Seven Reasons the Looming Economic Crisis Is Biblical

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STOCKS are plummeting.

Inflation is soaring.

Analysts are warning that a recession or worse is imminent.

Here are seven reasons I believe the looming economic crisis is biblical:

1. Sabbatical Crashes

History shows that major financial crashes tend to occur in the wake of Sabbatical years, the designated time of debt cancellation in Scripture (Lev. 25:1 –7; Deut. 15:1; 31:10). Two recent examples are the "dotcom" crash of 2001 and the Global Financial Crisis of 2008, both of which occurred in the autumn following Sabbatical years.

Because 2022 marks the end of a Sabbatical year, it is a likely time for a crash. Furthermore, since no major financial reckoning occurred after the last Sabbatical year in 2015, we are seven years overdue.

2. A Sevenfold Amplification

Besides marking the end of a Sabbatical year, 2022 marks the end of the seventh Sabbatical year since the restoration of Jerusalem in 1967. This is significant because in Daniel's Weeks Prophecy, a restoration of Jerusalem initiates a countdown of seven Sabbatical "weeks" to a coming of Messiah:

"From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the prince comes, there will be seven [Sabbatical] weeks" (Dan. 9:25).

Based on Daniel's prophecy, 2022 is a plausible time for Messiah Jesus to begin judging the world. What's more, seven Sabbatical weeks, representing a sevenfold amplification of the regular Sabbatical period, culminate in a Year of Jubilee, the ultimate time of economic reckoning (Lev. 25:8–54).

3. Wheat and Oil

The war in Ukraine is having an enormous impact on inflation levels worldwide. Significantly, two of the commodities most affected are wheat and edible oils. This is because Russia and Ukraine together produce about forty percent of the world's wheat supply, and are the top two producers of sunflower oil.

That wheat and oil prices are surging simultaneously is significant as these same commodities are mentioned in the Book of Revelation where it speaks of hyperinflation in the last days:

"Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, 'Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages ... and do not damage the oil" (Rev. 6:6).

4. Signs Triggered by Signs

The current inflation and shortages are the result of two other end-times signs, or "birth pains," a pandemic and a war:

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars ... And there will be ... famines and pestilences ... These are the beginning of birth pains" (Matt. 24:6 –8).

The simultaneous intensification of birth pains—a pandemic, a war, food shortages, and inflation, suggests that the "birth," or climax, is near.

5. Cow Signs

During the previous Sabbatical year, 2014 –15, two cows made news for being born with distinct number '7s' on their heads. In prophecy circles, the cows with '7s' were considered to be a modern version of the 'cow-sign' given to pharaoh, a dream-warning about seven years of famine following seven years of abundance (see notes for details).

Seven years later, a pandemic, supply chain problems, and the war in Ukraine are prompting warnings that "real" food shortages are coming.

6. A Sign in the Sun

In view of God's tendency to give a seven-year warning, a 'sign in the sun' seven years ago may have been a harbinger of the burgeoning economic crisis.

In 2015, a total solar eclipse occurred on a day that marked simultaneously . . .

- The first day of spring.
- The first day of the biblical year, Nisan 1.
- The first day of a new seven-year Sabbatical period.

The odds against a total solar eclipse occurring on the first day of spring, the first day of the biblical year, and the first day of a new Sabbatical period are beyond astronomical.

However, the eclipse's path made it even more noteworthy: The path of totality, or umbra, crossed over the northernmost tip of the globe, the location where the longitudinal lines connecting every nation and landmass converge. Because the umbra did not cross over any major populated areas but, rather, intersected the point of convergence of the longitudinal lines, it was interpreted by prophecy watchers to be a sign for the whole world.

What is fascinating to consider in hindsight is the fact that the lighter outer shadow of the eclipse, the penumbra, extended south to darken the area where the Russia–Ukraine war now threatens the global economy and food supply.

7. Judgment Begins in Prosperous Times

It is significant that, despite 40-year high inflation, consumer spending is surging: car sales are booming, vacation bookings are soaring, and, because large gatherings are no longer banned due to the pandemic, a record number of weddings are being planned. Those in the industry forecast that nuptials will hit a 40-year high this year.

That inflation and weddings are peaking simultaneously—both at a forty-year high in 2022—is significant as Scripture says Judgment Day will begin at a time when people are "buying, selling, eating, drinking, and marrying" (Luke 17:26–29).

Conclusion

Only God knows the future. However, for the above reasons and others, I believe that 2022 is likely to see an economic crash of biblical proportions. What's more, the trigger of the crash may be a shock event that most economists would not imagine.

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*For more on why 2022 may be a pivotal year in Bible prophecy, please see the following articles and videos by T.W. Tramm:

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NOTES:

- 1. Sabbatical years: Every seventh year, the Israelites were to allow the land to rest by foregoing planting and harvesting (Lev. 25:2–7). The Sabbatical was also called the year of "release," or "shemitah," as all debts were to be cancelled in the seventh month (Deut. 15:1; 31:10).
- 2. Current Sabbatical years, according to the ancient reckoning dating to the Second Temple period:

1916-17 1923-24 1930-31 1937-38 1944-45 1951-52 1958-59 1965-66 1972-73 1979-80 1986-87 1993-94 2000-01 2007-08 2014-15 2021-22 2028-29

- 3. Sabbatical—Shemitah financial crashes: Significantly, the autumn financial crashes are often the result of a larger crisis that manifest in the spring around the first biblical month, Nisan. For instance, in Sabbatical year 2007–08, the Global Financial Crisis marked by a record 777-point Dow crash in September actually began with the collapse of Bear Sterns the previous March, corresponding to Nisan.
- 4. The only modern return to Jerusalem occurred in June 1967, when the Jews took possession of the Holy City for the first time in nearly 2,000 years. However, because the return occurred during the course of a Sabbatical week, the count of "seven weeks" could not begin until the start of the next Sabbatical week, which is 1973. Counting Daniel's seven weeks from 1973, we arrive at 2022.
- *Chart illustrating the seven-weeks calculation: https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/60d73aed93df4c069b5b0653fc3499c8/CALCULATING%20DANIELS%20JUBILEE%20CHART.pdf
- 5. Cows signs: https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/4f686c9a5c91453ea69f10df85462afc/Cow%20Harbingers%20and%20the%20Coming%20Food%20Crisis.pdf

- 6. God uses the sun and moon (solar and lunar eclipses) for "signs" (Gen. 1:14; Joel 2:31).
- 7. Nisan 1 Total Solar Eclipse Path:

Animation: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solar eclipse of March 20, 2015#/media/File:SE2015Mar20T.gif

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