	Lion
<i>Early Greece</i>	<i>Medo-Persia</i>	<i>Babylon</i>
now SYRIA	now IRAN	now IRAQ

The Leopard-Bear-Lion is one beast . . .

THE ISLAMIC WORLD!

The original 10 horns in the Holy Land were 10 Canaanite nations of Abraham's time: ". . . the **Kenite** and the **Kenizzite** and the **Kadmonite** and the **Hittite** and the **Perizzite** and the **Rephaim** and the **Amorite** and the **Canaanite** and the **Girgashite** and the **Jebusite**." Gen 15:19-21. Their descendants are probably the Palestinians of today.

Ten Nations of the Leopard-Bear-Lion

Ten antagonistic Islamic countries surround Israel, just count them.

Revelation 13:1 “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast (*Islam*) rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and **ten horns**, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”



Ten Historic Califates of the Leopard-Bear-Lion

- 1.1 Rashidun, 632–661
- 1.2 Umayyads, 7th–8th centuries
 - 1.2a The Caliphate in Hispania
- 1.3 Abbasids, 8th–13th centuries
- 1.4 Fatimids, 10th–12th centuries
- 1.5 Shadow Caliphate, 13th–16th centuries
- 1.6 Ottomans, 16th–20th century
- 1.7 Sokoto, 19th century
- 1.8 Ahmadiyya Caliphate, 1908-Present
- 1.9 Khilafat Movement of, 1920

*The Caliphate movement ended in 1924.
But now, fundamental Islam under ISIS
is trying once again to establish a
worldwide Islamic Caliphate!*

The Ten Horns of the Leopard-Bear-Lion

1. From the beasts of Daniel 7, Leopard-Bear-Lion beast of Revelation 13 can be positively identified as the Islamic hegemony that has existed in the Middle East since the days Muhammad.
2. From the beasts of Daniel 8, “horns” can be identified as “kings.”
3. From the nine Caliphates shown above, it appears that nine “kings” have ruled Islam during the Christian era.
4. The Islamic State of the Levant, (ISIL) is now claiming to be the 10th Islamic Caliphate.

*As a result, only one conclusion
remains plausible . . .*

The Ten Islamic Caliphates
of the Christian era, are the
“TEN HORNS”
of Revelation 13’s
Leopard- Bear-Lion beast!



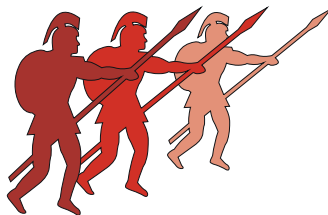
*Lair
of the
Dragon*

Inside the Dome of the Rock
is an inscription in Arabic that reads:

“God forbid that He should have a Son.”

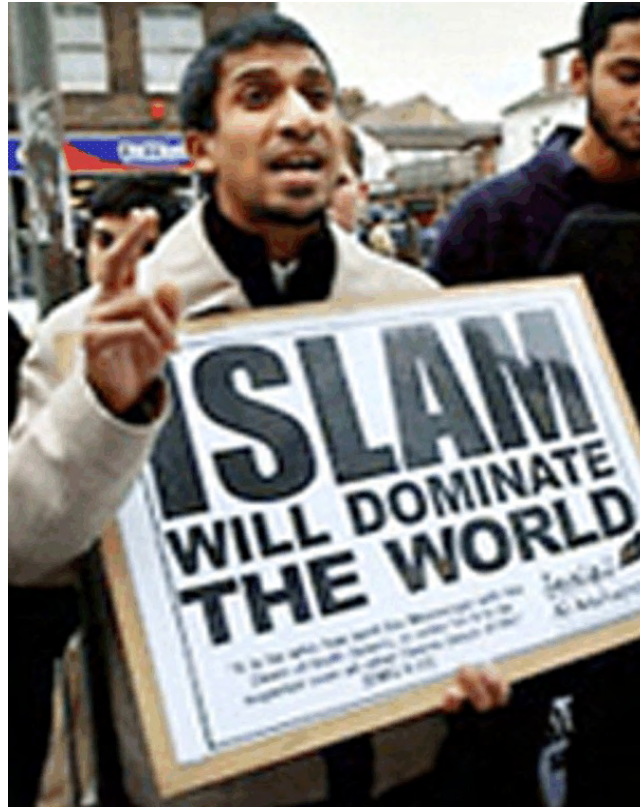
The Bible says:

*“He that hath not the Son
hath not the Father.”*



“The Sword”, says Muhammad “is the key of heaven and hell; a drop of blood shed in the cause of Allah, a night spent in arms, is of more avail than two months of fasting and prayer; whoever falls in battle, his sins are forgiven, and at the day of judgment his limbs shall be supplied by the wings of angels and cherubim.”

Philip Schaff, in writing on the history of the Christian church.



The God of the Bible and the god of Islam have totally different attitudes, totally different goals and a totally different morality, as servants of each show . . .



The Koran states: "*O ye who believe! fight the unbelievers*" (Sura 9:123).
The God of the Bible says: "**Love your enemies.**"



The Koran states: *"But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them and lie in wait [ambush] for them in every stratagem (of war)"* (Sura 9:5).

The God of the Bible says: **"Bless them that curse you."**



The Koran states: *"Fight those who believe not in God [Allah] and his apostle [Muhammad], nor acknowledge the religion of truth [even if they are] of the people of the book [i.e. Jews and Christians], until they pay jizya [humiliating tax] with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued [enslaved]"* (Sura 9:29).

The God of the Bible says: **"Do good to them that hate you."**



The Koran states: *"Therefore when ye meet the unbelievers [in fight] smite at their necks; at length, when ye have thoroughly subdued them, bind a bond firmly [on them]"* (Sura 47:4).

The God of the Bible says: **"Pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."**

The God of the Bible goes on to say: **"Be ye kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."**

Those Bible precepts are the exact opposite of what the Koran teaches, therefore . . .

The God of the Bible and the god of Islam are not the same being!

One teaches man to do good and the other teaches man to do evil. One teaches love and peace, the other commands war and hatred. One is the Creator of the Universe and the other is not.

So which is the true God and which should we worship, the One who teaches man to do good or the other who teaches man to do evil?

The Koran states: *"God forbid that he should have a son."*

Jesus Himself said: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

"Not by works of righteousness that we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us."

Is Jesus the Son of God?

*Moslems believe Jesus was a prophet,
but they do not believe Jesus ever claimed to be God's Son.
To prove that Jesus is God's Son, use Jesus' own words.*

Matthew 11:27-28 "All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Luke 10:22 "All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him."

John 3:17-18 "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 9:36-38 "Jesus . . . said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him."

John 14:8-9 "Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

The prophet John also declared Jesus to be "the only begotten of the Father," so there are no other direct Sons of God, only Jesus.

Moslems believe Christians are polytheistic because we believe Jesus to be the Son of God, but Jesus said . . .

"I and My Father are **One**."

"One" is neuter in Greek: (εἷς, *pronounced hice*),
meaning of one essence.

In other words, Jesus is stating that
He and God the Father are one Being.

There is only one God!



“Mark of the Beast
in their Foreheads” and...

ISLAM HAS NOT CHANGED

Ayatollah Khomeini taught a five point agenda:

Stage 1: Iran must become a theocratic, fundamentalist Islamic State.

Stage 2: Iraq must become a theocratic, fundamentalist Islamic State.

Stage 3: Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, have to become fundamentalist, theocratic Islamic States.

Stage 4: Jerusalem must be retaken and the Jewish people destroyed.

Stage 5: Conquest of the nations.

In 1984, Ayatollah Khomeini declared the following to the entire world and it is still the creed of today's Iranian theocracy . . .

“In order to achieve the victory of Islam in the world, we need to provoke repeated crises, restored value to the idea of death and martyrdom. If Iran has to vanish, that is not important. The important thing is to engulf the world in crises.”

Important Dates in Islamic Conquest:

632AD – Islamic Jihadists conquered Yemen.

632AD – Invasion of Abyssinia (*Ethiopia*) but the invading Islamic army was repelled by the orthodox church backed by the Portugese. This was a particularly disgraceful event, because just seventeen years earlier, the Negus of Abyssinia had helped the persecuted Moslems.

633AD – All desert tribes of Arabia were thoroughly subdued through military campaigns.

635AD – The attacking Islamic army conquered Damascus.

637AD – The Persians (*Iranians*) were defeated at the battle of Qadisiyya.

637AD – The fall of Iraq

638AD – Islamic fighters occupy Jerusalem.

639AD – All of Syria falls into Islamic hands.

The Declaration of Bishop Sophronius

When Khalifah Omar entered Jerusalem in 639AD, he was met by Sophronius, Bishop of the Jerusalem Church, who showed him around the city. Seeing the temple mount (then in rubble), Omar declared that he was going to build a memorial to Muhammad on the original site of the temple of God. Sophronius exclaimed in horror, "Verily, this is the Abomination of Desolation as spoken of by Daniel the prophet, and it now stands in the holy place." Though Sophronius was a very old man of about 80, Khalifah Omar put him in prison and to forced labor, the severities of which killed him.

From Jerry Landay's, *The Dome of the Rock* (Newsweek, New York, NY, 1972) p. 18

*The Dome of the Rock being the Abomination that makes Desolate
is not new theology! That knowledge has been
in the Church for over 1300 years!
Somehow we have forgotten the prophetic words
for which Sophronius gave his life.*

- 642AD** – All of Egypt falls to Moslems after some resistance in Alexandria. The great Coptic church was destroyed, never gain to strength again.
- 670AD** – Khalif Muawiya ordered an unsuccessful sea assault against Byzantium.
- 688AD** – The fall of Carthage.
- 702AD** – The Berber tribes of North Africa were conquered.
- 705 - 708AD** – Occupation of North Africa.
- 711-713AD** – Moslems capture all of Spain and Portugal. The place the Islamic Commander pitched his headquarters still bears his name, Gibraltar (*in English*), or Jebel Tariq (*in Arabic*), meaning mountain of Tariq.
- 715-717AD** – Arabian armies subdue Afghanistan, central Asia, northern limit of the Caspian sea, much of northern India.
- 718AD** – Islamic forces attack France.
- 725AD** – The invading Islamic armies besiege Toulouse, raid Burgundy and the Rhone valley.
- 732AD** – Islamic armies under Abdel Rahman defeated by Charles Martel.

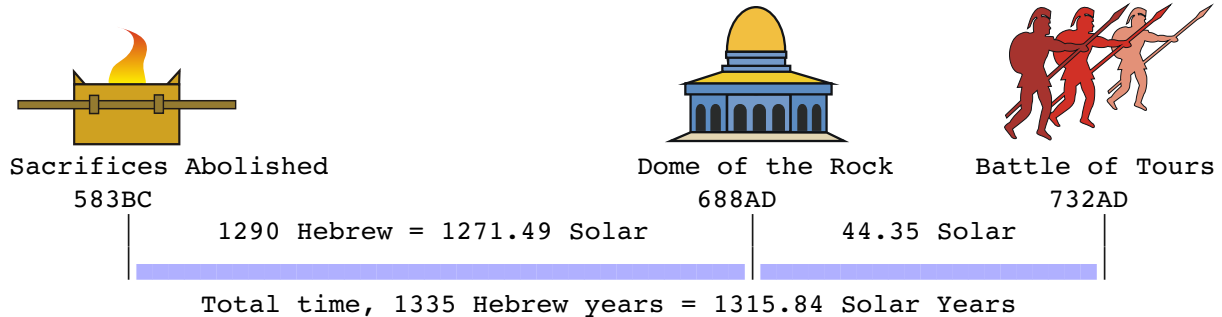
Battle of Tours

CHRONICLE OF ST. DENIS: “The Moslems planned to go to Tours to destroy the Church of St. Martin, the city, and the whole country. Then came against them the glorious Prince Charles, at the head of his whole force. He drew up his host, and he fought as fiercely as the hungry wolf falls upon the stag. By the grace of Our Lord, he wrought a great slaughter upon the enemies of Christian faith, so that--as history bears witness--he slew in that battle 300,000 men, likewise their king by name Abderrahman. Then was he [Charles] first called ‘Martel,’ for as a hammer of iron, of steel, and of every other metal, even so he dashed: and smote in the battle all his enemies. And what was the greatest marvel of all, he only lost in that battle 1500 men.”

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How Blessed Indeed

Daniel 12:11-12 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.”



There had been three branches to the Church, Roman, Greek and Coptic prior to the 1st Jihad. Islam enslaved the Coptic Church, the “one third of mankind killed” of Rev 8:8-12, 9:15. How Blessed that God through the Battle of Tours saved Christendom and destroyed the army that put an abomination “on the footstool of His feet.”

Importance of the Almost-Forgotten Khazars



8th Century – another Islamic army, under Abdel Rahman attempted to conquer Europe from the East by attacking Khazaria through the pass in the Caucasus. Moslems decisively defeated by the Khazars.

11th Century AD – Moslems penetrate Africa south of the Sahara.

12th - 14th Century AD – Moslems occupy northern India.

13th Century AD – Moslem states link Dakar (*Senegal*) to the Red Sea across the sub-Saharan prairies.

14th-16th Century AD – Moslem fighters conquer Indonesia.

15th Century AD – Constantinople falls. That city (*renamed Istanbul*) had been the eastern bastion of the whole Christian world. The great Christian church of Santa Sofia (*built by Christian emperor Justinian*) was turned into a mosque.

1683AD – Battle of Vienna. Third decisive loss for the Moslems. Ends Islamic attempts to take Europe until this century. Today, the Christian culture of Europe is seriously threatened by the 60,000,000 +/- Moslems who have immigrated there.

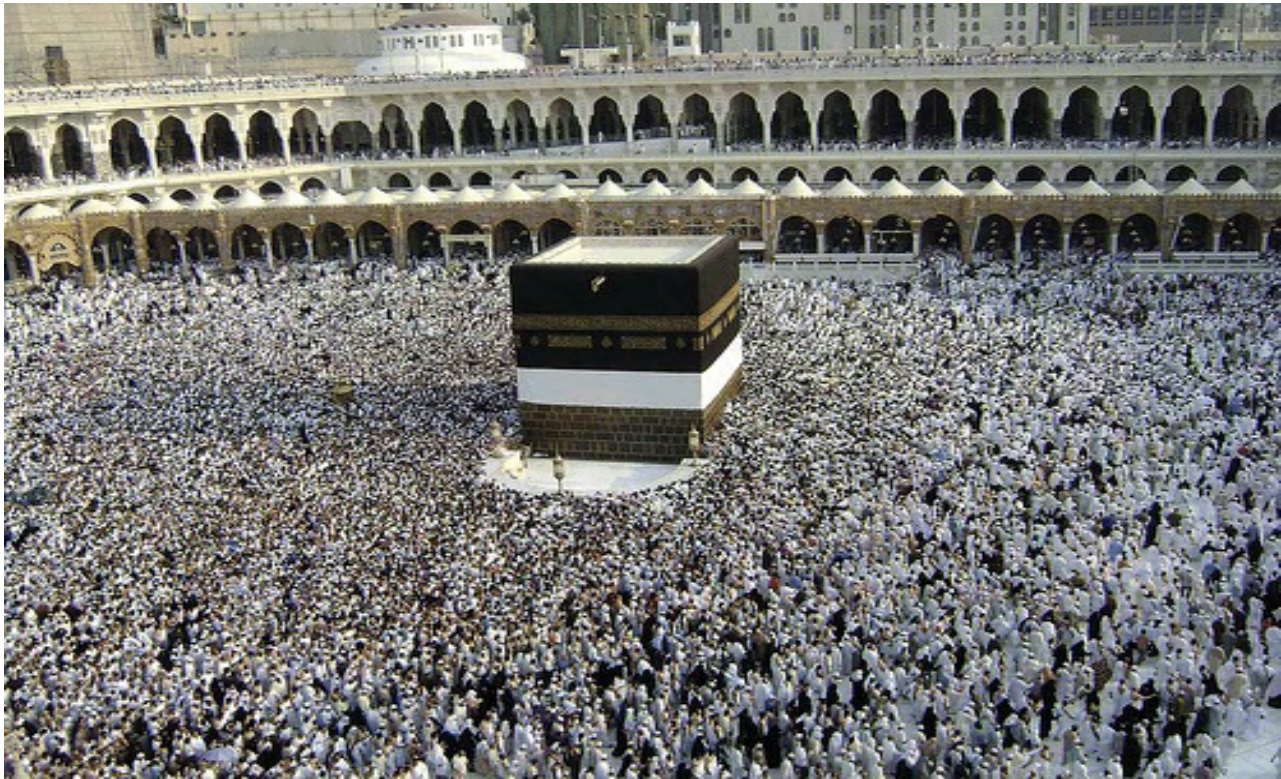
*We are next! There are now
6 to 9, 000,000 Moslems in the United States.*

Battle of Vienna

The third decisive battle fought by the Christian West against Islamic forces took place at the gates of Vienna, September 12, 1683. Like the earlier battles of Khazaria and Tours, this impossible victory also saved Europe from falling to Islam.

The city was besieged by a large Islamic force of about 275,000-300,000 Turks and Tartars, led by Grand Vizier Kara Mustafa. Christian forces were losing the battle until Jan Sobieski, King of Poland, entered the field with about 30,000 knights. Jan Sobieski's stated purpose for going to Vienna was, "to proceed to the Holy War, and with God's help, to give back the old freedom to besieged Vienna, and thereby help wavering Christendom."

This was another battle in which God fought for us. The Turks left 20-40,000 dead on the field. Christian losses are believed to have been +/- 3500, both dead and wounded.



If Christendom had not won against Islam at the Battles of Tours and Vienna and if it hadn't been for the forgotten Israelites in Khazaria, **YOU** and your family would be speaking Arabic and marching around the Ka'aba Stone!



BEHEAD

THOSE

WHO

INSULT

ISLAM

1948-1967

Islam begins its New Jihad!

... this so-called “holy war” being waged right now.

For Christians this isn't just a war
of guns and bullets.

It's a spiritual war, God against Satan,

The “deadly wound” of the Leopard- Bear- Lion
has been healed and the Church
is standing on the sidelines!

And when the Two Witnesses
shall have finished their testimony,
the Islamic jihad that cometh
up out of the abyss
shall make war with them,
and overcome them,
and kill them.

A photograph showing a person in a white hooded robe and black mask walking through a crowd of people in white robes with black skirts and red sashes. The scene is outdoors, likely during a festival or procession.

Another Look at a Cult of Death

THE LEOPARD-BEAR-LION

With basic concepts in place, we can now understand almost every word in Revelation 13.

Satanic Control of God's Footstool

Revelation 13:1-10 “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast (*empire*) rise up out of the sea (*of people, Rev 17:15*), having seven heads and ten horns (*The Holy Land is central in Bible prophecy so this beast is the various nations that have controlled the Holy Land during the Christian era*), and upon his horns ten crowns (*ten major Islamic countries of the Middle East*), and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a **leopard**, and his feet were as the feet of a **bear**, and his mouth as the mouth of a **lion** (*Greece, Medo-Persia, Babylon, today's Syria, Iran, Iraq, i.e., the Islamic lands*): and the dragon (*Satan*) gave him his power, and his seat (*throne*), and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were . . .

Revelation 13:1-10 continued . . .

wounded unto death (*at the Battles of Tours and Vienna*); and his deadly wound was healed (*after 1948-1967 the new Jihad begins*): and all the world (*the nations surrounding Israel*) wondered after the (*Islamic*) beast. And they worshipped the dragon (*Satan*) which gave power unto the (*Islamic*) beast: and they worshipped the (*Islamic*) beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies (*against the God who created the Universe*); and power was given unto him to continue (*controlling the Holy Land*) **forty and two months** (*day-years, from 688 to 1967 A.D.*). And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name (*saying God has no Son*), and his tabernacle (*the temple mount*), and them that dwell in heaven." (*All believers are now spiritually seated in the heavenlies with Christ, Ephesians 1:3*)

Revelation 13:1-10 continued . . .

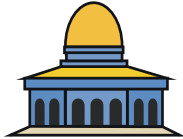
Revelation 13:6-10 “And it was given unto him (*Islam*) to make war with the saints (*the first Jihad*), and to overcome them (*from India to Spain*): and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations (*the world as known to John, i.e., Israel and the surrounding Middle Eastern nations*). And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are **not** written in the book of life (*The Koran does not show man another way to heaven*) of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.* If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”

* *Revelation 13:8 is the only verse in Scripture stating that Jesus' crucifixion is eternal, His blood covering man's sin both ways in time. In the mind of God the Father, Jesus was sacrificed before "the foundation of the world."*

Leopard-Bear-Lion controls Jerusalem 42 Months

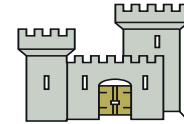
Revelation 13:5 “And there was given unto him (*the Leopard-Bear-Lion*) a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months.”

Dome of the Rock
Construction 685-705AD



688AD

Jerusalem Freed
June 6, 1967AD



1967

42 MONTHS

1278.34 YEARS

Revelation Thirteen is primarily about
the 1278.34 years that
Islam controlled Jerusalem.
But within that vision
is a little prophecy
about a “Two-Horned Beast”
that would be in Islam’s presence
during those years.



LAMBS DON'T HAVE HORNS

But This Lamb Does!

Revelation 13:11-14 “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a **lamb** (*Greek: ἄρνιον, a little defenseless lambkin*) and he spake as a **dragon.**”

ἄρνιον

Arnion, appears 27 times in Revelation. In 26 of those references, *arnion* is used as a name for the Lord Jesus, the Lamb of God. But the *arnion* of Rev 13 is different.

This *arnion* is called a “beast,” so it is an empire. “He spake like a dragon,” so this empire will outwardly appear to be Christian, but it will act satanically.

This empire has *two horns* so it will have authority in the Middle East **twice** while the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast (Islam) is in control of the Holy Land.

Revelation 13:11-14 (continued)

“And he (*Two Horns*) exerciseth all the power of the first beast (*Leopard-Bear-Lion*) **before him** (*Greek, ενώπιον, enopion, “in the sight of” or “in the presence of”*), and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first (*Islamic*) beast, whose deadly wound was healed (*the present Islamic Jihad*).

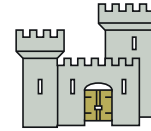
And he (*Two Horns*) doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,** And (*Two Horns*) deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles (*modern science*) which he had power to do in the sight of the (*Islamic*) beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image (*a likeness*) to the (*Islamic*) beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

** *The Gulf Wars bombing campaigns exactly fulfill this prophecy.*



Time of Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast

Islamic dominion of the Holy City



NEW
JIHAD

688AD

1967AD

Beast with Two Horns
"in LBLs presence"

1st Horn
The Crusades

2nd Horn
British Mandate



1000AD

1200AD

1917AD

1948AD

Western Christian nations controlled the Holy Land twice during the Islamic domination. Once during the Crusades and the second time after WW1 when the British Empire controlled the whole Middle East.



The Two Horned Beast like a lamb is apparently Christian, but it speaks like the dragon. In other words it is militarily aggressive! When the Christian nations militarily conquered the Holy Land, they did not destroy the Dome of the Rock nor drive the Moslems out. Two Horns ruled "in the presence" of the Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast. Today, the Islamic states are using Two Horns money to buy modern weaponry; so it is western nations, the "Beast with Two Horns," that is empowering the New Jihad, and bringing the "image" of the Leopard-Bear-Lion beast back to life.

**“And I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain,
and his fatal wound was healed.”**

**The new Jihad is an “image” or likeness of the first Jihad.
The Leopard-Bear-Lion’s wound is healed and Islam once again
threatens the Western World!**

The Number of the Beast

Revelation 13:15-18 “And he (*Two-Horns*) had power to give life unto the image of the (*Leopard-Bear-Lion*) beast, that the image of the beast (*today’s revitalized Islam*) should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the (*Islamic*) beast should be killed (*which is indeed the fate of those who turn to Jesus in Islamic lands*). And he (*the Leopard-Bear-Lion*) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads (*showing allegiance*): And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the (*Islamic*) beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the (*Islamic*) beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”

So what man has the number 666?

666
MUCHAMMAD

Direct quote from an Islamic Site

There are over 200 Islamic sites on the internet declaring 666 to be the number of the Koran and Muhammad!

One of those sites, www.quran66619.org is quoted below . . .

“In the Name of GOD, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

666

(The QURAN)

“At the very beginning of the Last Millennium in Human history, by GOD`s will, I did count the Letter Qaf which is the first letter of the Quran.

“After research, I witnessed the number 666 (Sura 11:17) and witnessed the awesome Message; “~~ALLAH~~, Lailaheillallah”, (66, 165) , “GOD, There is no other God beside GOD”

Quote from www.quran66619.org, Continued . . .

“The number 666 is highly publicized all over the world and it is associated with evil and danger.

“However, it is not what it seems. It was a Satanic trick.

“The trick was to prevent the people approaching the 666.

“Satan knew that the 666 is the book of GOD and the people should be kept away from it.

“According to his plan, he placed a bad image to the number 666.”

*You don't believe the Muslims have sites like that?
Type "Quran 666" into your browser and see.*

. . . and the Church? Well, it's keeping its mouth shut!

So what man has led
over two billion people away from
the Savior of the world?
The real False Prophet
of Revelation, that's who.

He's not someone in our future.
The real False Prophet is

Muhammad!

*Here over 1300 years ago,
but his demonic legacy lives on!*

So how is it all going to end?

Seven times in Revelation**
we read about an “hour of trial” coming upon the earth.

*An hour in day-years is 15.44 days,
so there will be a **two week** time of great distress
on all peoples at the end of the Christian era.
The epicenter of this final Holocaust
will once again be Israel.*

Right now it looks like Islam is winning,
but according to the Bible,
in **this** generation, and with your own eyes,
you will see Islam fall!

** Rev 3:10; Rev 9:15; Rev 14:7; Rev 17:12; Rev 18:10, 17, 19

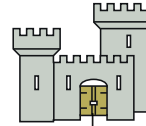


THE FALL OF ISLAM

- 1.** The Leopard-Bear-Lion of Revelation 13 is Islam (Satan's kingdom on earth).
- 2.** The Two Horn Beast (*Rev 13:11-13*) is the western "Christian" nations who twice controlled the Holy Land during our era.
- 3.** The "image of the beast" (*Rev 11:13-14*) is the worldwide Islamic Jihad of today.
- 4.** **Rev 13:16-18** are still about Islam and about the true conditions for Christians and Jews in Islamic countries.
- 5.** Therefore: the "man" of Rev 13:18 is none other than Muhammad himself!



Time of the Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast



Islamic domination of Jerusalem

END TIMES

688AD

1967AD

Crusades

British
Mandate

▲
▲
**THE
NEW
JIHAD**

Two Horned Beast

(Western Christian Nations)
and he... (the Two-horned Beast)
In the presence of the (LBL) Beast...

Two Horns did great signs in the presence of LBL.
Made a likeness of the (LBL) Beast.
Two Horns financially restored the Middle East
and he... (Muhammad, the prophet of LBL)
Puts a mark in the hand...
Can neither buy nor sell without his mark...
Muhammad's number is 666

*It contextually follows that the beast of Rev 14 is still
the Leopard-Bear-Lion,
Satan's Islamic Empire in the Middle East!*

Revelation 14: 9-12 “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the *(Islamic)* beast and his image *(The new Jihad or possibly the Ka'aba Stone)*, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up **for ever and ever**: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”

*** Islamic jihadists wear headbands and wristbands,
a “mark” in forehead or hand, with praises to their god
written on them in Arabic.*

Revelation 16:13 “And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon (*Satan*), and out of the mouth of the (*Leopard-Bear-Lion*) beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet (*Muhammad*), three unclean spirits (*The satanic angels of Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece, i.e., the Islamic hegemony in the Middle East, two of which angels are mentioned in Daniel 10:13, 20*), as it were frogs: for they are spirits of demons, working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the (*spiritual*) war of the great day of God, the Almighty.”

Revelation 19:20 “And I saw the *(Scarlet)* beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army. And the *(Satanic)* beast was taken, and with him the false prophet *(Muhammad)* that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the *(LBL)* beast and them that worshipped his image: they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone.”

Revelation 20:10 “And the devil
(the red dragon and the scarlet beast)
that deceived them
was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone,
where are also the beast
(the Islamic empire)
and the false prophet;
(Muhammad)
and they shall be tormented day and night
for ever and ever.”

A person wearing a red and white checkered balaclava is shown from the chest up. They are holding a green book with a dark cover in their left hand and a large, silver knife with a red, blood-stained blade in their right hand. The background is a dark, textured brown. The text is overlaid in the lower center of the image.

*Quran in one hand,
murder in the other!*

Present Day Muslim Persecution of “Infidels”

There have been over 23,770 deadly Islamic terrorist attacks since 9/11. From www.religionofpeace.com.

Monthly Jihad Report August, 2014

Jihad Attacks: 222

Allah Akbars (*suicide attacks*) 24

Dead Bodies: 4573

Critically Injured: 2287

Amputation is mandated in the Qur’an: “Indeed, the penalty for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and strive upon earth [to cause] corruption is none but that they be killed or crucified or that their hands and feet be cut off from opposite sides or that they be exiled from the land. That is for them a disgrace in this world; and for them in the Hereafter is a great punishment” (Sura 5:33).

Impossible to keep current, many attacks remain unreported. Here are those reported over three days.

From www.religionofpeace.com

2014.09.05 (Ashara, Syria) - A youth is executed and crucified to punish other residents calling for an end to the caliphate.

2014.09.04 (Karrada, Iraq) - A half-dozen innocents are slain when fundamentalists set off a bomb near alcohol shops.

2014.09.04 (Ghazni, Afghanistan) - Fundamentalists set off a massive truck bomb outside a government office, killing eighteen.

2014.09.04 (Mosul, Iraq) - Fourteen young people are abducted and executed by the Islamic State.

2014.09.03 (Mardan, Pakistan) - A Sikh is stabbed to death in a suspected sectarian attack.

2014.09.02 (al-Wefaq, Egypt) - Eleven police officers are blown to bits by a fundamentalist bomb blast.

"Mohammed is God's apostle. Those who follow him are harsh to the unbelievers but merciful to one another" Quran 48:29

“The United Nations estimates 5,000 women are murdered worldwide by family members each year in "honor killings," so named because the woman's actions are considered to have brought shame on her family. But women's advocacy groups say the crime is underreported and the figure could be around 20,000 a year.”

*In England, mostly in London,
there have been over 3000
so-called “honor killings”
perpetrated by Muslims.*

Islam has not changed its goals
or its behavior just because it
crossed the Atlantic,
so don't be fooled by their
supposedly peaceful nature!

*It's not islamophobia when they
really are trying to kill you!*

Islam's holy book
directs people to commit
unspeakable acts of cruelty and murder
so their "god" is not our God,
but Satan in disguise.

Murderous Behavior of the Leopard-Bear-Lion

Graphic Video: Muslims Slaughter “Apostate” in Tunisia

Posted on June 10, 2012 by
www.creepingsharia.com

via [*Graphic Video: Muslims Slaughter
“Apostate” in Tunisia :: Gatestone Institute.*](#)

*“There is unanimity that the male apostate must be
put to death.”*

Liberal talk show host Tawfiq Okasha recently appeared on “Egypt Today,” airing a video of Muslims slicing off a young man’s head off for the crime of apostasy — in this instance, the crime of converting to Christianity and refusing to renounce it. The video can be seen here — but be warned, it is immensely graphic . . .

<http://creepingsharia.wordpress.com/2012/06/10/graphic-video-muslims-slaughter-apostate-in-tunisia/>

(the actual execution appears from minute 1:13-4:00). For those who prefer not to view it, a summary follows:

A young man appears held down by masked men. His head is pulled back, with a knife to his throat. He does not struggle and appears resigned to his fate. Speaking in Arabic, the background speaker, or “narrator,” chants a number of Muslim prayers and supplications, mostly condemning Christianity, which, because of the Trinity, is referred to as a polytheistic faith: “Let Allah be avenged on the polytheist apostate”; “Allah empower your religion, make it victorious against the polytheists”; “Allah, defeat the infidels at the hands of the Muslims,” and “There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger.”

Then, to cries of “Allahu Akbar!”— Allah is greater!”—the masked man holding the knife to the apostate’s throat begins to hack away, severing the head completely after approximately one minute of graphic knife-carving, as the victim drowns in his own blood. Finally, the severed head is held aloft to more Islamic slogans of victory.

Visibly distraught, Tawfiq Okasha, the host, asks: “Is this Islam? . . . these are the images that are disseminated throughout the electronic media in Europe and America. Can you imagine?” Then, in reference to Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood and Salafis, whose political influence has grown tremendously, he asks, “How are such people supposed to govern?”

Only the other day, a prominent Egyptian Salafi leader — referring to the canonical hadiths, including Muhammad’s command, “Whoever leaves his religion, kill him” — openly stated that no Muslim has the right to apostatize, or leave Islam.

Any number of Islamic legal manuals make explicitly clear that apostasy is a capital crime, punishable by death. The first “righteous caliph,” a model of Muslim piety, had tens of thousands of former Muslims slaughtered—including by burning, beheading, and crucifixion—simply because they tried to break away from Islam. According to the *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, the most authoritative reference work on Islam in the English language, “there is unanimity that the male apostate must be put to death.”

Finally, a word on the “prayers” or supplications to Allah made by the Muslim executioners in the video: these are standard and formulaic. In other words, these are not just masked, anonymous butchers who pray to Allah as they engage in acts of cutting throats and holding up heads, these are top-ranking Muslim leaders, who appear regularly on TV, who invoke such hate-filled prayers. See here for examples of Muslims supplicating Allah to strike infidels with cancer and disease “till they pray for death and do not receive it;” there are even formalized prayers in Mecca, blasted on megaphones as Muslims honor their obligation to go on a pilgrimage at least once in their lives, supplicating Allah to make the lives of Christians and Jews “hostage to misery; drape them with endless despair, unrelenting pain and unremitting ailment; fill their lives with sorrow and pain and end their lives in humiliation and oppression.”



*The good man has no need to hide his face,
only the wicked do.*

The Scarlet Beast



The Scarlet Beast identifies **which**
earthly empires would control
the Holy Land from the
time of David to the present.

The Second Chiasm, Key to the Beasts

		PROPHECY	SUBJECT
A	ch.12	Wōmān with 12 Stars	Jēws dūring this Era
B	ch.13	Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast	Satanic Kingdom
ba	ch.14	144,000 & The Gospel	All the Redeemed
C	ch.15	Song of Moses and Lamb	Jew & Gentile Redeemed
C	ch.16	Bowls of Wrath	Wrath for the Wicked
B	ch. 17	Seven Headed Beast	Satanic Kingdoms
ba	ch.18	Babylon	All the Lost
A	ch.20	The Thousand Years	Gentile Church Era

*The 2nd chiasm is fulfilled during the Christian era.
Leopard-Bear-Lion and the Scarlet Beast are the B-B of this chiasm.
So they are parallel and concurrent, fulfilled at the same time.*

The Scarlet Beast

Revelation 17:1-6 “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore (*In the Old Testament, apostasy is always described as harlotry, so this “whore” is the apostate Gentile Church*) that sitteth upon many waters (*many people, Rev 17:15*): With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication (*by joining the unsaved world*). So he carried me away in the spirit (*figurative signpost*) into the wilderness (*of Gentile nations*): and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast (*compare with the red dragon of Rev:12:3, so this beast is Satan himself*), full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads (*empires*) and ten horns (*kings*). And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour ...

Revelation 17:1-6 Continued . . .

“and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication (*a church wealthy in material goods but spiritually apostate*): And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints (*read Foxe’s Book of Martyrs, The Pilgrim Church or Martyrs Mirror*), and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus (*historic records document the myriads of faithful brethren killed during the Christian era by the Roman church’s “holy wars” and inquisitions*): and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.”

Revelation 17:7-13 “And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out . . .

Revelation 17:7-13 Continued . . .

“of the bottomless pit (*Satan was cast out of heaven at the Cross, John 12:31, so this is a figurative picture of Satan’s location here on Earth during the Christian era*), and go into perdition (*destruction*). And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that **was** (*in control of the Holy Land before John’s time*), and **is not** (*in control of the Holy Land during John’s time*), and **yet is** (*continues to attack Jews and Christians*).

“And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth (*Rome is known as the city on seven hills*). And there are seven kings: **five** are fallen, and **one** is, and **the other** is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space (*i.e., longer than the other six kingdoms*). And the beast that **was**, and **is not**, even he is the eighth, and is of (*from, out of or composed of*) the seven, and goeth into perdition.

“And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings (*ten Islamic Califs*), which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour (*15.44 days*) with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the (*Scarlet*) beast.”

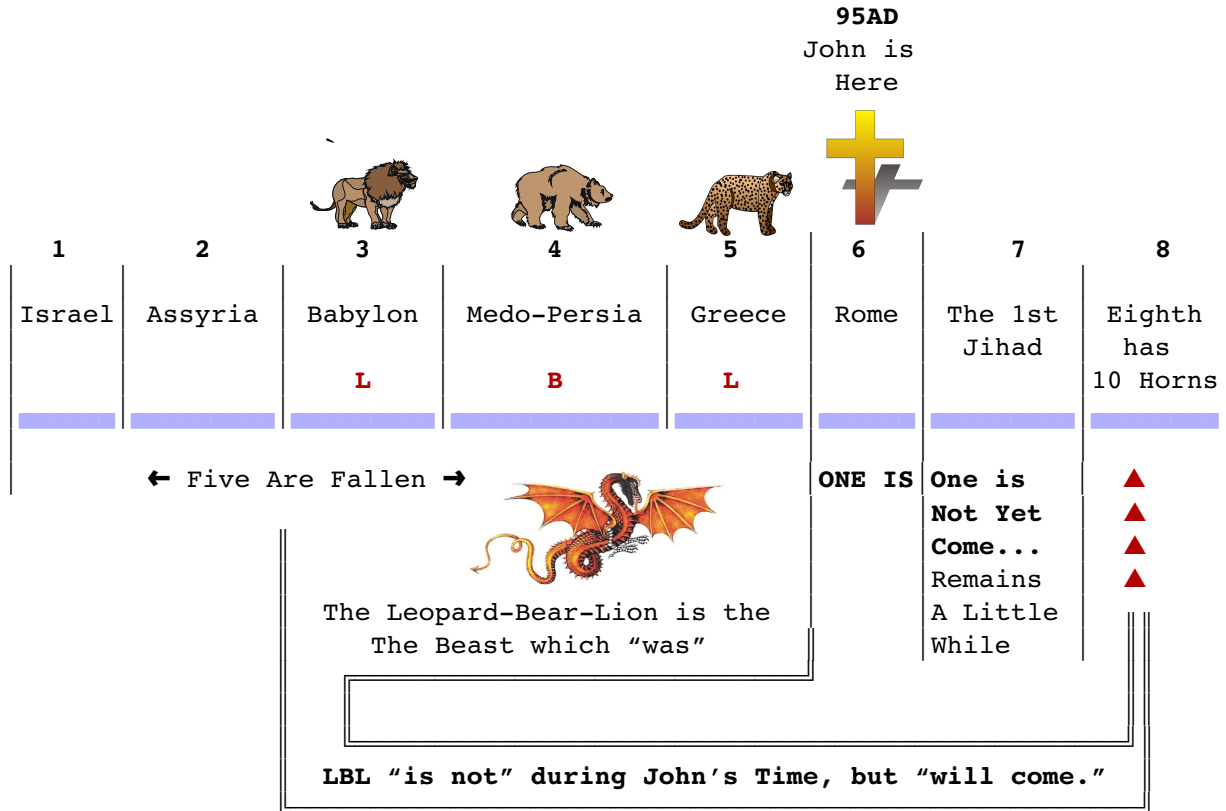
To correctly understand this prophecy,
we must stand in the 1st century
sandals of the prophet.

Revelation was given to John
in 95 to 105AD, so during John's time,
Rome was the kingdom **that is**.

The "five fallen" are kingdoms that had
dominion over the Holy Land **before** John.

Kingdoms seven and eight have dominion
over the Holy Land **after** John.

Satanic Kingdoms in the Holy Land



Beast 1 = **Israel**
Beast 2 = Assyria
Beast 3 = Lion = Babylon, now **Iraq**
Beast 4 = Bear = Medo-Persia, now **Iran**
Beast 5 = Leopard = Greece, now **Syria**

*Since Rome is the 6th Beast,
the 7th Beast must be the **Islamic** powers
that controlled the Holy Land
from 688AD to 1948AD!*

And that fits recorded history!

The Beast That Was and Is Not

Revelation 17:8 “The beast that thou sawest **was**, and **is not**; and **shall ascend** out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition . . . and they shall wonder when they behold the *(Islamic)* beast that **was**, and **is not**, and **yet is**.”

The masked Muslim jihadists of today are actually the active military arm of Islam.

They “are not,” the usual geographically loadable empire, but yet “they are.”



"The beast which was"



"... and is not"



"... and will come."

OLD TESTAMENT ERA

Daniel 7:3-6 And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

THE CHRISTIAN ERA

Revelation 13:1-3 "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed ... And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast ... and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. "

THE END TIMES

Revelation 17:8-12 "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they ... shall wonder ... when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."

The Islamic Caliphates

Since the days of Muhammad there have been **NINE** titular heads to the Islamic world. Those religious/governmental heads were called caliphates. A couple were recognized by the West like the Ottoman Empire and the al Rashid dynasty, the rest were pretty much ignored. Their list appears below . . .

- 1.1 Rashidun, 632–661
- 1.2 Umayyads, 7th–8th centuries
- 1.2a The Caliphate in Hispania
- 1.3 Abbasids, 8th–13th centuries
- 1.4 Fatimids, 10th–12th centuries
- 1.5 Shadow Caliphate, 13th–16th centuries
- 1.6 Ottomans, 16th–20th century
- 1.7 Sokoto, 19th century
- 1.8 Ahmadiyya Caliphate, 1908-Present
- 1.9 Khilafat Movement of, 1920

Dedicated to jihad, Islam has attacked and tried to destroy Christendom several times. It was the caliphates who, at the beginning of the 8th century, sent the 300,000 man Islamic Army of Abdel-Rahman into Khazaria, then in 732 sending it to France, where it was defeated by Charles Martel at the Battle of Tours. Then 951 years later, in 1683, the Muslims invaded Europe for the final time, sending Kara Mustapha's 275,000 man army into Austria, where he was stopped by the Polish prince, Jan Sobieski at the Battle of Vienna. At one point during the battle, Kara Mustafa personally ordered the execution of 30,000 Christian hostages. So Islamic brutality and wars of conquest are not something new.

If God had not given victory to Christian forces in any of those three battles, you and your family would be speaking Arabic and praying five times a day on your little prayer rugs, facing Mecca!

The Ten Horns of the Scarlet Beast

1. From Revelation 12:3, the Scarlet Beast of Revelation 17 can be positively identified as Satan himself, whose Islamic hegemony has controlled the Holy Land from 639 A.D to 1948 A.D..
2. From Daniel 8, “horns” can be identified as “kings.”
3. From the nine Caliphates shown above, it appears that nine Islamic “kings” have ruled the Holy Land during the Christian era.
4. The Islamic State of the Levant, (ISIL) is now claiming to be the 10th Islamic Caliphate.

*As a result, only one conclusion
remains plausible . . .*

The Ten Islamic Caliphates
of the Christian era come out of
the Islamic beast that “will come,”
so they are the

“TEN HORNS”

of Revelation 18's
Scarlet Beast!

Matthew 18:18 “Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

*As the Church in the West falls into apostasy,
it no longer binds Satan through prayer.*

*Less than 3% of Europeans still cling to the faith.
Only 5% of Americans are truly born again.
As a result, Satan is once again loosed to control
the kingdoms of the world.*

The scourge of Islam is the result of our apostasy!

Revelation 17:14 “These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.”

“They Give Their Power unto the Beast”

for one hour, in day-years that's a little over two weeks, actually 15.44 Days .

Revelation 17:12-13 & 16 “And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire..”



An Alternate View of the Ten Horns

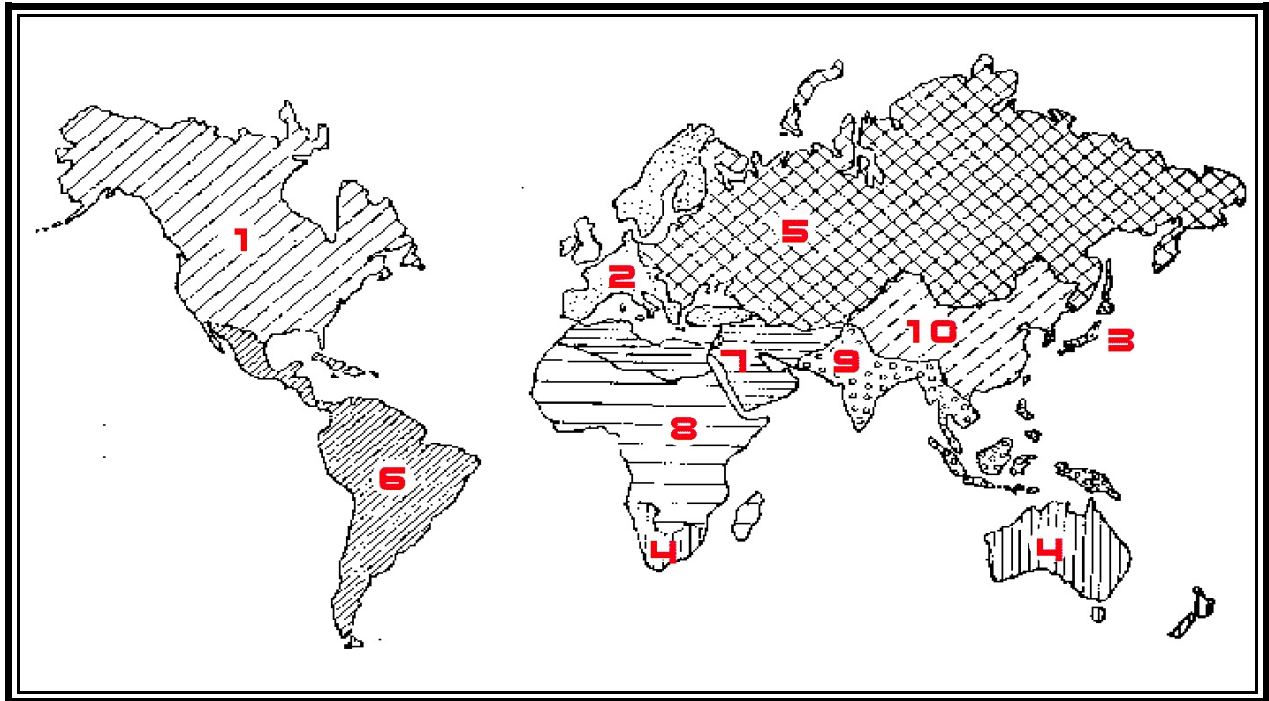
Revelation 17:11-13 “And the *(satanic)* beast that was *(before John)*, and is not, *(in control of the kingdoms of the world during the Christian era)* even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings *(no crowns, so these are not ordinary rulers of nations or kingdoms)* one hour *(15.44 days)* with the *(satanic)* beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.”

So what kind of world authorities are not heads of states?

They have power “as kings,” but don’t actually control their governments?

The leaders of the world's Financial Systems!

These systems control the
economic well-being of every people
and nation on earth!



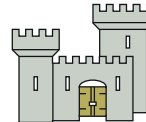
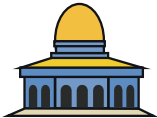
Map of the regionalization of the world's economic systems as proposed by the Club of Rome. This same map appears in many multi-national publications. However, Region 1 has now been modified to include Mexico. That is what NAFTA is all about.

Beast With Two Horns is the Western Nations

Revelation 13:13-18 “And he (*the Two-Horned-Beast*) doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And he (*Two- Horns*) deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles (*modern science*) which he had power to do in the sight of the (*Leopard-Bear-Lion*) beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the (*LBL*) beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live (*ISIL and the new Jihad*). And he (*Two-Horns*) had power to give life unto the image of the (*LBL*) beast, that the image of the (*LBL*) beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the (*LBL*) beast should be killed . . .

Revelation 13:13-18, Continued. . . .

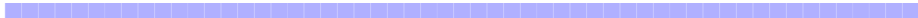
“And he *(LBL)* causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the *(LBL)* beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the *(Leopard-Bear-Lion)* beast: for it is the number of a man ; and his number *is* Six hundred threescore *and* six.” *(Muhammad)*



Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast

Islamic domination of Jerusalem

ISIL & Jihad



688AD

Crusades

British
Mandate

1967AD

Two Horned Beast
(Western Christian Nations)

"and he..." the Two-horned Beast
In the presence of the (LBL) Beast
Did great signs in the presence of LBL

Two Horns makes a likeness of (LBL) Beast
ISIL and the new Jihad

"and he..." the Leopard-Bear-Lion
Puts a mark in the forehead or hand of Moslems...
Christians and Jews cannot buy or sell
Islamic beast's number is 666.

Revelation was written 500 years before
Muhammad was born and the Muslims themselves
tell us their Koran is 666!

Revelation 13 figuratively describes
a great evil coming upon the Earth
and a "*he*" whose number will be 666.

From context and history we now know that
great evil to be Islam and the
"*he*" of Revelation 13:18
to be Muhammad, the real false prophet
of the Christian era!

*“Howbeit, in vain
do they worship me,
teaching for doctrines
the commandments
of men.”*

Mark 7:8



MARK OF THE BEAST

What is the Mark of the Beast?

Revelation 13:14-17 “And (*The Beast with Two Horns*) deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles (*Greek word: σημεῖον, say-mi'-on, significant works perceived as miracles*) which he had power to do in the sight of the (*Leopard-Bear-Lion*) beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image (*or likeness*) to the (*Islamic*) beast, which had the wound by a sword (*at the Battles of Tours & Vienna*), and did live (*the new Jihad*). And he (*Two Horns*) had power to give life unto the image of the (*Islamic*) beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

And he (*the Leopard-Bear-Lion*) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a **mark** in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the (*Islamic*) beast, or the number of his name.”

*So if you don't have the Leopard-Bear-Lion's mark,
(in other words, if you are not in Islam),
you will suffer economic bondage!*

Below is how the Koran says Moslems should treat
people of other faiths . . .

Sura 9:29 "Fight those who believe not in God [*Allah*] and his apostle [*Muhammad*], nor acknowledge the religion of truth [*i.e., Islam, even if they are*] of the people of the book [*i.e. Jews and Christians*], until they pay jizya [*a humiliating tax*] with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued [*enslaved*]."

*Sura 9:29 exactly fulfills Revelation 13:17.
Isn't that what Christians and Jews
in Islamic lands have always suffered?*

Both Quotes below Are about the Fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.
One writer sees a mark while the other doesn't.

THE WRITER OF CHRONICLES SEES THIS . . .

2 Chronicles 36:17 “Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand.”

EZEKIEL SEES THIS . . .

Ezekiel 9:4 & 6 “And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **set a mark** upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof . . . Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: **but come not near any man upon whom is the mark**; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house *(of the Lord).*”

Why the difference?

The author of Chronicles
was a historian
who wrote about visible events
in the material world.

Ezekiel was a prophet who
in a vision
saw into the spiritual world!

The author of Chronicles
did not see the mark because
*it was a spiritual mark,
seen only in the spiritual world!*

עֲדָה
אֵלֶּה
אֵלֶּה

THE INVISIBLE MARK

יהוה Hebrew (*Jhvh*), Lord אלהים Hebrew (*Elohiym*) God

Mark on Israel During the Christian Era

Revelation 7:1-3 “And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east (*Jesus*), having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels (*of Rev 6:1-8 & 9:14-16*), to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.” (*Christian era believers, both Jew and Gentile*)

IDENTIFYING THE MARK ON ISRAEL

Revelation 14:1 “And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having *his Father's name written in their foreheads.*”

Mark on Christians During the Christian Era

All Christians are sealed (*i.e., marked*) by the Holy Spirit, but that mark is only visible in the spiritual world!

2 Corinthians 1:22 “Who hath also **sealed us**, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”

Ephesians 1:13 “In whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed** with that holy Spirit of promise.”

Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby **ye are sealed** unto the day of redemption.”

The above is the Christian's spiritual condition as seen by angels in the spiritual world.

Since God's spiritual mark on the saints
is **invisible** in the material world,
wouldn't Satan's mark on the lost
be **invisible** in the material world?

Of course, but how about the mark being a
Credit Card or a Computer Chip?

Think it through . . .

People do not go to Hell
because of something that
happens in the flesh,
but because of something
that did not happen
in the heart!

NOW WE CAN UNDERSTAND . . .

Revelation 14:9-11 “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the *(Leopard-Bear-Lion, i.e., the Islamic)* beast and his image *(the new Jihad)*, and receive *his (spiritual)* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”

*“The Lord knows those who are His,”
and seals them accordingly.*

*In like manner, Satan knows those who belong to him
and seals them with his satanic mark.*

These marks are visible in the spiritual world
to both holy and fallen angels.

Satan marks servants all over the world,
but the “Mark of the Beast” of Revelation 13:18
is religion specific!

It’s the mark of the Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast,
so it is on the lost souls in Islam!



ἀντίχριστος

ANTICHRIST

So who is Antichrist?

Well, what was the purpose of John's gospel and three epistles? Why was he inspired to write them at the very end of his life, circa 95 to 105 A.D.? What had happened to the Church during his lifetime?

Acts 20:29 "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock."

Had the Apostle Paul's prophecy of the church's future already come to pass while John was alive? A few 1st and 2nd century heresies . . .

*Dualism (two gods), Gnosticism (Jesus not flesh),
Montanism (additional revelation), Judaism (legalism),
Asceticism (monasticism), Nocolaitanism (false apostles),
Balaamism (merchandising the Gospel).*

Seeds of all appeared in the First Century.

*So it appears that John wrote when he did
to expose false leaders and false doctrines
that were already in the church.*

Confirmed by John 1:1-14, 2 Ti 3:6-8, Rev 2:2, 2:14-15, 2:20

So who is Antichrist?

*Did you know there are **ONLY 4 VERSES** in Scripture that mention "antichrist" by name?*

1John 2:18, "Children, it is the last hour; and just as you have heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last time." (NAS)

1John 2:22, "Who is a liar but the one that denies that Jesus is the Christ. He is **THE** (*Gr. definite article "te"*) antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. **Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father.**" (NAS)

1John 4:3, "And every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world." (NAS)

2 John 7, "For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is **THE** deceiver and **THE** antichrist." (NAS)

**SO DO THOSE VERSES SAY THERE'S GOING TO BE A FUTURE ANTICHRIST,
OR IS JOHN JUST EXPOSING ANOTHER HERESY?
LOOK AT WHAT'S TAUGHT IN THE CHURCHES TODAY.**

- 1.** Antichrist will appear during the last 7 years of this era.
- 2.** Rule as good leader 3 ½ years.
- 3.** Rule as bad leader 3 ½ years.
- 4.** Help the Jews rebuild the temple.
- 5.** Reinstate animal sacrifices.
- 6.** Build a “talking” image on the temple mount.
- 7.** Stop sacrifices.
- 8.** Destroy the temple during his last 3 ½ years.
- 9.** Turn against the Jews.
- 10.** Persecute Christians during a “seven year” tribulation.
- 11.** Start Armageddon.
- 12.** Be Satan in human form.

Guess what?

Not a single one of those
popular end-time doctrines
can be directly
supported by the Bible.

All are guesswork theology!

Dating Thessalonians

Most biblical historians believe the Thessalonians books were written by 52 A.D., but a couple of verses in 1Thessalonians 2 make that view questionable.

1Thessalonians 2:14-16 “For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: **for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.**”

*So to what “wrath” do you suppose Paul was referring?
The “utmost” calamity that happened to the Jews in the 1st century
was the destruction of their Temple in 70 A.D..
So both Thessalonian books may have been written later than 70 A.D..*

But why is that important?

Because
during the Christian era,
God's Temple
is not a physical building
on Mount Moriah!

LOCATION OF THE TEMPLE OF GOD DURING THE CHRISTIAN ERA

1 Corinthians 3:16 “Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”

2 Corinthians 6:16 “And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for **ye are the temple of the living God**; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Ephesians 2:22 “In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for **an habitation of God** through the Spirit.”

Satan Invades the Temple of God

2 Thessalonians 2:2-4 “That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition (*Satan is called a “man” in Isaiah 14:16 and elsewhere in Scripture*); Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called god (*Satan and fallen angels do that*), or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.**”

So where is the temple of God
during the Christian era?

In the believer's heart!

So the "he" of 2Thessalonians 2:3 is not a human!

He is a demon or Satan attacking
the minds of Christians by
masquerading as the Holy Spirit, 2 Cor 11:14

All because the spirits are not tested
as commanded by 1 John 4:1-3.

The Command We Have Forgotten

1John 4:1-3 “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try (*Greek, δοκιμάζω, dok-im-ad'-zo: to test, try, discern or examine. This is a command, not just a suggestion.*) the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

The Lord already warned us, *“Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light,”* 2Cor 11:13. We forget it to our peril!

2 Thessalonians 2:5-8 “Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let (*i.e., “restrains will restrain”, NAS*), until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked (*spirit*) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.”

Genesis 6:3 “And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man.”

FALSE CHURCH DURING THE END-TIMES

1 Timothy 4:1-2 "... in the **latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron ..."

2 Timothy 4:3-4 "For the **time will come** when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to **myths.**"

For a more detailed explanation of antichrist, please refer to the files on the subject on the www.fishhouseministries.com site.



שבעה ושבעים

SEVENTY SEVENS

שָׁבָעִים shab-uim' שִׁבְעִים shib-eem'

With the 70 Year captivity over, Gabriel tells Daniel ...

Daniel 9:24-26 “Seventy weeks (שָׁבָעִים שִׁבְעִים, *actually seventy sevens*) are determined upon **THY PEOPLE** and upon **THY HOLY CITY**,

The addressees are stated! This prophecy was written while the Jews were captive in Babylon. It is in the Old Testament, in Hebrew, so who do you suppose it is about?

*It's about the Jews and their Holy City,
It is not to or about the Church.*

“... to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.” (*All but one fulfilled by the Cross*)

Daniel 9:24-26 Continued ...

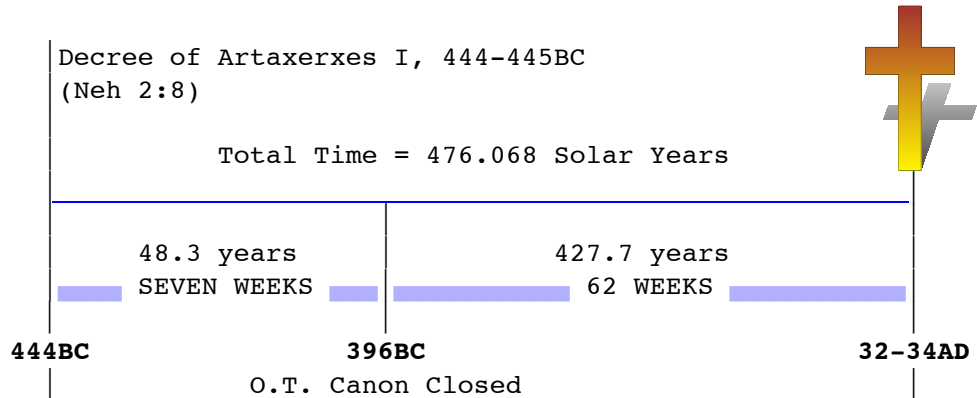
“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem (*Artaxerxes decree, 444-445 B.C.*) unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks (שָׁבָעִים, *shavuim, the male plural form of seven so these “weeks” or “sevens” are not ordinary 24 hour days.*), and threescore and two weeks (שָׁבָעִים, *shavuim*): the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times (*fulfilled in Neh 2:8*). And after threescore and two weeks (שָׁבָעִים, *shavuim*) shall Messiah be cut off (*i.e., killed*), but not for himself: and the people of the (*satanic*) prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood (*of foreign people, Rev 17:15*), and unto the end of the war (*between God and Satan*) desolations are determined.”

Note: “Shavuim” is used only four times in the Old Testament, all in Daniel. Three in the 70 Weeks and once in Daniel 10.

69 “Weeks” Point to the Cross

536BC
Daniel’s
Vision

Both ends of
this prophecy
were in Daniel’s
future!



69 x 483 Hebrew years when converted is 476 solar years.
476 - 444 = 32-34AD, the Crucifixion right to the year!

444BC - 48.3 solar years = 396BC. Close of the O.T.
396BC - 427.7 solar years = 32-34 A.D. The Cross.

The 70th “Week” Is Different

*John H. Darby of the Plymouth Brethren
invented the Seven-Year-Great-Tribulation from this verse!*

“And he (*the above satanic prince, possibly Satan*) shall confirm the covenant with many (*Jewish people*) for one week (*שָׁבֻעַ shavua, a different word, the singular form of seven, so this week is not the same as the prior 69*): and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate (*make what desolate?*), even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.” Daniel 9:27

A Different “Seven”

The Hebrew word for seven used for the 69 weeks is (שִׁבְעִים, *shavuim*) which is **different** than the word used for the 70th week (שִׁבְעָה, *shavua*) so the 70th week is . . .

different in kind than the 69!

If the same word had been used, then each “day” of the 70th week would also be a year, but since the word is different, the 70th week must be viewed in a different way. The 70th week must be describing a time other than seven years!

But how long can this “week” be?

Lets look at a literal translation of Daniel 9:27

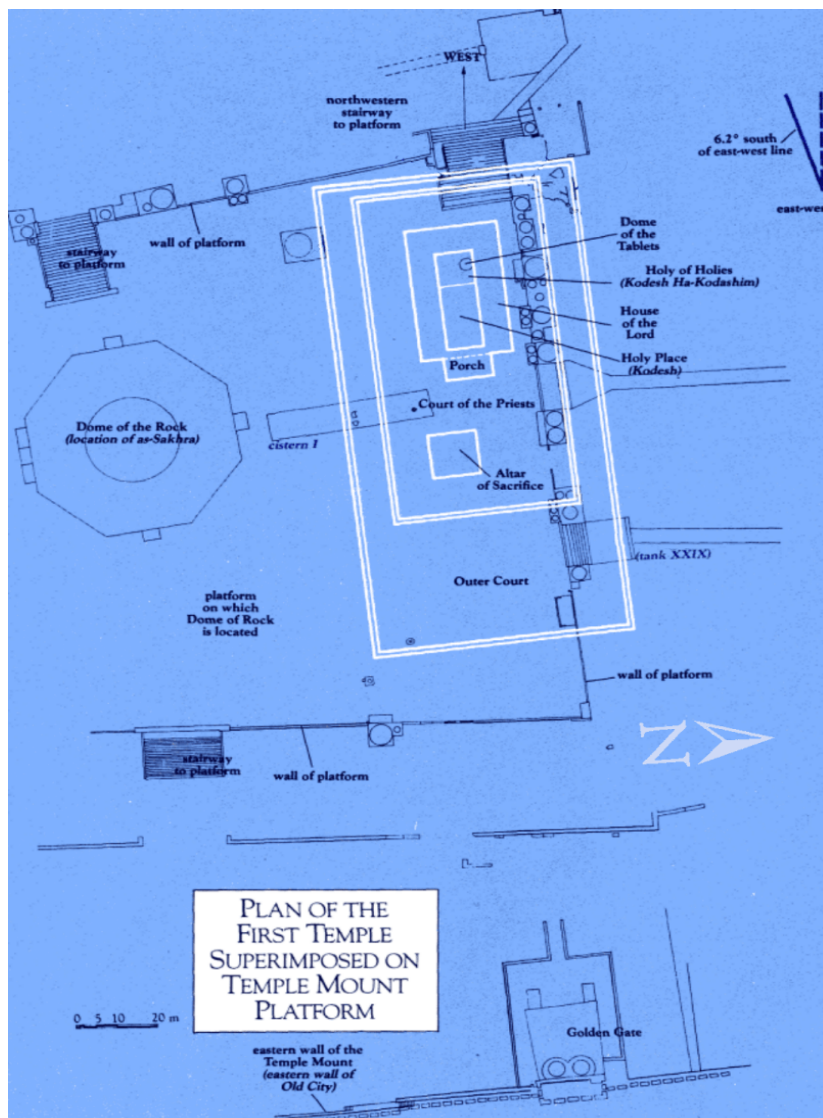
Daniel 9:26-27 (*Green's Interlinear*) “And its end with the flood (*of foreign people, Rev 17:15*) and until end war are determined desolations and he shall confirm a covenant with the many week (שָׁבִיעַ, *shavua****) one and in the half of the week he shall make cease sacrifice and offering and upon a wing abominations (שְׁקִיּוֹצִים, *shiqquts*) a desolator (מְשַׁמָּם *shaw-mam*) even until end and that which was decreed shall pour out on the desolator.”

*** *The Hebrew word for seven used in this verse, שָׁבִיעַ, shavua, is different than the שְׁבַעַיִם, shavuim of the prior 69 weeks (and 69 carrots are not the same as one onion). In like manner, the 70th week is different in kind! Since each day of the 69 weeks represented a year, then each day of 70th week cannot be a year, but must be either seven literal 24 hour days or symbolize a much longer period of time.*

Now Here is a Believe It or Not!

THE TRANSLATORS OF THE NIV GOT IT RIGHT

Daniel 9:26-27 (NIV) “. . . and its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. But he will confirm a covenant with many for one seven, but in the middle of that seven, he will put an end to sacrifice and offering, and one who causes desolations will place abominations on a wing *of the temple*, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.



“In the middle of that seven, he will put an end to sacrifice and offering, and one who causes desolations will place abominations on a wing of the temple.”

Daniel 9:27, NIV

Look where the Dome of the Rock is: “on a wing of the temple” in the Court of the Gentiles!

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Here is Daniel 12:11 Again

Daniel 12:11 “And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the **abomination that maketh desolate** set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.”

We already know this abomination to be the Dome of the Rock!

Regular sacrifices
Abolished



583BC

1290 HEBREW YEARS

1271.49 SOLAR YEARS

Dome of the Rock
Constructed 685-705AD



688AD!

SHIQQOTS HA SHAMEN

1. The Hebrew word translated “abomination” is שְׁקוּצָה *shiqquts* (Strong’s No. 8251).
2. The Hebrew word translated “desolation” is מְשָׁמָה *shaw-mam* (Strong’s No. 8074).
3. In Dan 12:11 we find the Abomination that maketh Desolate is “*Shiqquts ha Shaw-mam.*”
4. Since “*shiqquts* and *shaw-mam*” in Dan 12:11 is the Dome of the Rock, then “*shiqquts* and *shaw-mam*” in Dan 9:27 should also be the Dome of the Rock!

So it appears the 70th Week stretches into the past and future from the construction of the Dome in 688AD.

Once we recognize that Daniel's 70th week is actually about the Dome of the Rock, all support for a future *Seven-Year Tribulation* goes up in smoke, because Daniel 9:27 is the **ONLY** verse in the whole Bible from which that idea could have been concocted. The identification of the Dome of the Rock as the Abomination that maketh Desolate is confirmed by the day-years of Rev 11:2-3, 12:6, and 13:5. The historic date of its construction is accepted by all, and the mathematics is irrefutable.

Since the 70th Week doesn't appear to be about John Darby's Seven-Year -Great-Tribulation invention, what can it really be about?

We need to stand in Daniel's shoes and view this prophecy from his Jewish perspective!

Daniel, a godly Jew, was immersed in the Law of Moses.
He fully understood the Levitical Code!

THE LEVITICAL CODE

- 1st:** One seven of years.
- 2nd:** Followed by six more sevens of years.
- 3rd:** A final unique Jubilee year with 360 Sabbaths.

DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS

- 1st:** Seven sevens of weeks, 7 *Shavuim*.
- 2nd:** Followed by 62 more sevens of weeks, 62 *Shavuim*.
- 3rd:** A final unique week, a *Shavua*.

The numerical progression in the Levitical Code
and the Seventy Weeks is the same.

One seven, a multiple of sevens, with a unique
time at the end.

1. *The Levitical Code, had a 50 year cycle, which ended
with a year of the Jubilee with 360 Sabbaths.*

2. *The 70 Weeks also ends with a unique seven,
each year of which should also have 360 Sabbaths!*

So should this last unique “shavua”
be multiplied by 360?

Daniel's 70th Week

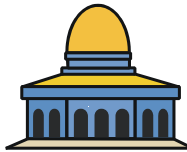
Since contextual weeks require multipliers and a Jubilee year has 360 Sabbaths, could the multiplier for the 70th Week be 360? If so, $360 \times 7 = 2520$ prophetic years or 2484 Solar years.



Decree of
Cyrus

536BC

Construction of the
Dome of the Rock & the al Aqsa Mosque
685AD-705AD



706AD

Exact Middle of the Week



New Nation
of Israel

1948AD

End Times

<<< 2520 Hebrew years is 2484 solar years >>>

The mathematical probability
of this prophecy predicting
– right to the year –
an event that was
2484 years in the future
(with the Dome of the Rock in the middle)
is ZERO unless it is
the correct interpretation.

The to-the-year accuracy of the time-lines in both Daniel and Revelation are beyond comprehension, were it not that the Spirit of God inspired them.

So Lets Read that Verse Again

**This final Seven was Fulfilled in 1948 by the new nation of Israel,
Which “seals up this vision and prophecy.”**

Daniel 9:27 (NIV) “But he (*a satanic prince*) will confirm a covenant with many (*Jewish people*) for one seven (*2520 prophetic, i.e., 2484 solar years*), but in the middle of that seven, he will put an end to sacrifice and offering (*by making the temple mount spiritually desolate*), and one who causes desolations (*the satanic spirit behind Islam*) will place abominations (*the Dome of the Rock*) on a wing of the temple, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

*Now doesn't that fit Scripture
and recorded history a whole lot better?*

Introduction to the Seals, Trumpets and Bowls

The book of Revelation is the two-sided scroll given to Jesus in Rev 5:1-7. The 1st chiasm (chs 2-11 read by Jesus) contains four parallel prophecies and two parenthetics: They are God the Father's view of the spiritual conditions on Earth during the Christian era.

The "little book" of Revelation is handed to John in Rev 10:9. John then reads the 2nd chiasm (chs 12-20), The leopard-bear-lion beast, the scarlet beast, the bowls of wrath and the "thousand" years. The 2nd chiasm is primarily about the material world, i.e., the holy land and the surrounding nations, during the Christian era.

The seals, trumpets and bowls are not explained earlier because their messages are difficult to understand unless the day-years and chiasmic structure of Revelation are covered first. Though various interpretations of these parallel prophecies are possible, all three are figurative and all are fulfilled during this era.



ἑπτὰ σφραγίς

THE SEVEN SEALS

Greek: ἑπτά (hepta) seven — Greek: σφραγίς (sphragis) seals

The Seals are in the 1st Chiasm

		PROPHECY -----	SUBJECT -----
A	ch. 2-3	The Seven Churches	The Church
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C	ch. 7:4-8	The 144,000	12 Tribes of Israel
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A	ch. 11	The Two Witnesses	The Church

*Revelation's prophecies are concurrent.
All are fulfilled during the Christian era.*

The four horsemen are God the Father's figurative view of the spiritual conditions on Earth during the Christian era.

THE FIRST HORSEMAN

Revelation 6:1-2 “And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow (*Jesus' weapon is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, so this is not Jesus*); and a crown was given unto him (*ungodly governmental leaders that people gladly followed throughout the Christian era*): and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.”

THE SECOND HORSEMAN

Revelation 6:3-4 “And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth (*enmity between peoples throughout the Christian era*), and that they should kill one another (*murders, genocide, etc. during the Christian Era.*): and there was given unto him a great sword.”

THE THIRD HORSEMAN

Revelation 6:5-6 “And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand (*for counting money or goods, i.e., the materialistic system*). And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, ‘A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny (*Greek, δηνάριον, a denarion, actually a day’s wage for the working man. Food will be expensive for the poor throughout the Christian era*); and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.’” (*Only the rich could afford oil and wine. So the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, ain’t we got fun?*)

THE FOURTH HORSEMAN

Revelation 6:7-8 “And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale (*green*) horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.” (*Includes all the deadly diseases. Only 1/4 part killed by this angel because the other three angels killed the other 3/4's of the people.*)

THE DEAD IN CHRIST DURING THE CHRISTIAN ERA

Revelation 6:9-11 “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar (*figurative of the Cross*) the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held (*both Jew and Gentile believers*): And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes (*the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ*) were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

THE END TIMES

Revelation 6:12-17 “And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair (*The brilliant righteousness of the Lord Jesus is hidden by the gross sin on Earth*), and the moon became as blood (*the moon has no light of its own, all it can do is reflect the light of the sun, so this is the church*); And the stars of heaven (*fallen angels or apostate church leaders*) fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs when she is shaken of a . . .

Revelation 6:12-17 continued . . .

mighty wind (*figs are Israel, both physical and spiritual, Jer 24:1-10, so church leaders not teaching sound doctrine*). And the heaven (*in Gr: oraneous, actually the sky*) departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places (*even strong Bible churches fall away because of false doctrine*). And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; (*all figurative; people refuse to face the reality of God's soon-coming judgment on the world*) And said to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne (*people totally reject any knowledge of God*), and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come (*the return of Jesus, Rev 19:11-16*); and who shall be able to stand?'"

*The Seventh seal does not open next.
A full count of Christian era believers,
both Jew and the Gentile, must be taken first.*

Chapter 7, the First Parenthetic

THE 144,000

Revelation 7:1-10 “And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth (*The same four horseman in Rev 6*), holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east (*Jesus*), having the seal of the living God (*beginning of the Christian era*): and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads (*an invisible spiritual seal, seen only in the spiritual world*). And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand (*a figurative number*) of all the tribes of the children of Israel. (*Redeemed of physical Israel during the Christian era*)

“Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed . . .

Revelation 7:1-10 continued . . .

twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar *were* sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand (*the tribe of Levi is included because during the Christian era, all believers are kings and priests and the Levitical priesthood was done away with in Christ, 2Cor 3:14, Rev 1:6, 5:10. The tribe of Dan is not included in this list. Dan was the first tribe to fall into idolatry so there may be no godly Danites left*)."

THE GENTILE CHURCH

Revelation 7:11-17 "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues (*the Church*), stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.' And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, 'Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

Revelation 7:11-17 continued . . .

“And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, ‘What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?’ And I said unto him, ‘Sir, thou knowest.’ And he said to me, ‘These are they which came out of great tribulation (*the Christian era*), and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (*i.e., the Gentile Church*). Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.’”

**The Seventh Seal Isn't Opened until after the Account
Of the 144,000 and Gentile Church. Why?**

*Because all of the redeemed need to be counted
before the Lord closes the Christian era.*

THE CLOSE OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA

“And when he had
opened the seventh seal,
there was silence in heaven
about the space
of half an hour.”

Revelation 8:1

Half an hour is about a week in day-years.

*And how long did it take the Lord
to make the first heaven and Earth?*

About a week.

*So shouldn't it take the Lord about a week
to make the new heaven and new Earth?*

Important Note: Revelation 7 and Revelation 10 are parentheticals. Both tell of events that must be fulfilled just before the end of Creation as we know it. They appear right before the 7th Seal and 7th trumpet because both events signal the end of the Christian era and all believers of this age are included in the eternal kingdom of God.



THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

in Revelation

REVELATION'S TRUMPETS ARE IN THE FIRST CHIASM

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*Revelation's trumpets are concurrent,
six have already been fulfilled during the Christian era.*

**But understanding Old Testament typology
is key to understanding Revelation's Seven Trumpets!**

Introduction to the Seven Trumpets

Revelation 8:2-6 “And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel (*Jesus*) came and stood at the altar, (*the Cross*) having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense (*Incense is a Levitical figure for prayer, and Jesus continually prays for the saints, Heb 7:25*), that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth (*a figure of the Crucifixion (Luke 12:49), so this places the sounding of the First Trumpet at the beginning of the Christian era!*): and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.”

The Fall of the Coptic Church

*There used to be three major branches
to the Christian Church:*

- 1.** The Coptic, founded by James, headquartered in Jerusalem, spread throughout the Middle East and North Africa.
- 2.** The Eastern Orthodox, once centered in Constantinople, now centered in Athens. In Greece, the Balkans and Russia.
- 3.** The Roman or Western Church spread throughout the Western World by various denominations.

*Though a few small isolated pockets remain,
Islam virtually destroyed the great Coptic Church!*

The first four Trumpets are repetitive pictures
of how God the Father sees the Christian era.

The First Four Trumpets

Revelation 8:7-11: Repeated pictures of spiritual conditions in the world during “the time of the Gentiles.”

“**The first angel sounded**, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth (*same type of figurative language used by Peter in Acts 2:19-20 to describe the crucifixion, so this is a figurative picture of the Cross*): and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.” (*Shortly after the Cross, the church in the Middle East falls into false doctrine*).

“**And the second angel sounded**, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea (*of people, Rev 17:15*): and the third part of the sea became blood (*false doctrines*); And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died (*spiritually*); and the third part of the ships (*churches*) were destroyed.” (*There were three branches to the church: the Roman, the Byzantine and the Coptic. The Coptic Church centered in Jerusalem becomes idolatrous.*)

Revelation 8:7-11 (continued)

“And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star (*stars are messengers, Rev 1:20*) from heaven (*as foretold by Jesus in Luke 10:18, so this is Satan*), burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters (*the true Gospel*); And the name of the star is called Wormwood (*a poisonous tree*): and the third part of the waters (*of the Gospel*) became wormwood (*false doctrine of Islam taught*); and many men died (*spiritually*) of the waters, because they were made bitter” (*the false doctrines being taught could not save souls*).

“And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten (*The error of Islam was so gross that the brilliant light of the Lord Jesus could no longer be seen in the Middle East*), and the third part of the moon (*the Churches destroyed by Islam*), and the third part of the stars (*the messengers, i.e., the pastors, priests and preachers are replaced by Islamic imams*); so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.”

“And I beheld, and heard an angel
flying through the midst of heaven,
saying with a loud voice,

Woe! Woe! Woe!

to the inhabitants of the earth
by reason of the other voices of the
trumpet of the three angels,
which are yet to sound!”

The First Woe


Revelation 9:1-12 “And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth (*Jesus did not fall, He ascended and descended, so this falling angel is Satan, Luke 10:18*): and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke (*false religions*) out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun (*this “Sun” is Jesus, Mal 4:2*) and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit (*The brilliant light of the Gospel could no longer be heard in the Middle East because of the smoke of the false doctrine of Islam*). And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth (*militant Islamic Jihadists*): and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power (*to spiritually poison unto death*). And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; (*Islam was not permitted to spiritually mislead the people who really belonged to the Lord*)

Revelation 9:1-12 (continued)

“but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads (*those who would remain unsaved even if they heard the Gospel*). And to them it was given that they should not kill (*spiritually destroy*) them (*the Church*), but that they should be tormented five months (*Five months is 152 years. It was 152 years from the beginning of the First Jihad until the Islamic Khalifah, Haroon al Rashid, made peace with the western nations*): and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it (*men who did not convert to Islam were made slaves while their women were put in harems*); and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle (*the Jihadists were primarily a cavalry army*); and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold (*they wore golden turbans*), and their faces were as the faces of men.”

Revelation 9:1-12 (Continued)

“And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions (*extremely fierce warriors*). And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses (*Islamic armies were made up of large cavalry units*) running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails (*a spiritual death as they converted people to Islam*): and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel (*messenger*) of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon (*Destroyer, i.e., a Satanic angel or Satan himself*), but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.”

A close-up photograph of a pocket watch face, showing the dial, hands, and sub-dials. The watch is set against a dark, blue-tinted background. Overlaid on the watch face is the text "HOUR DAY & MONTH YEAR" in a stylized, orange-red font. The ampersand is white and larger than the other words. The watch face has Roman numerals for the hours and Arabic numerals for the minutes. The hands are black and the sub-dials are also visible.

HOUR
DAY
& MONTH
YEAR

The Second Woe

Revelation 9:13-15, KJV “And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates *(This gives us a geographic location: the Middle East. The Euphrates begins in Syria and runs between Iraq and Iran)*. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.”

But these four angelic “messengers” are not identified right away . . .

A Parenthetic Comes First

Revelation 10 now foretells the close of the Christian era. John is handed the “little book” of Revelation, but does not start to read the other side of the two-sided scroll (the second Chiasm) until the total of the redeemed are counted in the “Two Witnesses,” Ch.11. The redeemed are then taken to be with the Lord at the last trumpet, Rev 11:15 (which ends time as we know it).

Revelation 10:1-11, “And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, arrayed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire (*matches the description of Jesus in Rev 1 so this “angel” is Jesus*); and he had in his hand a little book open (*the little two-sided book of Revelation, given to Jesus by God the Father at the beginning of the Christian era, Rev. 5:1-7*): and he set his right foot upon the sea (*of people Rev 17:15*), and his left upon the earth (*physical creation, showing Jesus has total authority over both*); and he cried . . .

Revelation 10:1-11 Continued . . .

with a great voice, as a lion *(of Judah)* roareth: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not *(sealed because Rev 10:1 is foretelling the return of Jesus and God does not want to prematurely reveal events that are going to take place in His eternal kingdom)*.

“And the angel *(Jesus)* that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be **time** *(Greek: χρόνος, chron'-os: defined time. A Greek word for delay from the same root is χρονίζω, chron-id'-zo. If God intended this verse to be about delay, He used the wrong Greek word to express it.)*

Revelation 10:1-11 Continued . . .

no longer (*in other words: at the second coming, time as a natural phenomenon will be nonexistent for the redeemed and we will instantly be in timeless eternity*): but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound (*Greek: σαλπίζό, sal-pid'-zo, the sound of a trumpet*), then is finished (*Greek: τελέω, tel-eh'-o, brought to a final and complete end*) the mystery of God, according to the good tidings which he declared to his servants the prophets (*no prophets excluded, so all prophecy relating to this age will be fulfilled at the last trumpet*).

“And the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard it again speaking with me, and saying, Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel that standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. (*So Jesus who has opened the seven seals, hands the book of Revelation to John*) And I went unto the angel, saying unto him that he should give me the little book. And he saith unto me, Take it, and eat it up . . .

Revelation 10:1-11 Continued . . .

(figurative, i.e., study it carefully); and it shall make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it shall be sweet as honey (understanding the word of God is sweet to believers, but the trials and troubles these scriptures foretell bring sadness to the soul).

“And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my belly was made bitter. And they say unto me, Thou must prophesy **again** (*Greek: πάλιν, pal'-in, defined: go back or repeat once more, i.e., turn over the scroll and read the other side*) over many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.” (*So John is commanded to read the other side of this two-sided scroll – the second chiasm beginning in Rev 12 – and it will be about peoples, nations, languages and rulers of the world as known to the prophet, i.e., the Middle East.*)

Now Back to Those Four Angels

Revelation 9:13-15, KJV “And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns (*Rev 4:6-7*) of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound (*through prayer, the Church bound the works of Satan, Mat 16:19*) in the great river Euphrates (*This gives the geographic location, the Middle East. The Euphrates begins in Syria and runs between Iraq and Iran. But when the Coptic Church went into apostasy and no longer spiritually bound Satan, he and his angels were loosed to attack the holy land*). And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.”

*The second woe is fulfilled by those four angels,
but what did they do?*

Time ends
when the Last Trumpet blows in Rev 11:15,
so these four angels must be released between
Rev 9:14 and Rev 11:15!

But if they were released during the Christian era,
when did it happen?

Searching Rev 9:13 through Rev 11:15.
Do you see those angels anywhere?

Take a look . . . Yes? No?

Oops, no four angels,
but there is another clue
to their identity ...

Time!

The *hour*, *day*, *month* and *year*.

Revelation 9:14 ... “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”

*The Euphrates river runs through the Middle East
so these angels are released from within Islam!*

Revelation 11:2 ... Gentiles tread under foot the holy city for forty-two **months**.

Revelation 11:3 ... Witnesses prophesy in the Gentile world for twelve hundred and sixty **days**.

Revelation 11:13 ... in that **hour** there was a great *(spiritual)* earthquake.

*These three “messengers” relate to Islam in the Holy Land,
but where is the Year?*

Spiritual Results of the Angels Loosed

Revelation 9:17-19 “And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed (*before the first Jihad, there were three major branches to the Church, the Coptic centered in Jerusalem, the Eastern Orthodox centered in Constantinople and the Roman Church headquartered in Rome. Islamic armies virtually destroyed the Coptic Church, and thus was “a third part of men” killed*) by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, (*all figures of the false religion of Islam*) which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.”

Army of the Enemy

Revelation 9:16 “And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand thousand (*in Greek: δύο μυριάς μυριάς, doo-o moo-ree'-as moo-ree'-as, defined as: two times innumerably many*) and I heard the number of them.”

So who are these Horsemen?

The almost 2,000,000,000 Muslims who have been a plague on the rest of the world ever since the days of Muhammad.

Islam is God's Judgment on the Church

Revelation 9:20-21 “And the rest of the men which were not killed (*the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Churches*) by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood (*we have different “idols” today, TV, a new car, a bigger home, a power boat, a better job . . . different material things but they are idols just the same*): which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders (*the Roman church killed millions during the Middle Ages*), nor of their sorceries (*in Greek: φαρμακεία, pharmakea, defined medication, i.e., drug abuse, be it alcohol or any other mind-altering substance*), nor of their fornication (*divorce, remarriage and casual sex*), nor of their thefts.”

But the Year, where is it?

Hidden in hemera (ἡμέρα), an ambiguous koine` Greek word that can be translated moment, day, time or **YEAR**, depending on the context. In the NAS, ἡμέρα (*Strong's 2250g*) is translated year in twelve verses.

*If 3 ½ hay-me`-ra are 3 ½ years,
then $3.5 \times 365.24 = 1278.34$ day-years.*

*From Dome of the Rock to a free Jerusalem
is exactly 1278.34 years.*

*Viewed in that way, we can now understand
the rest of Revelation 11.*

The Three & a Half Years

Revelation 11:8-11, NAS (*Excerpts*) “And their dead bodies (**Greek: πτώμα , pto'-ma, by definition: a fall, a ruin, the carcass, the bones, i.e., the empty churches.**) will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified (*Jerusalem*). And those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations (*the Moslems in the surrounding lands*) will look at their dead bodies (*the empty churches*) for three and a half days (*Years of day-years, i.e., from 688AD to 1967AD*) and will not permit their dead bodies (*the empty churches*) to be laid in a tomb (*to be torn down*). And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets (*the Christians and Jews*) tormented those who dwell on the earth” (*it is torment for the lost when the gospel is preached and they refuse to repent*).

Spiritual Death of the Witnesses

Revelation 11:7 “And when they (*The Two Witnesses*) shall have finished their testimony (*among the Gentile nations, 1948-1967*), the beast (*Satan*) that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make (*spiritual*) war against them, and shall overcome them (*spiritually with materialism, false doctrine and the cares of this world*), and kill them” (*spiritually*).

Isn't that verse an accurate picture of the spiritual condition of the Church in the West today?

Luke 18:7-8 “And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”

In every age, God has given the Church its most effective message for that particular times.

John Huss: “The Bible should be the only source for doctrine.”
The Bohemian revival

Martin Luther: “The just shall live by faith.”
The Reformation in Germany

John Calvin: “The kingdom of God.”
The Reformation in Switzerland

The Puritans: “Christians should live a righteous life.”
The Reformation in England

John Knox: “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel”
Beginning of foreign Missions

*All great revivals began with a new opening of God’s Word.
The same is true today, but most churches are
bound by lethargy or tradition.*

“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ or you are going to spend eternity in a Lake of Fire” doesn’t work very well in this hedonistic, materialistic, TV oriented society because most people don’t believe the Bible anymore.

However, when people see how the Bible predicted major events during the Christian era and that the end of all things is at hand, you don’t need to beat them over the head with the Gospel. They ask exactly what Paul’s prison guard asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

Revelation is God’s end-time evangelistic tool for the Church . . . it’s the greatest opening of God’s Word since the New Testament was written!



We need to reach these lost people for the Lord and Bible prophecy can do that.

The Third Woe

Revelation 11:11-19 “After the three and a half days the breath of life *(after Jerusalem was freed of Gentile control in 1967)* from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; *(In new Israel, God's people are again welcome in all of Jerusalem's synagogues and churches)* and great fear fell upon those *(Moslems)* who were beholding them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘Come up here.’” *(Saints, both Jew and Gentile, taken to be with the Lord. . . still future! Compare with the “Come up here” of Rev 4:1)* and they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them. And the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. And the seventh angel sounded; *(the Last Trumpet)* and there arose loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of the world are become the . . .

Revelation 11:11-19 (continued)

“kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” *(It seems there is no “Seven Year Great Tribulation” or “1000 year Millennium” following the Last Trumpet! Instead, we are instantly translated into the eternal Kingdom of God, just as Revelation 11:15 and the following verses plainly declare.)*

THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD

“And the four and twenty elders, *(the twelve sons of Jacob and the twelve apostles)* which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying . . . “We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

“And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets *(physical*

Revelation 11:11-19 (continued)

seed of Israel), and to the saints (*the Gentile Church*), and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.”

Jesus has now read the 1st Chiasm, chapters 2-11.

A figurative picture of the spiritual trials that would take place on Earth during the Christian era.

John reads the 2nd Chiasm, chapters. 12-20.

A figurative picture of the “many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.” who would rule over the holy land during the Christian era.



Θυμός

The Bowls of Wrath

θυμός *Gr., thumos, fierceness, indignation, wrath*

THE BOWLS OF WRATH ARE IN REVELATION'S 2ND CHIASM

		PROPHECY	SUBJECT..
A	ch.12	Woman with 12 Stars	Jews during this Era
B	ch.13	Leopard, Lion, Bear Beast	Satanic Kingdom
ba	ch.14	144,000 & The Gospel	All the Redeemed
C	ch.15	Song of Moses and Lamb	Jew & Gentile Redeemed
C	ch.16	Bowls of Wrath	Wrath for the Wicked
B	ch.17	Seven Headed Beast	Satanic Kingdoms
ba	ch.18	Babylon	All the Lost
A	ch.20	The Thousand Years	Gentile Church Era

*The Song of Moses and the Lamb show the salvation
of all the redeemed, both Jew and Gentile.
The Bowls of wrath tell of God's judgment on those in Islam.*

*In context with the Leopard-Bear-Lion, these
bowls are fulfilled in the Middle East.*

Revelation 15:1, NAS “Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are **the last**, because in them the wrath of God is finished.”

*These plagues are “the last” so they take place
after the Leopard-Bear-Lion is in Israel.*

*The Seven Bowls are of the same nature
as the Seven Trumpets,
but they are an intensification thereof.
In other words, spiritual conditions worsen
as the Christian era nears its end.*

FIGURATIVE PICTURE OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA

Revelation 15:2-8 “And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast (*Satan’s Leopard-Bear-Lion beast, whose throne is in the Middle East, probably at the Ka’aba Stone in Mecca*) and his image (*the second Jihad*) and the number of his name (*666*), standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God. And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God (*Jews during the Christian era still under the Levitical code*), and the song of the Lamb (*New Testament Christians*), saying, ‘Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For all the nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.’”

Revelation 16:1-21 continued . . .

“After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened, and the seven angels (*messengers*) who had the seven (*last*) plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean and bright, and girded around their chests (*high girding of authority*) with golden sashes. Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple (*the new Jerusalem, because it remains uninhabited until the return of Jesus*) until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.”

The Seven Bowls

Revelation 16:1-21 “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.’”

BOWL NUMBER ONE

“So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant (*spiritual*) sore on the people who had the mark of the (*Leopard-Bear-Lion*) beast and who worshiped his image” (*the second Jihad*).

BOWL NUMBER TWO

“The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea (*of people, Rev 17:15*), and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing (*soul*) in the sea died” (*no saved people in Islam*).

BOWL NUMBER THREE

“Then the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters (*the Word of God*); and they became blood (*the Gospel corrupted with the false doctrine of Islam*). And I heard the angel (*messenger*) of the waters (*Gospel*) saying, ‘Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things; for they poured out the blood of saints (*Christians*) and prophets (*Jews*), and You have given them blood (*of false doctrine*) to drink. They deserve it.’ And I heard the altar (*a figure for the Crucifixion so this is Jesus at the Cross*) saying, ‘Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.’”

BOWL NUMBER FOUR

“The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun (*Jesus, Malachi 4:2*), and it was given to it to scorch men with fire (*the word of His mouth, “Is not my word like a fire?”*). Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.”

BOWL NUMBER FIVE

“Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast *(in the Middle East, perhaps at the Ka’aba stone)*, and his kingdom became *(spiritually)* darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of *(their spiritual)* pain, and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.”

BOWL NUMBER SIX

“The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates, *(between Iraq, Iran and Syria so this is in the Middle East)*; and its water was dried up *(Spiritually, the whole Middle East is in Islam)*, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east *(The major Islamic countries are East of Israel so this is still about them)*.

“And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon *(Satan)* and out of the mouth of the beast *(Islam)* and out of the mouth of the false prophet *(Muhammad)*, three unclean spirits like frogs *(the Leopard-Bear-Lion, a.k.a. Islam)*; for they are spirits of demons . . .

Bowl Number Six continued . . .

performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, *(Islam is no longer a Middle Eastern religion. It is spreading into the rest of the world)* to gather them together for the *(spiritual)* war of the great day of God, the Almighty *(The last trumpet and the Great White Throne, could both happen at any time)*.

(Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.)

And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.” *(Understood to be a place of war and judgment)*.

BOWL NUMBER SEVEN

“Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, ‘It is done.’ *(The Last Trumpet now Sounds)* And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake . . .

Bowl Number Seven continued . .

such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

The great city was split into three parts (*Christians, Jews and Muslims*), and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great (*the lost of all time*) was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. And every island (*of isolated people*) fled away, and the mountains (*the so-called great churches*) were not found. And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each (*the warheads on Katusha rockets weigh about 100 pounds*), came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.”



BABYLON

"IN HER WAS FOUND THE BLOOD OF PROPHETS AND OF SAINTS"

Mystery Babylon

Near the end of Revelation are two chapters about two cities, Babylon and the new Jerusalem, two sides of a single story. They are about the concluding events of the Christian era and the ultimate future of two totally different groups of people: all the lost and all the souls redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

1. Revelation 18, mystery Babylon, is a figurative picture of the apostate Church, the lost, the world's ungodly systems and of all those who profit thereby.

2. Revelation 21 is a figurative picture of the new Jerusalem and all the redeemed, both Jew and Gentile.

Revelation 18:1-3 “And **after these things** (*so this is a later vision about a different Babylon than that of Revelation 17*) I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory (*this is no ordinary angel, this is the Lord Jesus*). And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great (*the apostate Church*) is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication (*so it is a very worldly Church*), and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies” (*throughout the Christian era, established churches have aided or supported the world’s political and economic systems. During the Dark and Middle Ages, the Roman Catholic Church had the most powerful political and military organization on the planet*).

Revelation 18:4 “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people**, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” *(The reformed groups of the Christian era)*

This parallel verse is also about true believers, both Jew and Gentile, during the Christian era:

2Corinthians 6:16 “**Wherefore come out from among them**, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

So the Lord’s true servants are commanded to separate themselves from apostate church organizations, which they have been doing ever since the 2nd century: the Donatists, Bogomils, Albigensians, Waldenses, Huguenots, Mennonites, Hussites, the list is almost endless!

COLLAPSE OF THE WORLD'S MATERIALISTIC SYSTEMS

Revelation 18:5-14 “For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day (*one year*), death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire (*the final end of the apostate Church*): for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her

And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in **one hour** (*15.44 days in prophetic time*) is thy judgment come.

Revelation 18:5-15 continued . . .

“And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and . .

Revelation 18:15-20 continued . . .

“decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”

BELIEVERS TAKEN OUT OF THIS PRESENT WORLD

Revelation 18:21-24 “And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle . . .”

(Greek: λύχνος, lookh'-nos, literally a lamp) . . .

(Psalms 119:105 “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*”)

“shall shine no more at all in thee *(so God's Word will no longer be in Babylon)*; and the voice of the bridegroom *(the Lord Jesus)* and of the bride *(believers, both Jew and Gentile)* shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries *(Greek: φαρμακεία, pharmakeia, literally pharmacy or medications, by implication, magic or science)* were all nations deceived. And in her was found the blood of **prophets** *(Christian era Jews)*, and of **saints** *(the Gentile Church)*, and of **all** that were slain upon the earth.”

Babylon is primarily spiritual.
Every man, throughout all time,
is either part of Babylon
or destined for the
new Jerusalem.

*The blood of **All** God's people,
Old Testament and New, is found in Babylon
so this is a figurative "city"
composed of the multitudes of people
who throughout time
have hated God and willfully turned away
from the Savior of the World!*

*Babylon isn't a physical place
like New York, Moscow, Paris, or Rome.
It is the world's satanic systems
and those within them who love wickedness
(beginning with Cain who slew his brother Abel)
on down through time until the last
faithful saint, standing steadfast for Jesus,
gives his life for the Lord.*



χίλιοι
INDEFINATE PLURAL OF THOUSAND

χιλιάς *chilias*, one thousand - χίλιοι, *chilioi*, a plural form of *chilias*.

The so-called “Thousand” Years

Revelation 20 is one "A" of the second chiasm. Both "A's" are fulfilled during the Christian Era.

A	ch.12	Woman with 12 Stars:	Israel
B	ch.13	Leopard-Bear-Lion Beast:	Satanic Religion
ba	ch.14	144,000 & The Gospel:	Jesus' Followers
C	ch.15	Song of Moses and Lamb:	Redeemed Glorified
C	ch.16	Bowls of Wrath:	Wrath on the Wicked
B	ch.17	Seven-Headed Beast:	Satanic Kingdoms
ba	ch.18	Babylon:	Satan's Followers
A	ch.20	The Thousand Years:	All Israel (Jew & Gentile)

Once we recognize Rev 20's position in the 2nd chiasm as parallel in time and subject to Rev 12, we can then realize that Revelation 20 must be a figurative picture of the Christian Era. Rev 20 will be quoted in its entirety. Supporting verses and comments are inserted in **red**.

The Context of Revelation 20 is Figurative

THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST

Revelation 20:1-2 “And I saw an angel come down from heaven . . .

This angel is Jesus. "Who hath ascended into heaven and descended?" and Rev 10:1 "And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire . . ."

having the key of the bottomless pit . . .

Jesus has been given the keys of Hades, Rev 1:18

“and a great chain in his hand . . .

This chain is God’s Word in the Church combined with the prayers of the saints. Mat 16:19 “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

“And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil.

"Now the ruler of this world shall be cast out," Joh12:31, spoken before the Cross.

“and Satan, and bound him . . .

“How can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his property unless he first bind the strong man?" Mat 12:29. When we were lost in our trespasses and sins we were Satan's property, and in his kingdom. Jesus is now plundering Satan's house through the church.

THE CHRISTIAN ERA

“a thousand years . . .

The Greek word translated thousand, here and through the rest of Revelation 20, is χίλιοι, chilioi, an indefinite plural of χιλιάς chalias, one thousand. Chilioi can mean one thousand, but it also can mean many thousands. Premillennial theologians make a definite doctrine out of a definitely indefinite plural.

Revelation 20:3 “And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more . . .

This binding is scripturally limited to deceiving the nations. Through the whole Christian Era, the western nations have been nominally Christian. Kings have been crowned and deposed in Jesus’ name and wars have been fought in Jesus’ name. Thus the nations were not deceived that Jesus is Lord.

“till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.”

See Rev 12:12 for another mention of this "little season." From context we can pin the beginning of this "little season" to 1948-1967. Since 1948-1967 the western nations have turned away from the Lord. Satan has now been loosed and the church allowed it. As a result, the Church is in a state of apostasy unequalled during the Christian Era.

Revelation 20:4 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them . . .

1Peter 2:5,9 and Revelation 1:6 & 5:10 all declare that we reign with Christ right now, today in His spiritual kingdom, Ephesians 1:19-23.



Rev 20:2-6
 The Kingdom of Jesus
 THOUSAND YEARS



Satan Loosed
 1948-1967

Rev 20:7-9
 Nations again Deceived
 GATHERED TO BATTLE



Great White Throne
 Rev 20:10-15

That Jesus' kingdom began in the 1st Century is provable by Rev 1:6 and 5:10 "He hath made (*past tense*) us kings," and Rev 1:9, "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in . . . the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ . . ."

The definite article, τή appears in the Greek text in Rev 1:9 and 5:10.

Revelation 20:4, continued . . .

“and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus . . . ,

Thousands of saints were beheaded early in the Christian Era and many believers are suffering that same fate today, see Fox's Book of Martyrs.

“and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands . .

Satan is the beast, and he has struck his mark on the foreheads of his servants throughout time.]

“and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Do we not reign with Christ right now, 1Pe 2:5-9, Rev 1:6, 5:10?

Revelation 20:5 “But the rest of the dead [*the unsaved*] lived not again until the thousand years [*the Christian Era*] were finished. This is the first resurrection.

How many resurrections are there? Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the Life." Jesus is the firstborn of the dead, and there is not another resurrection in Scripture.

Revelation 20:6 “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power . . .

Blessed indeed are those who have part in the resurrection of Jesus our Lord! They are the born again, and over them the second death has absolutely no power.

“but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Rev 1:6 and 5:10 both state that we have been made priests and reign with Jesus, right now!

Revelation 20:7 “And when the thousand years . . .

As an indefinite plural, this "thousand" can refer to the Christian Era regardless of how many millennia it may take.

“are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison . . .

THE END TIMES

Revelation 20:8 “And shall go out to deceive the nations . . .

Since 1948 and 1967 there is a general falling away of the church unprecedented in the Christian Era. We have the second rise of the Islamic states. Parallel the following verse with other descriptions of Armageddon in Rev 6,9, 12, 14 & 19.

“which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog to gather them together to battle . . .

How many Armageddons and fulfillments of Eze 38-39 are we going to have? Note the details of this battle here parallel other descriptions of Armageddon in the Bible. When we understand the repetitive chiasmic structure of Rev, these repeats are understandable.

“the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.”

Rev 9:16 states twice myriads myriads – probably the Moslems who have been fighting the Gospel and murdering God’s people for over 1300 years.

Revelation 20:9 “And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city . . .

Is this not parallel to Joel 2-3, that all consider to be a description of a final battle, probably a spiritual battle and figurative.

“and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”

THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD

Revelation 20:10 “And the devil that deceiveth them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:11-12 “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life . . .

There are two sets of books in Revelation 20:11-12. The book of deeds, and the book of life. When the Lord blotted out our transgressions, that wasn't just rhetorical, what do you suppose He blotted them out of? The book of the deeds, of course! Since all of our righteousness is as filthy rags, if even one of our deeds (no matter how "good" or "sanctified" we may think it to be) remains in that book we are going to the lake of fire. To eat of the tree of life, our names must first be written in the Book of Life . . . "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way nailing it to His Cross." Colossians 2:14.

"and the (*spiritually*) dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

Revelation 20:13-15 "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Colossians 1:13-17 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE "MILLENNIUM"

Besides the last trumpet, there are many verses that call the premillennial view into question. According to that view, when Jesus returns for His 1000-year reign, He will rule from Jerusalem in all His power and glory. During the 1000 years, we (*all believers*) are presumed to be ruling with Him in our new glorified and sinless bodies. At the end of the 1000 years, Satan is somehow supposed to deceive these rulers (*now sinless us*) for a short season. If that happens, then we would again be in sin, which would result in our again being separated from the Lord . . . a supposition that is contrary to 1Thessalonians 4:17 which states . . .

1Thessalonians 4:17 "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up...to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall ever be with the Lord."

Saints will never be separated from the Lord (*Mat 28:20*)! Second: "How can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless He first binds the strong man," Mat 12:29? When Jesus asked that question, He was in the act of casting out demons. The Lord was plundering Satan's house then, and He is still doing so today through the Church.

Colossians 1:13, "For He delivered us from the domain [*kingdom, KJV*] of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."

Jesus permitted Himself to be bound once, at the Cross, but it will never happen again. When Jesus returns to Jerusalem, He will be ruling in all His power and glory. It will be Jesus' kingdom. He will be the "strong man"! Released or not, Satan could only plunder Jesus' kingdom if he could again bind Jesus. What a blasphemous concept! Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God the Father. He is King of kings and Lord of lords and will remain so forever!

Ephsians 1:20-21 "...when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come."

That age to come would have to include any future time that Jesus is on Earth, and beyond. When the Lord returns at the end of this age, He will rule absolutely. .. and He will rule forever!

A Literal Interpretation Goes Awry

Isaiah 11:1-5 “And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: *(figurative and all conservative theologians understood this to be a prophecy about the earthly ministry of Jesus, the coming Messiah)* And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; *(the seven spirits of God of Rev 1:4, 3:1, 4:5 and 5:6)* And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: *(Hebrew poetic parallelism)* But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth *(figurative for the Word of God)*, and with the breath of his lips *(figurative)* shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins *(figurative again)*, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins” *(again a Hebrew poetic parallelism)*.

*So Isaiah 11:1-5 predicts the coming of Jesus the Messiah.
The passage is figurative and everyone knows it!*

*Then Isaiah 11:11 tell us about the establishment
of the new nation of Israel in 1948AD.*

Isaiah 11:11 “And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people (*the first restoration came at the end of the Babylonian captivity in 536BC as recorded in the book of Ezra*), which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.”

Verses 1-5 are a figurative prophecy of Jesus in 30 A D.

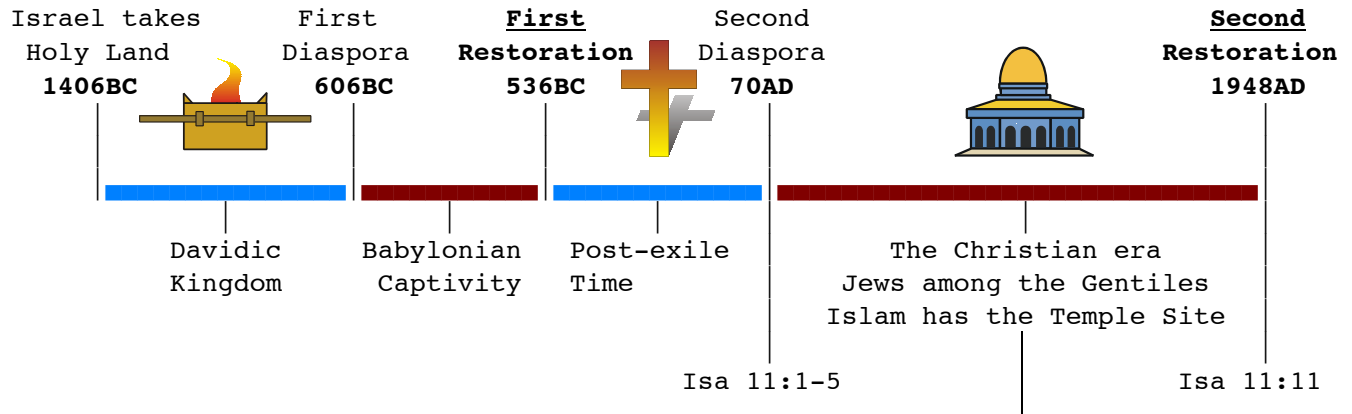
Verses 6-10 come next

Followed by verse 11, which is about 1948 A.D.

So when should verses 6-10 be about?

Context Determines Interpretation

Isaiah 11:11 “And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left.”



So when should Isa 11:6-10 be about?

Verses 6-10 can only be about the time
in between the 30 A.D. and 1948 A.D.
So it must be a figurative picture of the Christian era!

Isaiah 11:6-10 “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb (*the robber will live in the same town as the saint*), and the leopard shall lie down with the kid (*the warrior lives with the shopkeeper*); and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child (*Jesus*) shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox (*Hebrew poetic parallelism*). And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp (*the innocent believer will witness to the murderer*), and the weaned child (*Jesus*) shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den (*shall despoil Satan's kingdom, Mat 12:29*). They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse (*Jesus*), which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek (*the Gentile Church*): and his rest shall be glorious.”

*Interpretive Principle:
Is the Context Literal or Figurative?*



MESSENGERS TO THE CHRISTIAN ERA

The Christian Era

THE JEWISH PEOPLE DURING THIS ERA

Revelation 14:1-5 “And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand (*figurative number for all the Jews of the Christian Era*), having his Father's name written in their foreheads (*This mark is on Jews of the Christian Era, but God's mark is also on the redeemed of every age*). And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters (*many people, Rev 17:15*), and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins (*figurative: not defiled by the whore of Babylon*). These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men being the firstfruits (*Israel*

Revelation 14:1-21 continued . . .

and the Jewish people are the first fruits, the Church is adopted into Israel, Eph 2:12-13) unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God” *(not because they are perfected in the flesh, but because they have the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, Rom 4:24).*

THE FIRST ANGEL, ALL BELIEVERS

Revelation 14:6-7 “And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people *(the Gentile Church during the Christian era)*, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”

Revelation 14:1-21 continued . . .

THE SECOND ANGEL, THE UNSAVED OF ALL TIME

Revelation 14:8-13 “And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon (*Babylon: the unsaved world, from the time of Cain on down to the last wicked person on earth. Rev 18:24, “And in her was found the blood of prophets [Old Testament believers], and of saints [Christian era believers], and of ALL that were slain upon the earth.”*) is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”

THE THIRD ANGEL, ISLAM

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the (*Leopard-Bear-Lion*) beast and his image (*new Jihad or possibly the Ka’aba Stone*), and receive *his (spiritual)* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and . . .

Revelation 14:1-21 continued . . .

“brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever name *(Note the “forever and ever” so torment for those in Islam will continue on into eternity)*: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast *(contextually, the Leopard-Bear-Lion, i.e., the Islamic hegemony)* and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God *(Jews during the Christian era)*, and the faith of Jesus *(the Gentile Church)*. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth *(probably refers to time after the Islamic takeover of the Holy Land, from 639 to 1967 A.D.)*: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”

Revelation 14:1-21 continued . . .

THE CHRISTIAN ERA

Revelation 14:14-20 “And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap (*the believers of this age, both Jew and Gentile*): for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe (*Fullness of the Gentiles is come in, Rom 11:25*). And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

“And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar (*the altar is a type of the Cross so this “angel” is again Jesus*), which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that

Revelation 14:1-21 continued . . .

“had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth (*the unsaved*); for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God (*judgment of the wicked*). And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs” (*Gr., Stadia, probably figurative for time rather than distance, addressing the physical wars and great spiritual trials taking place in the Holy Land and the surrounding countries during the Christian era*).



IN THE AIR

The Apantesis

When a king or another important dignitary visited a city, the people of that city would go out to him singing and dancing and accompany him back into the city. That cultural practice was called an apantesis, (*Greek: ἀπάντησις, apantesis*).

1. The first apantesis recorded in Scripture is when David went out to meet the Ark of the Covenant and singing and dancing returns with the Ark into Jerusalem, 2 Sam 6:14-15.
2. The next recorded apantesis is when Jesus entered Jerusalem that final time and the people of the city came out greet to Him singing, “Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord . . . Hosanna in the highest,” and then return with the Lord Jesus into the city, Mark 11:9-10.
3. The next scriptural apantesis is when Paul goes to Rome and the Christians of that city go out to apantesis him at the Appii forum, Acts 28:15.
4. The next is when we apantesis the Lord at His return, 1Thes 4:16-17

So when the Lord Jesus returns and we “meet” Him in the air, 1 Thess 4:16-17 states it will be an apantesis. If it is, then singing and rejoicing we will immediately return to Earth with the Lord.

THE APANTESIS AS RECORDED BY PAUL

1Thessalonians 4:16-17 “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet (*Greek: ἀπάντησις, apantesis*) the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

AS SEEN BY GOD THE FATHER

Revelation 19:10-21 “And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous *are* his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore (*the apostate church*), which did corrupt the earth with her fornication (*with the unsaved world*), and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia . . .

Revelation 19:1-21 continued . . .

“And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders (*Elders of the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles*) and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

“And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters (*all the redeemed, both Jew and Gentile*), and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife (*all the redeemed, both Jew and Gentile*) hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints (*which actually is the imputed righteousness of Jesus because all our righteousness is as filthy rags, Isaiah 64:6 and Romans 4:24*).

Revelation 19:1-21 continued . . .

“And He saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse (*figurative for Jesus' power and authority*); and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God (*John 1:1*). And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean (*all the redeemed*). And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword (*the Word of God is Jesus' only weapon*), that

Revelation 19:1-21 continued . . .

“ . . . with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**.

“And I saw an angel standing in the sun (*Jesus, Mal 4:2*); and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven (*all the redeemed who meet the Lord in the air, 1Th 4:17*), Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh (*the riches*) of kings, and the flesh (*the riches*) of captains, and the flesh (*the riches*) of mighty men, and the flesh of horses (*The horse was a weapon of war so this probably refers to weapons of war*), and of them that sit on them, and the flesh (*the riches*) of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the (*LBL*) beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies (*Satan's servants*), gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army . . .

Revelation 19:1-21 continued . . .

“And the beast (*in this verse, probably the Scarlet beast, which from Rev 12:3 is Satan himself*) was taken, and with him the false prophet (*Muhammad*) that wrought miracles before him (*in his presence*), with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the (*Islamic*) beast, and them that worshipped his image (*The reawakened Islam of today or possibly the Ka'aba stone*). These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword (*the Word of God*) of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls (*God's beloved children of all time, both Jew and Gentile, for whom He gave His only Son*) were filled with their flesh (*riches*).”



RESTORATION

The Restoration

2 Peter 3:3-4 “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.”

Is this not the world's attitude today?

2 Peter 3:5-6 “For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being **overflowed with water**, perished:”

So the antediluvian world was destroyed by a flood.

2 Peter 3:7 “But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire** against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

This Present Earth is Reserved for Fire.

2 Peter 3:10-12 “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the **heavens** (*Greek, ουρανός, oo-ran-os', the sky, the air; only heaven by implication*) shall pass away with a great noise, and the **elements** (*ungodly principles, not the physical elements of the earth like carbon, oxygen, iron, etc.*) shall melt with fervent heat, the **earth** (*Greek: γή ghay, the Earth's dirt, the soil, the ground, but not necessarily the whole planet*) also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”

IMPORTANT NOTE: “**elements,**” In Greek: στοιχείον, **stoy-khi'-on**, defined as “element, principle, rudiment.” only appears four other times in Scripture, Gal 4:3, 4:9, Heb 5:1, 6:10. In each, **stoy-khi'-on** is about the **fundamental principles of God, of Christ or of this world.** **Stoy-khi'-on** is not used anywhere to describe physical elements! As a result, it is reasonable to interpret **stoy-khi'-on** in 2 Peter 3:10-12 as spiritual elements of this world rather than its physical elements.

So just as God destroyed
the first world “by water,”
but did not destroy the planet,
in like manner, God may cleanse
the surface of the Earth “by fire,”
that the planet itself
may remain.

Acts 3:21 “Jesus, whom the heaven must receive until the times of **restoration of all things**, whereof God spake by the mouth of His holy prophets that have been from of old.”

*God is the Creator of all things, Satan the destroyer.
So from Acts 3:21, isn't it likely that God will
restore His creation to what it was
before sin caused the fall.*

Revelation 21:1-21 “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven *(Gr., oranous, sky, only heaven by implication)* and the first earth *(Gr., ge, the soil. It is unlikely that God intends to destroy His creation, only the sin within it)* were passed away; and there was no more sea *(of the various nations, Rev 17:15)*. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride *(the bride herself, i.e., all the believers of all time, not just the dwelling place of the bride)* adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle *(dwelling place)* of God is with men . . .

Revelation 21:1-21 continued . . .

“and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.”

Revelation 8:1 “And when he opened the seventh seal, there followed a silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.”

*Why is the final Seal a half-hour and how long is
this half-hour in day-years?*

Revelation 21:1-21 continued . . . “ And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and . . .

Revelation 21:1-21 continued . . .

sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

“And there came unto me one of the seven angels (*this is not Jesus, but indeed a messenger*) which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride (*Not the dwelling place of the bride, but the bride herself*), the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain (*figurative*), and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem . . .

*So the New Jerusalem is NOT a physical city,
but the sum total of God's elect, Old Testament and New.*

*We've been looking at this holy city
from a humanistic standpoint.*

*Sovereign God is not making a city where man may dwell,
but a city where He will dwell, composed of
all the souls His Son redeemed!*

Revelation 21:1-21 continued . . .

descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal (*the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ*);

And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels (*messengers*), and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel (*To enter this city through these gates you must be a spiritual descendant of Israel*): On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (*representing all the Gentile believers who are in Israel by adoption, Gal 4:5*).

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed (*a spiritual measure, first appears in Ezekiel and always used figuratively*), twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred *and* forty *and* four

Revelation 21:1-21 continued . . .

cubits, *according to* the measure of a man, that is, of the angel (*figurative number, actually the total of the redeemed, both Old Testament and New*). And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass.

And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation *was* jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald, the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass." (*The beauty of the imputed righteousness of the Lord Jesus in which all of God's servants are clothed*).

The Two Books

Revelation 20:11 “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead (*spiritually dead, those who belong to the Lord are “alive in Christ”*), small and great, stand before God; and the books (*of the deeds*) were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the (*spiritually*) dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea (*Rev 17:15, all the lost people who have ever lived*) gave up the (*spiritually*) dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the (*spiritually*) dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works (*“There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus . . .” so we are not included in that group*). And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

His Mansions

John 14:2-3 “In my Father's house ARE many mansions (*The Lord Jesus isn't up in heaven building castles for us, God's mansions are already there!*): if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you (*So where did Jesus have to go to prepare a place for us? To the Cross, because if Jesus had not gone to the cross we could never spend eternity with so holy a God*). And if I go (*to the Cross*) and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

So where are God's heavenly mansions?

*Well, did the Lord made this vast Universe
with billions of galaxies and trillions of stars
to no purpose?*

A vibrant nebula with blue and orange colors and many stars. The nebula is the central focus, with a mix of bright blue and glowing orange-red regions. It is surrounded by a field of stars, some of which are bright and prominent, while others are smaller and fainter. The background is a deep black, making the colors of the nebula and the points of light stand out sharply.

HIS MANSIONS

EPILOGUE

I'm now 87 years old, a WW II vet who during his lifetime has pretty much seen it all. It's been a pretty good life despite my many failings, but now, as I watch our country fall, I'm overcome by an oppressive sense of foreboding that I'm unable to shake – and I'm not alone! Many fellow Christians feel the same way. The final “hour of trial” is upon us, beginning probably with the total collapse of the world's economic systems, followed by anarchy . . .

Ezekiel 14:13-14 "Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it and cut off from it both man and beast, even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves,' declares the Lord GOD."

Isn't the above also true today, as we see natural disasters increasing everywhere? Not only in our land, but around the world? We were once the richest country on Earth, but not anymore. Are not the next few verses also about us, and are not these days here as well?

James 5:1-6 (NASB) “Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. **It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure!** Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and put to death the righteous man; he does not resist you.”

For many years I lived just like the above, caring little about anyone but myself. Now I anguish over the wimpy social clubs our churches have become. I weep as I see our children led astray by an immoral media, godless teachers and false religions. I agonize over how spiritually blind we as a people have become. America was once the Christian lighthouse of the world, but that's all over. In 535 B.C., a Bible prophet saw the following . . .

Zechariah 11:16 "For behold, I am going to raise up a shepherd in the land who will not care for the perishing, seek the scattered, heal the broken, or sustain the one standing (*godless leadership*), but will devour the flesh of the fat sheep and tear off their hoofs . . ."

Because the spiritual hoofs have been torn off our people by self-serving church leaders who know not God, we no longer know how to walk the Christian walk.

It wasn't always that way. Many Christian brethren died at Bunker Hill. Two thousand more, freezing, ill clothed and starving, died at Valley Forge. Untold numbers died in the Civil war, the Spanish-American war, in both World

Wars, in Korea, in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan . . . and for what? They died for what we used to be, not for what we have become. We are not worthy of their deaths.

Instead of repenting, we worry about how to protect our assets when the dollar goes belly up or the stock market crashes, as they surely will. Just before the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C., the godly sighed and groaned over the abominations committed in their midst, but do we?

Ezekiel 9:4 “The LORD said to him, ‘Go through the midst of the city. . . and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst.’ And to the others (*angels*) he said in mine hearing, ‘Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary.’ Then they began at the ancient men (*the church leaders*) which were before the house” (*of the Lord, i.e., the Church*).

Do you believe sovereign God, Creator of the Universe, is going to act differently now, just because you go to your spiritually dying church on Sunday, know the four spiritual laws, and have said the sinners prayer?

As He did in Israel so long ago, the Lord is once again putting His mark on His remnant. If you have that mark, you know it, because you recognize the lateness of the hour. How late? It's almost time to obey . . .

Isaiah 26:20-27:1 (NAS) “ Come, my people, enter into your rooms and close your doors behind you; Hide for a little while until indignation runs its course. For behold, the LORD is about to come out from His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; and the earth will reveal her bloodshed and will no longer cover her slain. In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, with His fierce and great and mighty sword (*the word of God*), Even Leviathan the twisted serpent; and He will kill the dragon (*Satan*) who lives in the sea (*of people*).”

Several years ago, a godly old pastor told me with a sigh, “I don’t see the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of the unsaved like I used to.”

“And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always
strive with man.” **Genesis 6:3**

It’s not going to be easy for us from here on out . . .

Amos 5:18-20 “Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD (*comes during a time of spiritual*) darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the LORD (*come during a time of spiritual*) darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?”

Night no longer cometh when no man can work, it is here.

John 9:4

If you’re not crying inside, you should be. I certainly am.

All of Revelation that needed to be fulfilled
before the Lord's return has already been fulfilled.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus"

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