

Cow Harbingers and the Coming Food Crisis

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AS SPRING APPROACHES, a confluence of factors related to a pandemic, and now a war in Europe's 'breadbasket,' is threatening global food supplies.

While the timing of this confluence may seem random to the casual observer, I believe it is related to a biblical sign and calendar cycle.

COW SIGNS

In the Book of Genesis, Egypt's Pharaoh has a dream about seven fat cows being swallowed up by seven gaunt cows (Gen. 41:1–4).

The dream is later interpreted by a young Hebrew, Joseph, who explains to Pharaoh that God is showing him what is about to happen. The seven fat cows represent seven years of plenty, while the seven gaunt cows represent seven years of famine so terrible the years of plenty will be forgotten (vv. 17–32).

Seeing that God never changes, and that He repeats signs and symbols, it is interesting to note that a little more than seven years ago, in 2014, two cows made news for being born with number "7s" on their heads.

The first cow made news on September 25, corresponding to the biblical date Tishrei 1, or Feast of Trumpets. The cow was black in color and had a large formal appearing "7" on its head.

The second cow, featured on a popular religious program, was born on the same Feast of Trumpets. However, this cow was red in color and had a small informal, or slapdash appearing, "7" on its head.

In prophecy circles, the cows with "7s" were deemed a modern-day version of the sign given to Pharaoh, a warning from God about seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.

The prophetic take on the cows was bolstered by the uncanny details. Consider that . . .

- It could have been any type of animal born with a number on its coat, a dog or a horse, yet it was cows, the same animals in Pharaoh's dream.

- It could have been any given number on the cows, yet it was a “7,” the number signifying a complete period of time, or a period of warning in Scripture (Gen. 2:1–3; 7:1–4; 41; Lev. 25; Dan. 9:24–27; Josh. 6:1–5).
- It could have been one cow born with a “7,” yet it was *two* cows, denoting two seven-year periods.
- The cows with “7s” could have appeared on any calendar day, yet both appeared on the biblical Feast of Trumpets, the day on which the trumpet is sounded as a warning, or wakeup call (Lev. 23:23, 24).
- The cows could have been born any color, yet the cow with the large formal “7” on its head was black, connoting “in the black” financial conditions. The cow with the sparse “7” on its head was red, connoting scarcity, or “in the red” financial conditions.
- The cows could have been born in any order, yet the cow connoting prosperity was born first, while the cow connoting scarcity was born second, matching the biblical pattern of seven years of prosperity followed by seven years of famine.

While some may consider it absurd that cows with “7s” on their heads could be a sign from God, the Lord is known for using foolish things to confound the wise (1 Cor. 1:27). What’s more, He frequently uses animals in unconventional ways to achieve His purposes (Num. 22:21-39; Matt. 17:27; Jonah 1:17).

Could the spiraling war between Russia and Ukraine, countries which, combined, account for nearly a third of global wheat and barley exports, be related to the cow-signs of seven years ago?

The timing certainly corresponds to the biblical calendar. Crucial to understand is that God reckons time, particularly prophetic time, according to a fixed seven-year cycle called the Sabbatical cycle.

According to the cycle-reckoning dating back to Israel’s Second Temple period, the current Sabbatical period began at the biblical month of Nisan (March) in 2015. Thus, the seven-year period of abundance foreshadowed by the cow signs concludes at Nisan 2022, only weeks from now.

If our reading of the cow signs is correct, we should expect the world’s food problems to worsen.

ARTICLE:

Russian war in Europe's 'bread basket' threatens food supplies:

<https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-business-africa-lifestyle-middle-east-1b41faaa7ac0984d0673023b68d39a70>

NOTES:

1. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Heb. 13:8).

2. Cow signs in secular news:

<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/09/25/calf-with-7-on-its-head-named-after-big-ben/>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2771662/Adorable-baby-calf-born-NUMBER-SEVEN-head-named-Big-Ben-honor-Pittsburgh-Steelers-quarterback-Ben-Ben-Roethlisberger-wears-number-seven-jersey.html>

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/lucky-cow-born-number-face/story?id=25777160>

3. Cow signs in prophetic news:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6axxud4jOc>

<https://biblepropheciesfulfilled.blogspot.com/2015/02/check-out-this-red-heifer-born-in-texas.html>

4. Significantly, the black cow with the large "7" was named Benjamin. In the Bible, Benjamin is the favorite brother of Joseph, the Hebrew who interpreted pharaoh's dream of the seven cows (Gen. 41:14–32). Benjamin's mother, Rachel, who died after giving birth to him due to a difficult delivery, originally named her son Ben-Oni, which means "Son of My Trouble." This is noteworthy because the time of Jacob's Trouble, the seven-year Tribulation, is characterized as a time of birth pains and delivery for Israel: "Ask now, and see: Can a male give birth? Why then do I see every man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor and every face turned pale? How awful that day will be! There will be none like it! It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be delivered out of it" (Jer. 30:6, 7).

5. It is interesting that the "7" on the second (red) cow has an appearance of being cut off, or shortened. Scripture says the tribulation period will be shortened for the sake of the elect (Matt. 24:22).

6. Financial term meanings:

"In the black": <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/b/black.asp#:~:text=Key%20Takeaways-,The%20expression%20in%20the%20black%22%20is%20used%20to%20refer%20to,profitability%20and%20current%20financial%20health.&text=When%20a%20company%20is%20in,to%20be%20in%20the%20red.>

"In the red": <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/r/red.asp>

7. Based on rabbinic tradition, the modern Jewish calendar reckons years from the first day of the seventh month, Tishrei. However, in the Bible, God instructs Israel to count years from the first month, Nisan (Ex. 12:1–3).