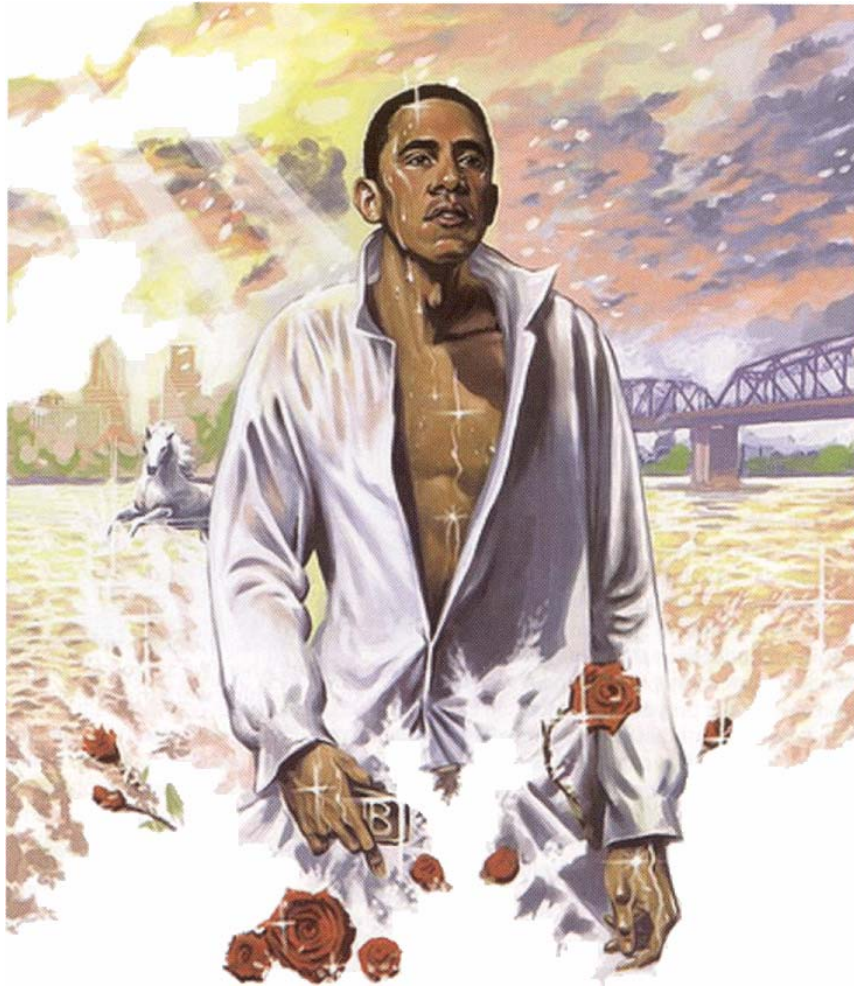


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The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse!
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A Voice in the Wilderness

God tells His servants in His Word, “Cry aloud, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet and declare to My people their transgression and to the house of Jacob their sins!” (Isa.58:1, Parallel Amplified Bible).

God also declares: “Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her time of service and her warfare are ended, that [her punishment is accepted and] her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received [punishment] from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.

We are living in a world gone berserk with anger and rage. “Why do the nations rage?” (Psalm 2:1). Answer – because they don’t know the true God, and are in rebellion against His laws and teachings and the way of true life!

Isaiah wrote: “A voice of one who cries: *Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord* [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth a highway for our God. . . . And the glory (majesty and splendor) of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it” (Isaiah 40:3-5).

The Messiah is coming very SOON! Its time to prepare to MEET Him! “Surely the Lord will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). The purpose of this magazine is to warn the world of what lies ahead, and to help prepare people to get ready to meet the Messiah, when He returns to restore all things (Acts 3:19-21), put an end to wars, and reveal the Kingdom of God! The prophet Amos declared, “*Prepare to meet your God, O Israel*” (Amos 4:12). Time is of the essence.

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In This Issue

The thundering drum-beats of Bible prophecy are booming their rapid-fire cadence. The Four fiery Horsemen of Revelation are beginning to ride out in fury. Will you be counted worthy to escape the most horrifying holocaust ever to engulf and overwhelm the human race? Are you ready to *wake up and change your ways*, before it is too late?

-- *William F. Dankenbring*

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse Thunder Across the Sky!

Like ghost riders chasing the devil's herd across the sky, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse thunder forth in the Book of Revelation. Who are they? What do they represent? What is the significance of the White Horse, the Red Horse, the Black Horse, and the Pale Horse? How will it affect you and your family? It's time to WAKE UP! The Four Horsemen are already snorting, trampling, and rearing up!

William F. Dankenbring

In his vision of the end of the age, the apostle John in the book of Revelation sees the end-time prophecies encapsulated with "seven seals" which are revealed to him by the Lamb of God – Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah (Rev.5:1-5; 6:1).

The first of these seals is a "white horse," which has a "bow," and goes forth conquering "and to conquer" (Rev.6:2). The second seal is a "red horse" which takes "peace" from the earth – instigates wars around the world – and causes people to kill one another (vs.3-4). The third seal is a "black horse," which rises up, and great famines engulf the world. The fourth seal is a "pale horse," and its riders are Death and Hell, and it has power over one quarter of the earth, to kill by warfare, famine and hunger, pestilence and plague, and wild beasts gone on a rampage (Rev.6:5-8).

These mysterious symbols of the book of Revelation hold chilling, spine-tingling descriptions of events which will occur in the last days of this present age, leading up to the second coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The *time-sequence of events begins* with the "four horsemen" of the apocalypse. Notice!

Horses in Prophecy

In the book of Job we read that the horse itself is a symbol of war. God said to Job, "Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? Can you frighten him like a locust? His majestic snorting strikes terror. He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength; he gallops into the clash of arms. He mocks at fear, and is not frightened; nor does he turn back from the sword. The quiver rattles against

him, the glittering spear and javelin. He devours the distance with fierceness and rage; nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded. At the blast of the trumpet he says, ‘Aha!’ He smells the battle from afar, the thunder of captains and shouting” (Job 39:19-25).

The horse symbolizes war-waging POWER! Ancient armies were empowered by horsemen, cavalry, and chariots pulled by horses. The horse symbolizes mighty strength.

Therefore, those who claim the “white horse” of Revelation pertains to “religious deception” are in woeful error and don’t have a leg to stand on! NO WHERE do the Scriptures identify “horses” with RELIGION! The Bible interprets its own symbols, and it says the horse is a creature of war, as the book of Job so eloquently states!

What Is the White Horse?

The apostle John writes in vivid prose:

“And I saw, and behold a WHITE HORSE: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him; and he went forth conquering, and to conquer” (Rev.6:2).

What is this white horse? One church claims it is false religion, or religious deception, sweeping the world. Why? Because the rider has a “bow,” but when Christ returns He will have a “sword” (Rev.19:15). But does this make sense? No one to my knowledge even suggests or claims this horseman represents Christ! As I have just said, a “horse” represents WAR, or a war-waging military power – not religion, or false religion!

Often, in Scripture, God is pictured as waging war by shooting arrows from a bow (Deut.32:23, 42) as well as a sword (Deut.32:41-42). Job speaks of the “arrows of the Almighty” (Job 6:4). God says in Zechariah, “When I have bent Judah for me, and filled the bow with Ephraim” (Zech.9:13). And verse 14, “And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning.” This is talking about WAR – not religious deception! The fact that this horseman uses a bow and not a sword makes no difference one way or the other! It proves nothing as to the identity of the horseman!

The white horse represents a war-making power. But which one? How do we identify it?

“White” is a symbol of righteousness (Rev.19:8). This nation, or world power, then historically has exercised its power on the behalf of freedom, liberty, democracy, and “righteousness,” attempting to fight oppression, tyranny, and evil around the world!

Zechariah the prophet speaks of a mysterious prophecy of four horse-driven

chariots.

Notice! “Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze. With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong steeds. Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, ‘What are these, my lord?’ And the angel answered and said to me, ‘These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station before the Lord of all the earth. The one with the BLACK horse is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going to the south country.’ Then the strong steeds went out, eager to go, that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth” (Zech.6:1-7).

Notice again! These are identified with the “four winds” of heaven -- that is, the north, south, east and west winds -- thus giving us a geographic positioning of the four world powers or end-time kingdoms of the north, south, east and western hemispheres.

The Jewish Tanakh version makes it plain. Zechariah is told, “The one with the black horses is going to the region of the NORTH; the white ones have gone out to what is to the WEST of them; the spotted (pale) ones have gone out to the region of the SOUTH; and the dappled [red] ones have gone out . . .” (see Zech.6:1-7, Tanakh). A footnote says, “Emendation yields ‘the bay ones will go out to the region of the EAST.’” The words “dappled” and “bay” literally means RED or reddish brown in color.

The “white” horse is therefore connected with the west (Zech.6:6, Tanakh). It represents a mighty military power in the “West.” Historically, this was the Macedonian Empire, under Alexander the Great, a descendant of the tribe of Dan. Which nation or group of nations would that represent, today? Why, the United States and Great Britain, and their allies! The United States, in the western hemisphere, was largely responsible for saving the world in World War I, World War II, fending off Communism in Korea and Vietnam. George Bush led the U.S. to victory against Saddam Hussein, of Babylon-Iraq, in the Gulf War, like a latter-day Alexander.

Suffice it to say here, the “white” horse -- white is a symbol of righteousness -- represents end-time Israel, primarily the leadership tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh -- the United States of America and United Kingdom and Canada -- going forth to save the world from totalitarianism and enslavement during the twentieth century. Our nations saved the world for “democracy” and freedom from the scourge of World War I, Nazism and World War II, and Communism since that time! The United States saved South Korea from the invasion of North Korea, fought the Communists in Vietnam, and led the fight against Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

The United States has been “riding high” since the end of World War II. It is currently regarded as the world’s only remaining “superpower.” Nevertheless, it is beginning to wear out its welcome around the world. Its claim to greatness is

beginning to wear a mite "thin."

The United States in Biblical prophecy is none other than Ephraim, the birth-right holder of the sons of Joseph – see my book *America and Great Britain – Our Identity Revealed: Ephraim and Manasseh in the End of Days*.

Ephraim and Manasseh

Many Biblical prophecies speak of the fate of the leading nation of "Israel" during the last days -- that is, the United States of America. In Bible prophecy, we are the tribe of "Ephraim," the leading birthright tribe, the younger of the two sons of Joseph. God inspired the patriarch Jacob to prophesy of the two brothers, Ephraim and Manasseh: "The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a *multitude in the midst of the earth*" (Gen.48:16). Jacob later said that Manasseh would be "great," but added, "but truly his younger brother shall be *greater than he*, and his seed shall become a *multitude of nations [or, states]*" (v.19).

Ephraim was set before or above Manasseh in rank and power and blessing. They were to become a "multitude of STATES," as the original Hebrew says -- and truly the "*United STATES of America*," comprised of FIFTY SOVEREIGN, INDIVIDUAL STATES, *fulfills this prophecy to the "T"!*

Ephraim was to become a united company or assembly of peoples. Isn't it interesting that the United States is famous around the world for being the "melting pot" of the nations? The United States has more emigrants from more diverse locations, than any other nation on earth! This is both a strength, and a fatal weakness. The prophet Hosea foretold this condition would describe Ephraim in the last days! Hosea wrote, "Ephraim MIXES with the nations; Ephraim is a flat cake not turned over [white on one side, baked black or brown on the other side!]. Foreigners sap his strength, but he does not realize it. His hair is sprinkled with gray, but he does not notice" (Hosea 7:8-9).

The United States began with thirteen colonies, and a flag of thirteen stripes and thirteen stars. Ephraim was the "thirteenth tribe" of ancient Israel! Mere coincidence?

Ephraim's very name means "double fruit." It is the United States which exploded onto the world scene, becoming a world power in the days of Theodore Roosevelt at the turn of the century, and the twentieth century has been hailed as "America's Century," and world peace "Pax Americana."

In a very short time, historically speaking, the United States grew, burgeoned, with rippling muscles, and grew past his older brother Manasseh, yet they are united by language and cultural ties unlike that of any other separate nations on the face of the earth! They are true brothers, sometimes arguing, squabbling, fighting, but back-to-back against any common enemy from the outside!

The Greatness of Ephraim

Jacob prophesied that the younger brother, Ephraim, was to be greater than his older brother, Manasseh. Manasseh, the firstborn, was the older brother. Which nation is older -- the United States or Great Britain? That fact alone should tell us that Great Britain was the older brother, Manasseh, which was to be "great," and even has the word "great" in its name, unlike any other country on the earth today!

But what about the United States? Is it greater than Great Britain, even as Ephraim was to be greater than Manasseh?

Let's face this question honestly and squarely, without pride, pretense, or hypocrisy. The United States is the wealthiest nation in the world in terms of resources, business and assets, and gross national produce – although we have also become the world's biggest debtor nation by far due to our sins and living beyond our means during the past decade. We comprise only six percent of the world's population, and yet we control over 40 percent of the world's wealth! We are the breadbasket of the world. Our gross national product is over \$7 trillion dollars annually. Either California or New York could be the fifth or sixth richest nation in the world. The state of Illinois produces more than the entire continent of Africa! The eight industrial states from New York to Illinois produce as much as the Common Market, the Soviet Union, or all of Latin America, Africa, most of Asia except Japan, and the Middle East *combined!*

When Jacob, or Israel, blessed Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, he knew what he was doing. He deliberately blessed the YOUNGER son with the primogenital blessing of the firstborn, making him the son of the right hand. The older son, Manasseh, shared in the blessing -- but a double portion went to Ephraim! When Joseph protested this sudden switch from the expected, saying that Manasseh was the firstborn, Israel refused to change the blessing, and said:

"I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he ALSO shall be GREAT: but truly *his YOUNGER BROTHER shall be GREATER THAN HE, and his seed shall become a MULTITUDE of nations.* And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set *Ephraim before Manasseh*" (Gen.48:19-20).

Let us notice two things about this verse -- this prophetic blessing. The younger brother, born last, would rise up and become greater than the older brother, in time. The older would also become great -- but not as great as the younger!

On the other hand, Ephraim was prophesied to become "a multitude of nations." The Jewish Tanakh has this: "Yet his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall be *plentiful enough for nations.*" Compared to the British, the population of the United States of America, which was a paltry few millions in 1776, today stands at 256,000,000 -- over four times the population of Great Britain!

The British *never became* a "*multitude of nations.*" This prophecy did not state

that Ephraim would "RULE" a multitude of nations, but that he would "BECOME" a multitude of "nations." If you count all the Anglo-Saxon members of the British Commonwealth, you have only five nations, most of them with very small populations -- Canada, the largest, population 27,000,000, followed by Australia, 17 million, New Zealand, 3,400,000, and South Africa, where the predominant population is black.

The Hebrew word for "multitude" in this verse is #4393 in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. It is *melo* and literally means "fullness," or "full." *Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* explains it as "fullness, hence that which is full," as "fullness of hands," "a basin full of water." It also means "a multitude, crowd."

The Hebrew word translated "nations" here is actually *goy*, which is the Hebrew word for "Gentile," also. The plural, *goyim*, can mean "nations, Gentiles," "a troop," in the sense of *massing*, "a flight of birds," "a flight of locusts," "a troop of animals," etc. It is variously translated "Gentile, nation, heathen, people."

Carefully looking at these definitions, then, we see there is no proof in this verse whatsoever that The British Commonwealth are Ephraim, and that Manasseh is the United States. Rather, the FULLNESS OF PEOPLES dwells in the United States -- 256 million, to be exact! *Gesenius* defines *goy*, "a people, a confluence of men," and adds: "Prop. it would seem *body, corpus*, from the root [*gah*] which see; and then transferred to a *body politic*, or whole people." In other words, it could also be translated as "STATES" -- as in "*united STATES of America*"!

The *United States* of America fit this description, or definition, perfectly. America is a union of FIFTY STATES, comprised of many different peoples from different racial stocks, but primarily northern European and Anglo-Saxon.

In another passage, Moses was inspired to prophecy of these two brothers, together making up the tribe of "Joseph," their father, and which became the two individual sub-tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh,

"His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he [Joseph, both tribes together] shall PUSH *the people together to the ENDS OF THE EARTH*: and they are the *TEN THOUSANDS OF EPHRAIM*, and they are *the THOUSANDS OF MANASSEH*" (Deut.33:17).

Notice! It was Ephraim which was to outnumber Manasseh in population by something like a ratio of TEN TO ONE! Now consider! Which nation, today, is the larger of the Anglo-Saxon nations? Which has the most power? Which has the greatest natural resources and blessings? Great Britain? Or the United States of America? As we have already noted, the population of the United States, at 300,000,000, far exceeds that of Great Britain at 57,000,000, or that of Canada at 27,000,000. Furthermore, it was the United States which "saved the bacon," as it were, of the British and Western Europeans during World War I, and especially World War II! In this end-time generation, it is the

"Yanks" who are by far the "greatest" military power among the sons of Jacob!

Take note, now! The "White Horse" is a great military power in the WEST! It has been a "righteous" world power, bringing democracy, freedom, and liberty to peoples around the world. What nation is this? Why, obviously – the United States of America!

Take note that this military world power has a "bow" and goes forth conquering, "and to conquer." A "bow" symbolizes AIR POWER – MISSILES! The allied air power was vital to the conquest of Germany and Japan in World War II, and air power alone devastated Iraq in the Gulf War of 1991! American and British air power causes the whole world to stand in awe and wonder. But notice also – this mighty power conquers, but then it "stops short" of conquering – it holds back, as it were. So often, the United States conquered its enemies, but then failed to go on to "finish the job." We let the Nazis off the hook after World War II, we allowed Emperor Hirohito of Japan to live, and President George Bush allowed Saddam Hussein to get off the hook, after the Gulf War.

What a striking fulfillment of the prophecies of the "White Horse"! And isn't it interesting that TODAY America's leader, Barack Hussein Obama has taken the reigns of the "white horse" of Bible prophecy! He held the Democratic presidential convention at BRONCO stadium in Denver, Colorado, whose mascot is a WHITE HORSE named "Thunder"! And his name "Barack" was the actual name of Mohammed's WHITE HORSE which carried him in a fateful dream or vision!

Could the allusion to the "white horse" rushing forth to conquer be describing the coming wars of Barack Hussein Obama as he deploys American troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, and who knows where else in the future – perhaps in the state of Israel in the Middle East?

The Tribe of Dan

But Ephraim is not alone! Mixed in with its population are many of the other "lost" tribes of Israel, including the tribe of Dan!

The symbol of the white horse is also the *secondary symbol of Dan*. It is also a symbol of a war-waging world power from the West!

The white horse is mentioned in the prophecies of Zechariah, chapter six. The prophet described four chariots led by horses – red, black, white, and spotted (Zech.6:2-3. These represented world powers at the four directions of the wind or the compass (verse 5). The black horse was connected with the north (v.6), the spotted with the south (v.6).

Although the serpent was the primary symbol of Dan, the white horse was its secondary symbol. Its primary symbol has largely been superseded by his secondary emblem, the horse, usually pictured as being white.

In Denmark, a white horse appears on the shield in the Royal Arms. The horse was a creature of war, and as such was fitting for this warlike tribe.

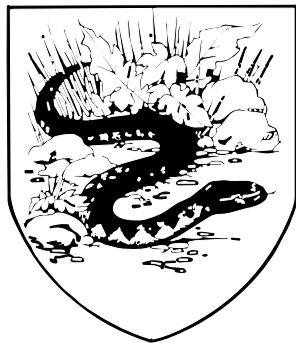
These symbols of the tribe of Dan are also prominent as being among the significant emblems of the United States of America. The bald eagle is the national symbol of the nation. The serpent motto or motif was prominent in early American history. The Irish have played a very important role in American history.

Yair Davidy writes in *The Tribes: The Israelite Origins of Western Peoples*, “There are about 60 million people in the world today of Irish descent though only around three million live in Ireland itself. *Most people of Irish origin live in the U.S.A.* as well as being numerous in Australia and the United Kingdom. In the past, whole tribes from Ireland invaded and settled on the west coasts of Wales, England, and Scotland in the period when the Anglo-Saxons and kin were invading from the east. . . . The Irish of today as recognized in Ireland and America have characteristics applicable both to DAN and to Simeon. In the U.S.A. the Irish dominate much of the Police Force; they are officious and inclined to violence . . . they tend to be religious, even superstitious, though this quality is mitigated by outbursts of profligacy; they can be poetical and mystical . . . they can also be hardy, tough, very brave and good fighters who enjoy fighting” (p.432).

Jacob prophesied of the Tribe of Dan, “Dan shall judge his people as one of the Tribes of Israel. Dan shall be A VIPER BY THE PATH, that bites the horse’s heels so that its rider shall fall backward” (Gen.49:16-17). The serpent was the original emblem of the tribe of Dan. It is very prominent in the early history of the United States, showing a large influence of Dan in the nation.

Dan settled primarily in Ireland, Scotland and Denmark (Dan’s mark). Moses prophesied of Dan, “Dan is a LION’S WHELP; he shall leap from Bashan” (Deut.33:22). Dan was also like a “lion,” a warlike tribe.

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The horse was a creature of war, and as such was fitting for this warlike tribe. The Bible speaks of the “white horse” as the first of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, riding to war with a bow (Rev.6:2).

The Fateful Ride of the Red Horse

We read in Revelation in the New International Version:

“Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword” (Rev.6:3-4).

The “Red Horse” of the Apocalypse follows the “white horse.” It is the opening of the “second seal.” It refers to widespread political and social turmoil and chaos in the EAST -- the eastern hemisphere.

The “red horse” is in the *east*. The Jewish Tanakh in Zechariah 6:7 shows the red horses are connected with the “east.” Communism rose up in 1917, overthrew the Czars in Russia, and set about seeking to enslave and conquer the world. Millions lost their lives in Stalin's purges. Millions more lost their lives in the purges of Mao Tse-tung, in Red China. And now, once again, the “red horse” in the East is threatening to rise up, and bloody revolution may well occur throughout the former lands of the Soviet Union! The Hebrew word translated “red” in Zechariah is *adom* and means “rosy, red, ruddy.”

The “red horse” represents the “red star” countries of Communism -- Russia, China, and the like, in the “east.” Russia has its red sickle flag, “Red Square,” in Moscow, and Communists are commonly known as “the Reds.” How uncanny is Bible prophecy! These nations have indeed taken “peace from the earth,” with millions being killed in massive purges in the Soviet Union and in Mao's China, since World War II. And these nations have instigated and fomented virtually every war since World War II -- Mao's conquest of China, the Korean War, Vietnam, and even the Arabic strikes against modern Israel in the Middle East, in 1956, 1967, and 1973 (the Yom Kippur War). Thus this prophecy has been and is still being fulfilled, dramatically!

The break-up and restructuring of the Soviet Empire contributed to the war in former Yugoslavia, and war in Chechnya. The Russian economy is still in tatters. China also, the red dragon of the East, has annexed Hong Kong, and now threatens Taiwan with missiles and invasion.

Communitic North Korea is also threatening the West with its recent detonations of nuclear bombs, and its launching of ballistic missiles. Its provocations threaten an attack to take over South Korea and even to NUKE Hawaii, and American states within range of its missiles!

The fiery apocalyptic nightmare of the “Red Horse” does not describe a conquering army or military power, such as the white horse. But it describes a power

that causes widespread warfare, and it pictures a region in turmoil and chaos, with men slaying each other, their neighbors, in tribal and ethnic conflicts and CIVIL war. A new Korean war could fit this description perfectly or a war between China and Taiwan!

The Black Horse Charges Forth

The apostle John records:

“I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, ‘A quart of wheat for a days’ wages, and three quarts of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!’” (Rev.6:5-6).

The “black horse” is identified with the NORTH country—north of Jerusalem—or the region of ancient Assyria, Syria, and central and Eastern Europe.

The ancient Assyrians migrated into central Europe and were the ancestors of some of today's Germans! This “black horse” represents the NORTH country (Zech.6:6) – modern EUROPE, dominated by Germany. The traditional color of Germany and ancient Assyria is BLACK – the black swastika, the black uniforms of the Waffen SS, the black German eagle!

This world power is associated with the “north country” – that is, to the NORTH of Jerusalem (see Zechariah 6:6). In ancient times it referred to Assyria -- the very peoples who later migrated into modern Germany and Austria! Therefore, in today's world, the “black horse” refers to a modern “empire” or “kingdom” to the NORTH of Jerusalem. There is no doubt that this symbol refers to modern Syria, north of Israel, as well as the nations of the *European Union*. This union, dominated by a Germany risen from the ashes of World War II, will very likely become one of the hubs of the economic and political New World Order and the Western world!

In today's Germany, an onslaught of new, young, tough neo-Nazis has arisen, singing the old marching songs of the Third Reich, shouting “Sieg Heil” and “Germany for the Germans.” They are admirers of Adolf Hitler and are growing rapidly in numbers with their call to get rid of the immigrants and to save German jobs for Germans. They rattle on about the “German master race,” and repudiate the genocide of the Second World War, calling the Holocaust a “Jewish lie” and “hoax.” Many Germans today are tired of being reminded of the Holocaust.

Shockingly, a new resurgent neo-Nazism is making a bold comeback – and thousands of Germans are participating, and millions are listening. Many signs have shown the increasing presence and power of NAZISM behind the scenes in Germany. The old Frankenstein monster of a “HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE” based in Europe, with enormous tentacles in the United States and western world, is rapidly coalescing

together into a gigantic global Octopus!

The world's prophesied end-time world empire, foretold in the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation, called the "Beast," is awakening, beginning to flex and stretch its muscles, and shaking off the sleep of centuries. It appears that Europe will play a very significant role in the resurgence of this ancient "world empire." In fact, it appears that the final "Beast" will include – for a time -- the white horse of the west, the red horse of the east, and the black horse of the north country!

The possibility that Europe may dominate this final world Union may be underscored by the formation of the new currency, the "Euro," which will compete in the world financial markets with the U.S. dollar. The days of the dollar's world dominance may soon be over!

When this horse rides, especially in the future, it is connected with famine, scarcity, and hunger. Truly those will be "lean years"!

The Fourth Horseman

John describes the fourth and final horseman:

"And I looked, and behold, a PALE 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" (Rev.6:8).

Interestingly, the "pale horse" of the apocalypse seems to represent two things: First of all, it portrays the growing power of the ecological movement, and the New World Order! The Greek word translated "pale" in this verse is *chloros* which means "greenish, i.e., verdant, dun-colored -- green, pale." We get our word "chlorophyll" from this word. The "Green movement" is part of the ecological movement. Mikhail Gorbachev is prominent in this area. He is the head of Green Cross, International.

At the State of the World Forum, held at the Presidio, in San Francisco, Gorbachev told the assembled world leaders, *"The environmental crisis is the cornerstone of the New World Order."* In a speech in Indiana in October, 1996, Gorbachev openly declared, "World civilization as we know it will soon end. We have very little time and we must act."

Another View of the Pale Horse

This horseman is ALSO connected with the SOUTH – south of Jerusalem – and refers to the rising up of the final KING OF THE SOUTH mentioned in the book of Daniel. Zechariah shows this horse of "pale" or "dappled" color goes to the south (Zech.6:6). It is a reference to the Arab nations, united in a final end-time union, which could include Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Syria, the Sudan, Libya, and all the "terrorist states" which hate the West, especially the Jews of Israel and the United States, whom they

view as “the Great Satan.” Many of these nations have been creating killer biological agents, such as anthrax and bubonic plague, and it is their intent to USE these weapons against the West, when the opportunity avails itself.

The leader of this group of nations toward the south of Jerusalem would be Egypt, identified in the book of Daniel as the “king of the south” (Dan.11). Led by Egypt, fueled by the billions of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States, with millions of fanatic Muslim followers -- and probably aid and encouragement from Russia -- this horseman will “push” at the king of the north, leading to a terrible round of World War. Notice!

“And at the time of the end shall the king of the SOUTH *PUSH AT HIM*: and the king of the north shall come against him like a WHIRLWIND, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow, and pass over. He shall enter into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown” (Dan.11:40-41).

Note that by the time this happens, the Western and Northern kingdoms have “merged” and have become part of a New World Government – the New World Order! The “ships” referred to here can only be a reference to the ships of the world's greatest navies, today, those of the United States, Britain, and Europe! The implication is that by this time the New World Order has been established, but the Moslem world rebels against it -- and war breaks out in the Middle East!

It would seem, then, that the “black horse” of the Apocalypse refers to UNITED EUROPEAN UNION. This kingdom, along with the “white horse” and “red horse,” would evolve into the final kingdom of the “Beast”—the New World Order (Rev.13:1-5). It will possess tremendous war-waging ability.

People will exclaim excitedly, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” (Rev.13:4). This final World Empire will include the United States, Europe, Russia, China (the dragon power), and the world's economic and military powers, and will – with them – dominate the new revitalized UNITED NATIONS.

This assemblage of nations will be dominated by SEVEN HEADS – possibly the G-7 industrialized nations (Rev.13:1). It will also possess TEN HORNS. These could be an enhanced Security Council of the United Nations, with TEN nations given “permanent member status” – which would mean five more are to be added, very likely Germany, Japan, Brazil, Egypt, and a fifth country.

At the same time, there is a powerful movement afoot to strip the present five permanent members of the Security Council of their VETO power. By doing this, ALL nations would become subservient to the new, enhanced UN!

The Final World Dictator

This final “Babylonian” or “Roman Empire” will become dominated by a “stern-faced king, a master of intrigue” who will “become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He

will destroy the mighty and the holy people. He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior” (Dan.8:23-25).

“The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place” (Dan.11:36).

Strange as it may seem, the “image of the beast” prophesied in Daniel, chapter two, also reveals a final “resurrection” of this beast-world empire system which will be comprised of TEN TOES, representing a final union of TEN NATIONS! Daniel wrote,

“Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron -- for iron breaks and smashes everything – and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. Just as you saw that the FEET AND TOES were partly of BAKED CLAY and PARTLY of IRON, so this will be a DIVIDED KINGDOM; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. As the TOES were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a MIXTURE and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay” (Dan.2:40-43).

Could these “ten toes” of this image represent the final “resurrection” of this world's great empire, beast system?

Could it be a UNION of nations which will control the new, supercharged UNITED NATIONS, led by the TEN permanent member nations of the SECURITY COUNCIL?

The Fifth Seal and the New World Order

In order for these things to happen, however, the United States in particular, must be brought into complete conformity with this new world thinking. America must be an integral part of the New World Order, if not the actual leader of it. Massive changes, therefore, are being orchestrated for the United States, to bring it into alignment with globalism.

During the years ahead of us, it appears that the United States and other nations of the “lost ten tribes” of Israel, together with Judah (the land known as “Israel” in the Middle East), will somehow lose their national sovereignty, and become absorbed into the “New World Order.” This has already begun to occur, with the passage of legislation forcing NAFTA, GATT, and trade agreements upon our nations, leading to loss of jobs, and suffering. At the present, the United States is one of the leaders in this movement toward Globalism, but leadership *could* transfer to Europe in the years ahead of us, if the U.S. runs into catastrophic economic trouble, with incredible natural disasters, riots and revolution in the streets.

The prophet Hosea records: “The pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall *Israel and Ephraim [the United States] FALL in their iniquity*; Judah [the Jews and modern “Israel”] also shall FALL with them. . . . They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children [lawless and rebellious youth!]: now shall A MONTH DEVOUR THEM with their portions” (Hos.5:5-7).

However it comes about – via internal strife and violence, economic collapse, and foreign troops being sent to America to “restore order” or some other means – our western nations will end up submerged in and oppressed by this “New World Order” – the Fourth Beast of Revelation 7!

Our people will be in dire circumstances, with economic slavery and loss of freedom and sovereignty. Our enslavement will become complete as our nations become merged with and “one” with the New World Fascist/Socialist Order. Our resources and military will then be used on the behalf of that World Government.

After the four horsemen of the apocalypse begin to ride, dealing death and destruction, the apostle John records that there will be great persecution upon Christians and Jews. In other words, “Jacob’s Troubles” will continue to escalate! The final three and one half years will be known as the “Great Tribulation.”

The book of Revelation continues the story:

“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the SOULS OF THEM THAT WERE SLAIN *for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held*. . . . And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, *until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be KILLED AS THEY WERE, should be fulfilled*” (Rev.6:9-11).

This great persecution and martyrdom and oppression will occur at the hands of the “Beast” power of Revelation – the “New World Order” – modern “Babylon the great” when it has come into existence! This persecution and oppression will no doubt be carried out by the new World Court which was approved by the out-going Clinton Administration.

So when will modern BABYLON come to full power, and REPLACE the nation-states of the world? It is the FOURTH Beast of Daniel 7.

It will oppress and rule for 42 months, or, that is, three and one half years (Rev.13:1-5). The apostle John writes:

“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to MAKE WAR with him? . . . and power was given unto him to continue FORTY AND TWO MONTHS. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God . . . And it was given unto him to MAKE WAR WITH THE SAINTS, *and to overcome them: and power was*

given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations” (Rev.13:4-7).

The Sixth Seal – Signs in the Heavens

Jesus Christ foretold that after that great tribulation, great heavenly signs will occur. *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days,”* He declared, *“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” (Matt.24:29).*

These awesome occurrences in the skies and heavens will stagger mankind, causing terrible fright and anxiety (Rev.6:12-17).

Then, after this, comes the Seventh Seal, and the Seventh and Final Year – that is, the awesome and terrifying final *“Day of the Lord”* – the time when God Almighty *Himself* intervenes in world affairs, and begins to unleash His divine fury, and pour out His incredible wrath, to punish the nations, and mankind, for their gross rebellion and wickedness!

If these Seven Seals replicate the final Seven Years of this age, then the First Seal could be the year 2009 A.D. – this very year! The Seventh Seal could be the 7th year, or 2016 during which Messiah may return!

That awesome and dreadful day is known in Bible prophecy as *“The Day of the Lord.”* Since a *“day”* is a year being fulfilled, it will evidently last one year (Num.14:34; Ezek.4:6).

The prophet Joel tells us, *“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD” (Joel 2:31).*

What will happen during this final *“year”* – the *“Day of the Lord”*?

The Awesome Day of the Lord

In Revelation, chapter 8, God says He will then send seven angels with seven trumpet plagues -- terrible ordeals -- which will in succession afflict the earth.

Notice these awesome events. The first four of these will be incredible natural disasters, including hail and fire cast to the earth – meteorite showers causing widespread devastation and destruction (Rev.8:7).

The second plague will be a *“great mountain”* – probably a space mountain, or asteroid – falling upon the sea, causing a third part of the sea to become greatly polluted, destroying ships and killing one third of sea life (Rev.8:8-9).

The third plague will be *“a great star”* or comet which will fall from *“heaven,*

burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; . . . and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter” (v.10-11).

The fourth plague will be great signs in the heavens, with a third of the sun, moon and stars being struck and darkened, a third of the day not shining or having no light, and a third of the night (Rev.8:12).

The Final Three “Woes”

The last three of these trumpet plagues -- numbers 5, 6, and 7 – are also known as the “three woes” (Rev.8:13). These represent the final three rounds of WORLD WAR, culminating in the return of Christ to settle the issue of who will rule the earth once and for all!

Notice! In Revelation 9, the first “woe” is described as “locusts” which utilize chemical warfare, “tormenting mankind” for five months (Rev.9:1-11). The head of this World Empire is Satan the devil, working through the “Beast” (v.11). “Locusts,” in the Bible, are a type of Assyrian and Babylonian soldiers (see Nahum 3:15). God compares the soldiers – the military – of this final World Government to “locusts,” therefore. But these are peculiar locusts – they use chemical and biological weapons to “torment” mankind. In appearance, these soldiers are described as “women” suggesting they have long hair (Nahum 3:13; Rev.9:8).

This world power will inflict awesome calamities everywhere -- it is the “king of the north” (compare Daniel 11:41-45). This “king” is called “Abaddon,” and “Apollyon” (Rev.9:11), which means “Destroyer.”

What triggers this devastating round of war? Most likely the lust for OIL! The Middle East is an “oil swamp,” and contains most of the world’s resources of this valuable commodity. Apparently the Arabs will “cut off” the oil spigot and the pipelines and tankers carrying oil to Europe and the northern kingdoms.

The prophet Daniel tells us,

“At the time of the end, the king of the south *will lock horns* with him [the king of the north]; but the king of the north will attack him with chariots and riders and many ships. He will invade lands, sweeping through them like a flood; he will invade the beautiful land [Israel], too, and many will fall, but these will escape his clutches: Edom, Moab, and the chief of the children of the Ammonites. He will lay his hands on lands; not even the land of Egypt will escape. He will gain control over treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and Cushites [Ethiopians] will follow at his heel. *But REPORTS FROM EAST AND NORTH WILL ALARM HIM, and he will march forth in a GREAT FURY TO DESTROY AND ANNHILATE MANY.* He will pitch his royal pavilion between the sea and the beautiful holy mountains, and he will meet his doom with no one to help him” (Daniel 11:40-45, Tanakh).

It will be war to the death, for control of the world’s oil resources!

Soon after the “Kingdom of the North” retaliates against the “Kingdom of the South,” led by Egypt, and her allies, it appears that the “kings of the East” will become involved in the struggle for oil. They will come to the aid of their Muslim allies, and launch a massive assault against the “king of the north,” who will at that time have his headquarters in the Holy Land, perhaps in Jerusalem itself. Then he will hear terrible news, “reports from east and north,” that will “alarm him.” The apostle John tells us more about why he is so frightened, in the book of Revelation:

“The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates. And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released *to kill a THIRD OF MANKIND. The number of the MOUNTED TROOPS WAS TWO HUNDRED MILLION. I heard their number*” (Rev.9:13--16, NIV).

In this great battle of East versus the West, *one third of mankind will perish!* These numbers are beyond human imagination. With the world now populated by some six billion men, women, and children, this would indicate that in this massive struggle for world supremacy, some *TWO BILLION PEOPLE will perish!* No doubt, atomic and thermonuclear weapons and nuclear-armed missiles will be used in this tremendous conflict!

Notice! This woe consists of a massive army from the EAST numbering *200,000,000 men!* (Rev.9:12-21). This huge army will undoubtedly consist of millions of soldiers from China and India, and surrounding regions, including the Persians and Russians. This massive army, like the hordes of Genghis Khan, will march westward, into Europe and the Middle East. These hordes come from “beyond Euphrates” (Rev.9:14-15). They will slay the third part of men (v.15).

It is a fascinating fact, today, that the nation of China has an excess of men over women in the younger generation. Men outnumber women in that age group by *9 to 1 - with an excess of almost 150,000,000 men!* This fact is due to the Chinese governmental policy of limiting each family to having only one child. Since most Chinese families, by culture and tradition, desire to have a male offspring, someone who can take care of them in their old age, young female babies are often aborted, or killed shortly after childbirth. Growing up lonely, frustrated, and miserable, these young men will become part of that huge army that will attack the West!

The “Third Woe” -- ARMAGEDDON!

At this point, after billions have already died in natural disasters and worldwide wars, the devil and his demons will bring all the armies of the earth together, for one final “battle” -- to fight against the Messiah at His return!

“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of demons, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth, and of the whole world, TO GATHER THEM TO THE BATTLE OF THAT GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY. . . .

"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, ARMAGEDDON . . ." (Rev.16:13-16).

Where is "Armageddon"? Many Bible scholars have tried to associate it with "Har Megiddo," a site north of Jerusalem overlooking the plain of Jezreel. A Bible writer and researcher pointed out to me recently that the Greek word "Armageddon" has a different basis in Hebrew grammar than is usually explained. The Hebrew word "Megiddo" occurs many times in the Old Testament as a place name, referring to the fortress at Megiddo. But this place name *never* has a final 'n' letter. The only place in the Old Testament where "Megiddon" occurs, with a final 'n,' is in Zechariah 12:11 – "In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, *as the mourning of Hadadrimmon IN THE VALLEY OF MEGGIDON.*"

The root of "Megiddon" is "Gad," meaning "a troop," "company" (Gen.30:11). The meaning of "Megiddo" is "a gathering of troops." The final "n" adds the meaning, "the place of." Hence the term "Megiddon" has the generic meaning of "the place of the gathering of troops." It is not necessarily the archaeological site known as 'Har [Mountain] Megiddo.'

The first part of the Greek word "Armageddon" is interesting. "Arm" is a shortened form of the word "Aram," the name of the country of Syria, in Hebrew. The verse in Zechariah 12:11 speaks of "Hadadrimmon" – these were two Syrian gods, Hadad and Rimmon – and they were never known within Israel at any time. When the Syrian name Aram is joined to another word, it becomes shortened to "Arm." Thus "Armageddon" becomes "the gathering of troops in the place of SYRIA! In other words, the launching point or staging area for troops to invade ISRAEL in these end times is NOT the valley of Jezreel after all, but *A MARSHALLING GROUND IN THE NATION OF SYRIA!!!*

This makes much more sense for an army gathering to invade ISRAEL!

Now, notice what God's Word says about this final great, climax – the "Mother of all Battles"!

"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will MAKE WAR with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with him are called, chosen, and faithful" (Rev.17:12-14, NKJV).

These "ten kings" of the world give their power to the "Beast" for just "ONE HOUR" -- prophetically speaking. Jesus Christ said that there are "twelve hours in a day" (John 11:9), and there are 12 months in a year, so "one hour" evidently refers to ONE MONTH, or 30 days, in being fulfilled! Thus this alliance will last only 30 days – and will suddenly be broken up, when their armies are annihilated by the armies of the Messiah from heaven!

Thus this final “alliance” refers to a final union of the world’s nations which will come together, briefly, in a last ditch effort to prevent the Kingdom of God on the earth. All the world will be gathered together to resist the Messiah. All nations will fight against Him, thinking that He is an “invader from outer space,” an “alien” seeking to overthrow the earth! Movies such as *The X-Files*, *Independence Day*, *Armageddon*, *Alien*, *Men in Black*, and many others, are mind-conditioning millions to believe that when the Messiah comes from heaven with His armies, that He will be an “alien invader”!

They will fight against Him. But they won't succeed. “Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God” (Rev.19:15-16). “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. 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 six hundred furlongs” (Rev.14:19-20) – about two hundred miles!

Daniel's 70 Weeks Prophecy

It is my belief that the “seven seals” of Revelation represent the final SEVEN YEARS of this world before the Messiah returns -- and therefore they correspond to the seventieth “week” of Daniel's prophecy, the final “week” of which leads up to the SECOND coming of the Messiah!

Daniel records: “The people of the *ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary*. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the END, and desolations have been decreed. *He* [the ruler -- that is, the end-time king] will confirm a COVENANT with MANY for ONE ‘SEVEN’ [week]. In the middle of the ‘seven’ [“years” being fulfilled -- that is, after 3 1/2 years] he will put an END to the sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him” (Dan.9:26-27, NIV).

The Jewish Tanakh has this passage:

“The ARMY of a leader who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary [Titus-Vespasian of Rome in A.D. 70], but its end will come through a flood. Desolation is decreed until the end of war. During one week *he* [the end-time prince, or king] will strike a firm covenant with many. For half a week [3 1/2 years] he will put a stop to the sacrifice and the meal offering. At the corner [of the altar] will be an appalling abomination until the decreed destruction will be poured down upon the appalling thing.”

In addition, the Septuagint adds more insight to this ancient prophecy. Beginning with verse 26, we read:

.“And *ONE WEEK shall establish the covenant with MANY:* and in the *MIDST* of the *WEEK* my sacrifice and drink-offering shall be taken away: and on the Temple shall be the abomination of desolations; *and at the END OF THE TIME an end shall be put to the desolation*” (Daniel 9:24-27, LXX).

Notice! The final week of this prophecy speaks of a *FINAL WEEK* before the coming of the Messiah!

The return of the Jews to Palestine began with the Balfour Declaration in 1917, when Great Britain occupied the land of Palestine after World War I. Jewish independence was achieved in 1948. In 1967, fifty years (one Jubilee period) after the 1917 Balfour Declaration, the Israelis recaptured the Golan Heights, West Bank of the Jordan, the Sinai peninsula, and the Old City of Jerusalem, with the Temple Mount -- controlling it for the first time since A.D. 70!

This has set the stage for the final fulfillment of Daniel's last week of the 70 weeks prophecy -- the seventieth week! Remember, each day of the week represents a year in actual fulfillment. Thus the last seven years of this Age are blue-printed in the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy. What is going to occur?

Notice! In the middle of this final “week” of years, the end-time King will invade and occupy modern “Israel,” probably in the name of “peace-keeping” for the United Nations. Sacrifices and offerings at the Temple of God, which is yet to be rebuilt, will be abrogated.

Thus, in the midst of the final “week” of years, this World Dictator from the north (Dan.11:29-45) will send troops to “keep the peace” and maintain order in Israel. He will “destroy” God's people, invade Israel, and seize control over Jerusalem and the Temple, and set up the “abomination of desolation” that Jesus Christ warned us about! This invasion will occur, therefore, 3 1/2 years before the return of our Messiah!

If we recognize that event when it occurs, we will then KNOW to the exact month and possibly even the exact DAY of Jesus Christ's glorious return!

Thus it is possible that everything is now in place. The “times of Jacob’s troubles” have indeed begun! The final “seven weeks” of the end of this age could be **IMMINENT!**

Ezekiel's Message

But there is even more!

In the book of Ezekiel we read that the prophet was told to lie upon his side for 390 days as a sign to Israel. “And you, son of man, take a tile and lay it before you, and make upon it a drawing of a city, even Jerusalem.

“And put SIEGE works against it, build a siege wall against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it and set battering rams against it round about.

“Moreover, take a plate of iron and place it for an iron wall between you and the city; and set your face toward it and it shall be besieged, and you shall press the siege against it. This is a SIGN to the house of Israel!

“Then [bound as you are] lie upon your left [and north] side to bear symbolically the iniquity of the house of the TEN TRIBES of Israel upon that side. According to the number of days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity.

“For I have laid upon you the *years of their iniquity, according to the number of days*, 390 days [representing 390 years]; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel” (Ezekiel 4:1-5).

This is talking about the times of Israel’s punishment!

In Leviticus 26, God says to Israel, if they disobey Him and break His covenant, reject His Torah, His laws and way of life: “I will chastise and discipline you *seven times more* for your sins” (Lev.26:18); “I will bring seven times more plagues upon you” (v.21); “I will smite you seven times for your sins” (v.24); “I also will chastise you seven times for your sins” (v.28).

Notice! So if you take 390 years of punishment God decreed on Israel, and multiply it by “7” times, you come to 2,730 years. $390 \times 7 = \underline{2,730}$ years.

2730	years
<u>-722-21</u>	B.C.
2008-09	
<u>+1</u>	(because no year zero)
2009-2010	A.D.!

Israel was besieged by ancient Assyria beginning in 721-22 BC. If you subtract (that is, go forward) 2,730 years from that date inclusively, guess what? It brings you to 2009-2010, *this very year!* If you add Daniel’s final 7 years to 2009-2010, it brings us to 2016-2017!!! If this should be true, it means that the Great Tribulation would start in the year 2012-2013, about three years from now, and Daniel’s 70th week would start perhaps this very year—2009.

The coming Great Tribulation and the second coming of Christ could likely begin about 2012-2014 and terminate in 2016-2017. We don’t know the exact day, or year. By every indication, the THUNDERING HOOFS of the FOUR HORSEMEN of the Apocalypse are SOON GOING TO RIDE FORTH!

We are now IN the final “countdown to the coming of the Messiah”! Are you ready? Is your house in order? Are you prepared to meet the Messiah?

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Barack Obama and the White Horse

J. R. Church in “Muhammed’s Flying White Horse,” (*Prophecy in the News*, April 2009), asks, “Why did Barack Obama hold the last night of the Democratic Convention in the Denver Broncos Football Stadium? Was it just a coincidence that the mascot of the Denver Bronco's was an Arabian *white stallion* named Thunder?”

Church goes on to write, “In A.D. 621, at the age of 51, Mohammed laid down at dusk and curled up in a plush carpet at his cousin’s house, only to be abruptly awakened by the archangel Gabriel, who invited him to come outside.

“As he stepped through the door, he was introduced to a huge white horse with giant wings like an eagle. Gabriel told him that the horse once belonged to Abraham, and that his name was El Barack meaning, ‘*White horse*’ and ‘Thunder’ (also sometimes spelled ‘Burack’).

“The two mounted the horse, leaped into the air and flew from Mecca to Mount Sinai, then to Bethlehem, then to Jerusalem to visit the Temple Mount. That night, Mohammed rode “Thunder” through seven heavens to visit face to face with Allah!

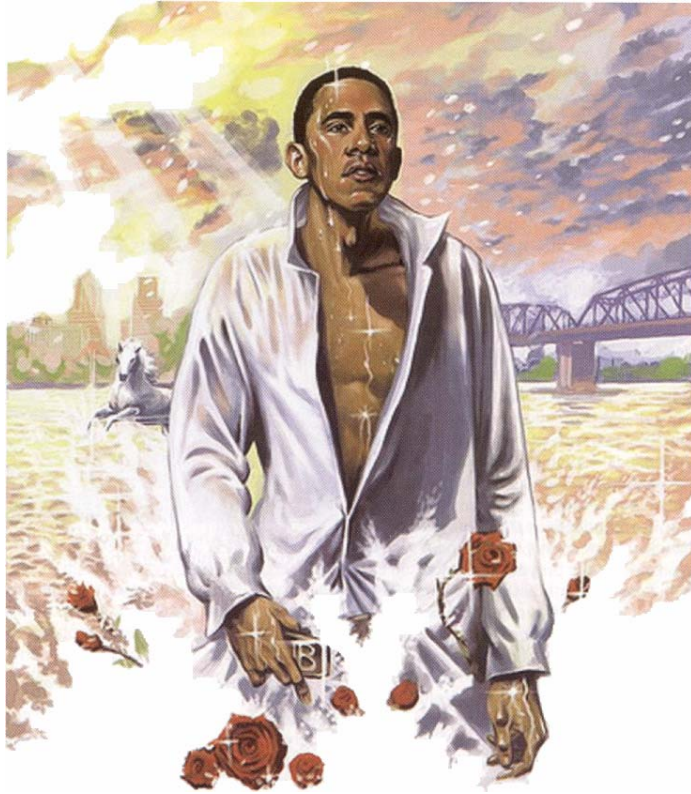
“Allah told Mohammed that in the end of days, when the ‘day of recompense’ arrives, the flying white horse will return for the resurrected Mohammed to mount and ride again.

“Is it just a coincidence that President Barack has the same name as Mohammed’s horse? Also, is it possible that Mr. Obama was sending a message to the Muslim world? Perhaps he was saying, ‘El Barack has returned! It is time for Mohammed to ride again across the world!’”

In a portrait of Barack Hussein Obama produced during the presidential campaign by artist Lucas Ketner, Obama is pictured as coming up out of the water with a city skyline and bridge behind him. Also rampaging over the water is a White Horse behind him! Barack is surrounded by 13 roses, representing the Rosicrucians (the secret society of the Order of the Rose and Cross).

To his left is a bridge that could stand for “Pontifex Maximus” meaning, “The bridge builder,” as Barack Obama seeks to build a “bridge” between the Western and Muslim worlds. The scene is at daybreak – the dawn of the Age of Aquarius, with Mohammed’s white horse coming up behind him. Says J. R. Church, “In the distance are buildings, one of which looks a lot like a building built in New York City in 1929,

by the Russian mystic, Nicholas Roerich, to house the ‘Stone of Destiny,’ also called the ‘Holy Grail’ in the poem ‘Parcival’ (A.D. 1210).”



According to Church, “The ancient legend says that Michael and Lucifer were fighting in the region of Sirius, the dog star, when Michael knocked the stone out of Lucifer’s crown. It fell to earth, breaking into three pieces. One piece was fashioned into a cup, out of which Christ drank wine at the last supper. Another part was used by Jacob for a pillow as he slept at Bethel and dreamed of a ladder to heaven. The third part was housed in a silver socket – the corner stone of the Kaaba in Mecca. Jacob’s stone was kept in Solomon’s Temple until Jeremiah took it to Scotland. The stone was kept in the castle of Scone, thus known as the ‘Stone of Scone,’ and was confiscated by the British. Queen Elizabeth was sitting above that stone when she was crowned.”

However, some say that the stone beneath the English throne is a fake and that the Jacobites brought the real stone to America in 1715. The story is that it will be returned to Jerusalem to be housed in a new Temple – to be built by the Rosicrucians!

The whole panoply seems to picture Obama as a “man of destiny” – one who will shape things to come. Is it true? What destiny will he perform? What part will he play?

Will Obama go down in history as the world’s final end-time despot, dictator world tyrant – the Pseudo-Messiah who unites the world to fight against Christ at His Second Coming?

Prophecy Briefs

Red Alerts! The Total Takeover of America Enters Final Phase

“The wholesale looting of America and the transfer of wealth and power over to a private banking elite who are setting up a world government, along with the complete obliteration of any remaining freedom to protest, resist, or even speak out against this agenda, is now entering its final phase as numerous different pieces of the jigsaw puzzle fall into place and portray a clear picture of tyranny.

“We are about to sound the death knell for the United States if every one of the following attacks on our liberty, free speech, sovereignty, and right to not be ruled over by an unelected banking dictatorship is not fiercely opposed and crushed.

RED ALERT 1

“The passage of the ‘Climate Bill’ by the House and its likely approval by the Senate represents the entrée for the complete and total subjugation of any freedoms we had left and the beginning of nightmare regulation and suffocating control over every aspect of our personal lives by millions of green stasi tasked with enforcing impossible to attain goals of 80% carbon dioxide reduction - all based on the manufactured threat of global warming.

“This bill will also sink the economy and create a new great depression, effectively obliterating America’s first world status. It represents a transfer of power and wealth from both the U.S. government and the American taxpayer over to the system of world government and global regulation now being erected by means of the climate change hoax.

“This is far worse than just a “new tax” as Republicans are complaining - this is the total takeover of the American economy by private banking interests through the carbon trading system.

“As we have attempted to warn, the major beneficiaries of the climate bill will be the elitists who own the carbon trading systems that will be used to handle the ‘cap and trade’ program, namely Al Gore and Maurice Strong, two figures intimately involved with a long standing movement to use the theory of man made global warming as a mechanism for profit and social engineering. . . .

RED ALERT 2

“The seemingly endless economic “bailouts” represent the wholesale looting of the American taxpayer and the grand theft of trillions of dollars by private banking interests who refuse to even disclose where the money went.

“Not satisfied with stealing tens of trillions, under the Obama administration’s new regulatory reform plan, the Federal Reserve is now trying to enrich itself with dictator powers that will give it complete control over the U.S. economy, handing them the authority to “regulate” and shut down any company whose activity it believes could threaten the economy and the markets. . . .

RED ALERT 3

“Federal hate crimes legislation, which in reality would criminalize “thought crimes,” has cleared the House and now faces the Senate as S.909, the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act (officially, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act).

“S.909 is a direct violation of the First Amendment. It allows the federal government to prosecute people involved in “hate speech” transmitted over television, radio, and the internet. The House version of the bill states:

“ ‘Whoever transmits in interstate or foreign commerce [radio, TV, internet] any communication, with the intent to coerce,

intimidate, harass, or cause substantial emotional distress to a person, using electronic means to support severe, repeated, and hostile behavior, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than two years, or both. (HR 1966, SEC 3, Sec. 881a)

“In other words, if a talk show host engages in “hostile” speech against a person or persons of the above mentioned federally protected group that talk show host will face federal prosecution and the prospect of a two year prison term.

“The Megan Meier Cyberbullying Prevention Act would similarly criminalize free speech on the Internet if it can be deemed in any way to have been ‘harmful’ to an individual. This represents the end of political blogging and free speech on the world wide web.

“If both bills are not opposed and thrown out then the First Amendment will become nothing more than a relic of a bygone age. . . .

RED ALERT 4

“The Senate bill S.787, otherwise known as the Clean Water Restoration Act (CWRA), would replace language in the regulatory act currently using “navigable waters” with “waters of the United States.”

“What this means is that “the government would essentially be able to regulate everything from standing water in floodplains to creeks that run behind business and residences,” according to an Environmental Leader report.

“This represents a complete takeover of private land and waterways by the federal government, a total assault on private property rights and a complete federalization of America’s land and water.

“ ‘In a letter to Senate Environment and Public Works Chair Barbara Boxer and ranking member James Inhofe, the American Farm Bureau Federation said that the proposed law would ‘extend to all water — anywhere from farm ponds, to storm water retention basins, to roadside ditches, to desert washes, to streets and gutters, even to a puddle of rainwater,’ stated the letter. ‘For the first time in the 36-year history of the act, activities that have no impact on actual

rivers and lakes would be subject to full federal regulation.’

“If this bill becomes law, it will empower the federal government to seize private property on a whim, using similar powers that Communist China employed during Chairman Mao’s ‘great leap forward,’ where landowners had their property violently confiscated and stolen by the government.

“If this bill passes the Senate, private property rights in the United States are effectively null and void and the federal government would legally have the power to bulldoze families from their homes as routinely happens in Communist China.

RED ALERT 5

“Amongst the myriad of assaults on the Second Amendment rights of American citizens undertaken by the Obama administration during the course of its first year in office, the one that stands out as the most alarming is the attempt to ban people who appear on the terrorist watch list from buying guns.

“But isn’t stopping terrorists from buying guns surely a sensible measure to take? The problem is that the terrorist watch list, sometimes called the no fly list, is not a list of likely terrorists, it is a sprawling database of innocent people that contains the names of over one million Americans. This is a rise of 32% since 2007 alone.

“Members of Congress, nuns, war heroes, reverends, the former assistant attorney general, toddlers and children, the ACLU administrator, people with difficult names and all American names like Robert Johnson and Gary Smith, have become caught in the vast tentacle of this list, documents the ACLU.

“Moreover, once a person is included on the terrorist watch list it is virtually impossible to get off it.

“The terrorist watch list is an ever-expanding tool with which to deny Americans basic rights as well as to strip them completely of the Fourth Amendment.

“Now it is being used to prevent law-abiding citizens from purchasing firearms. Legislation sponsored by the The Government Accountability Office seeks to “close the gap” and prevent victims of the terrorist watch list from being able to purchase firearms.

“This represents a new end run around the Second Amendment and a concerted effort on behalf of the federal government to classify millions of innocent Americans as potential terrorists, thus stripping them of their Constitutional right to own firearms.

RED ALERT 6

“Our right to protest against any of the egregious assaults on the Constitution that are listed above is itself being removed by new law enforcement and Pentagon training manuals and guidelines that define protesting as domestic terrorism.

“Current Department of Defense anti-terrorism training course material states that the exercise of First Amendment rights in the U.S. constitutes terrorist activity.

“Over the last few years we have documented countless examples of security assessment reports from the likes of the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI, as well as police training manuals, which state that anti-war protesters, gun owners, veterans, Ron Paul supporters and those who merely cite the Constitution should be equated with extremists and domestic terrorists.

“The fact that the government is now treating people who merely criticize its conduct as domestic terrorists is the clearest signal possible that the United States has entered a period in history similar to Germany in the early 1930’s and that it can only be a matter of time before the right “emergency” provides the justification for dissidents to be targeted for round-ups and mass imprisonment.

“No one can claim now that this is merely a paranoid delusion – the government itself is training its law enforcement and military arms that protesters and people who use their First Amendment rights are domestic terrorists. The last time this happened was under King George shortly before the American Revolution.

ONE MINUTE TO MIDNIGHT

“If we don’t stand up in unison and exercise our right to protest and free speech now more than ever before, while pointing out that the real terrorists are those who would seek to destroy the freedoms enshrined in the Bill of Rights, then we may find ourselves doing our protesting behind the barbed wires and the concrete blocks of an internment camp.

“The hour is late, the clock stands at one minute to midnight, and the federal government, through all the examples documented above, is on the verge of implementing nothing less than a total environmental, financial and societal dictatorship and killing what once was the United States of America.

“Almost identical programs of total enslavement are also being pushed through in almost every other major western country at the same time.

“If we don’t stop obsessing about the minutia of life and actually concentrate on the imminent destruction of the very principles of our livelihoods, the bedrock freedoms that allow us to operate in relative comfort on a daily basis and be reasonably secure in our own homes, being able to pay our bills, put food on the table, earn money, and air our grievances when government threatens to impinge on those basic freedoms, then there will be nothing left but a rotten hollow carcass and a memory of what America once strived to be the land of the free, home of the brave – not land of the thief, home of the slave” (*Prison Planet*, Paul Joseph Watson, June 29, 2009).

130 Day Warning!

“Yes, that is right. You have a little more than 130 DAYS before MOPE (management of perspective economics) falls into the abyss of loss of confidence in the US dollar.

“The event will be the birth of hyperinflation in the US and elsewhere to the horror of the spin media. Crude has been trying to explain this to the public, but so far they have not gotten a clue. Crude strength is being called a hedge against the dollar as fundamental energy analysts are hard pressed to explain a rise from \$30 into the \$70s with NO pick up in US economic activity

and NO massive draw down on supplies. The oil price is an example of the arcane and exoteric mechanism of hyperinflation soon to take gold to \$1224, \$1650 and then on to Alf and Armstrong's numbers. This phenomenon is something that the murderous Children of the Corn that run the hedge funds will not accept until it happens.

“Happen it will.

“130 days is no time at all. Are you prepared?” (Jim Sinclair, JSMineset, June 29, 2009).

Southern Baptist Convention To Praise Obama, 32nd Degree Mason

“Conservative Bible believing Christians are in shock that a proposed resolution honoring President Obama has been endorsed by Southern Baptist President Johnny Hunt. President Obama who spent his career as a US Senator promoting anti-Christian policies and has pushed this nation away from its Christian heritage. Yet SBC President Johnny Hunt is pushing for a resolution to honor President Obama. . . .

“1) Abortion - "President Barack Obama has spent his career pushing the anti-christ agenda of promoting abortion . Do we wish to honor a man who promotes federal funding of more abortions (murder of innocent babies)? This man is not worthy of honor, but should be condemned for pushing an ungodly agenda.

“2) Gay/Lesbian Agenda -- This week, Obama began offering expanded benefits to gay partners of federal employees. Discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender employees in the workplace to be banned. Obama strongly supported gay rights during his presidential campaign and is now delivering on his promise to make the United States more gay friendly. In other words, before our eyes we are seeing the destruction of our Christian foundation and seeing it replaced with anti-Christian policies” (ChristianCitizens.org, June 23, 2009).

Says Cutting Edge Ministries: “Why should we be surprised that the Southern Baptist Convention should honor the President Obama, a 32nd Degree Prince Hall Mason? After all, the Southern Baptist Convention has allowed Freemasons to be hold the highest offices in the

organization for the past 100 years. Masons have held the offices of Senior Pastor, Deacons, Sunday School Teachers and offices in the various headquarters of the entire organization.

“Therefore, we should not be surprised that the SBC is now determined to honor Masonic President Obama! . . .

“This proposed resolution is another in a long line of examples of apostasy of which the Church of God has been guilty since the end of World War II. Remember that the Apostle Paul foretold in 2 Thessalonians 2 that Antichrist cannot arise until the apostasy of the Church occurs first. Literally, actions like what the SBC plans to take truly do open the door to Antichrist!” (Cuttingedge.com, June 24, 2009).

The Hammer Drops

“If I had to describe myself in this moment of economic chaos, I would say I am the grizzled sergeant, war weary, caught in the zone of instinctive awareness that combat veterans have.

In order to survive you become a detached, cynical professional. In the sense of college degrees I am a rank amateur. However, over the last decade I have called the economic sphere pretty well. Perhaps the timing has been off, but I have nailed the trends perfectly. It takes a while for a two inch garden hose to fill a swimming pool, but it will fill it. Likewise, the endless debt, credit and bubbles of the last 25 years are finally reaching critical mass. It is no longer a matter of whether we have an economic collapse. No it is a matter of the scope, the intensity and the social chaos that economic collapse causes. My moniker over at Tree of Liberty is Doomer Doug, so I know what I am talking about. In a phrase, it is not coming: it is here.

“Way back when Hurricane Andrew hit Florida, nobody took it seriously until Television stations starting showing the satellite pictures of a storm that stretched from North Carolina to the Bahamas. Only then did the so called Sheeple start to prepare. That is just the way things are in modern America. Since Shillovision is telling us fantasies about green shoots, economic recovery etc. etc. etc. the Sheeple, as evidenced by the rising consumer confidence numbers, are buying into the delusional euphoria stage. We are seeing green shoots all right, but they are the first

plant tendrils from 'Little Shop of Horrors.'

"Here is what I see coming in the economic sphere over the next few weeks and months. The first thing to understand that this debt soaked edifice, this leaning tower of endless debt is finished. One of the things I have hammered home repeatedly in my writings is the capacity to issue debt, by government at all levels; the capacity to borrow debt, by consumers, corporations et al, is kaput. We are on a cash and carry basis now. Have been for at least a year now. For an economy that is based upon endless credit and debt, regardless of the capacity to service that debt, or pay it back in plainer terms, this is fatal. It is not a shotgun blast to head, a quick, bloody death; instead, it is a shotgun blast to the stomach, a slow, painful bleeding out. The difference between slashing your Carotid artery in your neck and slashing your wrists. The result is the same, although the time frame is not. Bluntly put, we are now at that point in time when the fundamental economic reality, the fundamental government, corporate and consumer model no longer works.

"Recent headlines tell us that credit card problems are on the rise. Recent headlines tell us that one in nine Americans are now on food stamps. Recent headlines tell us that record numbers are on unemployment insurance. Recent headlines tell us that government, at all levels, are being bled dry by declining tax revenues. Revenues that many states, counties and cities are trying to replace with a massive wave of tax increases. Up here in Oregon the legislature just passed a \$1 Billion dollar tax increase, including a massive tax increase on hospitals to pay for low income health care. Well, all I can say is beating a dying horse only makes it die quicker. The taxpayer turnip is bled dry. There is no more money to be extorted from the long suffering American taxpayer. All that lies in the future on that front is a rapid governmental spending collapse.

"California, it is said, leads the nation. In that case, the economic collapse I have long predicted is imminent. The Austrian weight trainer Arnold, married into the Kennedy/Shriver clan so he could presumably run for President someday, has now opened the lid on the economic version of Pandora's Box. I'm afraid once it is opened it will not be closed. Arnold may be playing a game of chicken with our other foreigner, Obama the Great, in order to get

Federal bailout money to spray perfume on the rotting corpse called the California economy. Or Arnold may have decided to get tough with the liberal extremists masquerading as Democrats in California's legislature. At this point it really doesn't matter who intends what, or why they intend it, or even how they intend it. The simple economic reality is the money isn't there. While this seems clear to average people, this simple fact seems to bounce off politicians like tennis balls off an aircraft carrier.

"What is going to happen, rapidly, very rapidly after July 1st, the beginning of fiscal year 2010, is the government is going to implode at state, city and county level. Not reduce. Not cut back. Not make 'tough decisions.' Not 'tighten the belt.' No, what is going to happen is the social net is going to look like a piece of paper after it has gone through a shredder. And when that happens, as it must, the level of social chaos will skyrocket. Does anyone think people will tolerate spending \$106 Billion to keep the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan going when California ends welfare? Is anyone that naive? Is anyone that detached from the daily struggle of the urban mob to pay rent, utilities, buy food and the like. Because if they are, then they are going to be seriously surprised when East Los Angeles starts to resemble Beirut or Baghdad.

"It is clear to me as the local government implodes the pressure on the Federal government to do something will be overwhelming. Absolutely overwhelming. Which will mean the Federales will seize even more control than they have already. The current headlines about wanting to give the Federal Reserve, that corrupt, venal banking oligarchy, even more powers come to mind. Give more powers to the very banks that have looted and pillaged with impunity the American Republic. This is not giving the fox control of the hen house, it is giving a pedophile control of an orphanage. At any rate, as the Feds attempt to stall the local collapse they will only hasten their own. Much as a drowning person pulls under their rescuer. Despite the unlimited use of the printing press by Braying Bernie, the foreigners smell a rat. The most significant economic story of the last month, in my opinion, was the fact Chinese students laughed, openly laughed, when Turbo Timmy told them the dollar was sound.

"We are over the edge now. It matters not whether you believe me or not. The California

treasurer says they will run out of money in 50 days, around July 30th or so. One month into the new fiscal year of 2010 California is going to crash and burn like a gasoline tanker on the freeway. The resulting fire will melt the asphalt, burn the median grass and raise a smoke plume high into the sky. Where California leads, other states, counties and cities will follow. After that, the desperate and increasingly befuddled Obama administration will also follow. And so, just as a group of mountain climbers, tied together for their ascent fall into a crevice, **all levels of government will implode by year's end.** There is no other way to put it. **The states, cities and counties are going down starting July 1st. The Feds will follow them starting on October 1st, the beginning of the new Federal fiscal year 2010.** The one in which Obama will need to borrow another 2 TRILLION. Borrow it from foreigners who laughed at Turbo Timmy. Borrow it from Russians, Chinese and Arabs who know we are a debtaholic. Russians and Chinese who are even now meeting in Russia to replace the US fiat dollar as the global reserve currency.

“The USA will end not with a bang, or even a whimper, it will end with a computer click, when the foreigners dump our fiat dollar, dump our worthless treasuries, but buy our hard assets; our farms, our bridges, our roads, our sea ports, our airports and our infrastructure. After all, they have bought off our politicians and elite classes for decades now. So why not spend their worthless, toxic paper on the real America?” (“The Hammer Drops,” Doug McIntosh, *SteveQuale.com*, June 17, 2009).

California Collapsing

“Washington and Wall Street seem to be treating California as if it were a sideshow in the financial circus of these turbulent times.

“It’s not.

“California is home to the largest manufacturing belt in the United States and to Silicon Valley, the nation's largest high-tech center.

“California is America's most populous state with 38 million people. Its GDP of \$1.8 trillion is the largest in the U.S. Its economy is bigger than those of Russia, Brazil, Canada, or India.

“California’s inventory of foreclosed homes is skyrocketing. Home prices are plunging. And the impact of surging unemployment is just beginning to show up in the data:

“The state’s unemployment rate has surged to 11.5 percent, the worst since World War II.

“And even assuming a national recovery, UCLA's Anderson Forecast projects an average unemployment rate of 12.1 percent from this fall through next spring.

“What about without a national recovery? California's jobless could go beyond 15 percent.

“Our wallet is empty. Our bank is closed. And our credit is dried up.”

“These are not the words of a Dr. Doom in New York or a forlorn banker in Georgia. They represent the confession of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger before a rare joint session of the California legislature . . . and with no exaggeration!

“State officials continue to insist that a state default is unthinkable . . . much like GM executives said their bankruptcy could never happen.

“In my view, there is a very HIGH probability that California will default” (Martin D. Weiss, *Money and Markets*, June 22, 2009).

A Heart Problem

“*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land*’ (II Chron.7:14).

“We are a nation with a heart problem, and there’s only one Person who can do anything about that. He did it, 2000 years ago, and now He calls His people to seek Him, pray, and repent. The solution is with His people, now as always. The failure of America was first the failure of the church. It is far better for us to bow to God in humble contrition and to confess our sins and seek Him than it is to march, protest, and go on talk shows. Repentance is the only change we can believe in” (*McAlvany Intelligence Advisor*, May 2009).

The Temple of God in the End of Days

Will a new Temple be built in Jerusalem on the Temple Mount in the near future? What does Bible prophecy have to say? Where would such a Temple be built? Great controversy rages among Jews and Christians on this subject. More and more preparations are being made, and preconditions are being satisfied for this exciting development and precursor for the coming of the Messiah!

William F. Dankenbring

A new Jewish interfaith initiative launched recently argues that building the Third Jewish Temple in Jerusalem would not necessitate the destruction of the Dome of the Rock.

"God's Holy Mountain Vision" project hopes to defuse religious strife by showing that Jews' end-of-days vision could harmoniously accommodate Islam's present architectural hegemony on the Temple Mount.

Says the Jerusalem Post, in an article entitled "Can Third Temple be built without destroying Dome of the Rock?", " 'This vision of religious shrines in peaceful proximity can transform the Temple Mount from a place of contention to its original sacred role as a place of worship shared by Jews, Muslims and Christians,' said Yoav Frankel, director of the initiative.

"The Interfaith Encounter Association at the Mishkenot Sha'ananim's Konrad Adenauer Conference Center in Jerusalem is sponsoring the program, which includes interfaith study and other educational projects.

"According to Islamic tradition, the Dome of the Rock, built in 691, marks the spot where Muhammed ascended to Heaven.

"But according to Jewish tradition, Mount Moriah, now under the Dome of the Rock, is where the Temple's Holy of Holies was situated.

"Until now Jewish tradition has assumed that destruction of the Dome of the Rock was a precondition for the building of the third and last Temple.

"However, in an article that appeared in 2007 in *Tehumin*, an influential journal of Jewish law, Frankel, a young scholar, presented a different option.

“His main argument is that Jewish doctrine regarding the rebuilding of the Temple emphasizes the role of a prophet.

“This prophet would have extraordinary authority, including the discretion to specify the Temple's precise location, regardless of any diverging Jewish traditions.

“In contrast, Baruch Ben-Yosef, chairman of the Movement to Restore the Temple, made it clear that the Temple had to be built where the Dome of the Rock presently stands. ‘All you need is a Sanhedrin,’ he said” ((Matthew Wagner, *The Jerusalem Post*, June 21, 2009).

A New Jewish Temple?

Muslim Arabs too are loathe to embrace the very idea.

Much controversy surrounds this provocative new approach. Orthodox Jews are in an uproar over the very idea, which smacks their “tradition” in the face. Mainstream Orthodox rabbis have opposed attempts to rebuild the Temple since the Mount came under Israeli control in 1967. The Chief Rabbinate of Israel even issued a decree prohibiting Jews from entering the area due to ritual purity issues.

However, several grassroots organizations such as the Movement to Restore the Temple, and maverick rabbis, including Rabbi Israel Ariel, head of the capital's Temple Institute and a leading member of the revived Sanhedrin led by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, have called to take steps to renew the sacrifices on the Temple Mount and rebuild the Temple.

What is going to happen? Will a new Temple be built on the Temple Mount in our time – before the END of this present age? Will it happen sooner rather than later?

The Temple Controversy

Fifteen years ago, I wrote an article declaring that the proper site to rebuild the Jewish Temple on Mount Moriah was not the location of the Dome of the Rock, the Muslim edifice in the center of the Temple Mount, but a location north of that spot.

Grant Jeffrey is an evangelical Canadian Minister who has spent much of his life as a student of Bible prophecy. He has written several books from which I have quoted from in the past. Reports and articles of other researchers including that of Grant R. Jeffrey pinpointed the location on the Temple Mount for rebuilding the Temple at 150 feet north of the Dome of the Rock This is directly west of the Golden Gate in the Eastern Wall of the Temple Mount.

Being convinced that this information was correct, I wrote it up in an article and sent a copy of it to Gershon Solomon, head of the Temple Mount Faithful organization in Israel. Gershon believed that the Temple must be rebuilt right where the Dome of the Rock stands. He responded to me by writing an article supporting the theory that the Dome of the Rock would have to be destroyed before the rebuilding of the Temple could

take place. After reading Gershon's information, I posted his article on the TPM website and pretty much ignored the subject after that time.

But hold the phone! Now NEW information has come to light, questioning the Jewish "traditions" surrounding this subject!

A new book was published in 2007 written by Grant Jeffrey entitled *The New Temple and the Second Coming*. It shows plainly that the need to destroy the Dome of the Rock is by no means required to rebuild God's House on the Temple Mount!

But does a new Temple need to be built at all? Why? Most Orthodox Jews say it will be built by the Messiah, after He comes, but what do the Scriptures say? Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Messiah, said, "The Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). What does Holy Writ say on this subject? Both Old and New Testaments?

Prophecies of an End-Time Temple

Jesus Christ in the Mount Olivet prophecy speaks of signs of the end of the age and the *signs of Christ's second coming*. Among them, He declared, "Therefore when you SEE the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, *standing in the holy place* [the Temple of God, in the "holy of holies"), then let those who are in Judea *flee to the mountains*" (Matt.24:15-16)..

Yeshua plainly says a physical temple is going to exist again, prior to his return!

Christ referred to a prophecy of the prophet Daniel. Daniel, of course, was a prophet during Old Testament times, and lived 500 years before Christ. Just what did Daniel say about the Temple and "abomination of desolation"?

Daniel had a prophetic vision of the future. Speaking of four kingdoms in the end of days, he says: "Out of one of them [the four horns or kings that divided up the Earth's nations] came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry host down to the earth and trampled on them. It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it *took away the daily sacrifice* from him and the *place of his sanctuary* was brought low. Because of REBELLION, the host of the saints, and the *daily sacrifice* were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground" (Dan.8:9-11, NIV).

"Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, '*How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled* – the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?' He said to me, 'It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated'" (Dan.8:9-14). What is the real meaning of this strange vision?

This vision refers to *many days in the future*. What is the length of this vision of the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation? For 2300 days the Sanctuary which is the Temple was to be trodden under foot by the Gentiles. Then the Sanctuary was to be restored and cleansed. The Hebrew word for “cleansed” also means “RESTORED.”

The End of Days

As other scriptures show, this refers to the end of days (our day and the Great Tribulation). This prophecy was for the latter time . . . for at the appointed time the end shall be” (Dan.8:19). This was to occur “when the transgressors have reached their fullness” (verse 23).

The Bible teaches the Temple must be rebuilt before Christ’s return. This is talking about the Sanctuary of God in Jerusalem, a literal physical Temple (not spiritual). When the *transgressors* shall reach their fullness. A great king shall rise up, a cunning man of mighty power who will destroy fearfully and cause deceit and craft to prosper under his rule. He EXALTS HIMSELF above all, and *opposes* all that is called god or worshipped (Dan.8:24-25).

Daniel was told that the “vision refers to many days in the future” (v.26).

This same end-time tyrant, or evil prince, this same “king of fierce countenance” (Dan.8:23-25), is also prophesied of in Daniel 9:26-27. Here Daniel records, “. . . but the people of the prince that shall come shall DESTROY the city AND THE SANCTUARY (that is, the Temple!) . . . 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, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

This is clearly speaking of the same spectacular time frame and prophetic event to occur at the very end of this present age -- the “consummation,” or “time of the end.” Here again we find mention of a Temple or “sanctuary” which must exist, in the end of days, with animal sacrifices being offered.

Daniel also mentions this incredible sacrilege in his eleventh chapter. This prophecy also ends in the “end of days.” In verse 30 Daniel relates that a great “king” will “pillage Jerusalem and *pollute the sanctuary, putting a stop to the daily sacrifices*, and worshipping idols inside the Temple. He will leave godless Jews in power when he leaves – men who have abandoned their fathers’ faith. He will flatter those who hate the things of God,” just as Antiochus Epiphanes did in 165-167 B.C., “and win them over to his side” (Dan.11:30-32, *Living Bible*).

. Says the Septuagint version, beginning in verse 31: “And seeds shall spring up out of him, and *they shall profane the sanctuary of strength* [the Temple of God in Jerusalem!], and they shall *remove the perpetual sacrifice, and make the abomination desolate*. And the transgressors shall bring about a *covenant [treaty, “peace”*

agreement] by deceitful ways: but a people knowing their God shall prevail, and do valiantly. And the intelligent among the people shall understand much [much truth will be revealed!]: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, and by captivity, and by spoil of many days” (Dan.11:31-33).

Future Temple Destruction

In a prophetic Psalm which refers to the time of the Great Tribulation, God's people pray to Him, “Walk over these total ruins; *our enemies have destroyed everything IN THE TEMPLE*. Your enemies have shouted in triumph IN YOUR TEMPLE; they have placed their flags there as signs of victory. . . They *WRECKED YOUR TEMPLE and set it on fire; they desecrated the place where you are worshiped*” (Psalm 74:3-7).

In a similar Psalm is another prophecy of the time God's people will be invaded and taken captive by a foreign power in the Great Tribulation. God's people will lament, “O God, the heathen have invaded your land. They have **DESECRATED YOUR HOLY TEMPLE** and left Jerusalem in ruins” (Psalm 79:1).

Jeremiah laments, “The enemies robbed her of all her treasures. *She saw them enter the Temple itself*, where the Lord had forbidden Gentiles to go” (Lam.1:10). The prophet continues, in chapter two, “The Lord in his anger has covered Zion with darkness, its heavenly splendor he has turned into *ruins*. **ON THE DAY OF HIS ANGER** [the Great Tribulation] *he abandoned even his Temple*” (Lam.2:1).

The “day of His anger” refers to the Great Tribulation and the “Day of the Lord,” the time of God's **WRATH** and **FURY** because of His peoples’ sins and transgressions of His divine covenant and law! It is the time of His intervention in world affairs, the time He punishes His people with dire calamity and distress for their mounting sins! Therefore, this prophecy is aimed at our modern end-time age and generation! And here again a “Temple” is mentioned, which a wicked Gentile ruler will enter, and which God Himself will “abandon.” The very fact that He has abandoned it is evident because He will allow the heathen to enter it and pollute it!

In this same chapter of Lamentations, Jeremiah relates, “Like an enemy, the Lord has destroyed Israel; he has left her forts and palaces in ruins. He has brought on the people of Judah unending sorrow. He **SMASHED TO PIECES THE TEMPLE** where we worshiped him” (Lam.2:5-6).

New Testament Prophecies

The apostle Paul also predicted the same unusual event He wrote to the Thessalonians that in the end-time there would be a great “falling away” from the truth, an “apostasy,” when a “man of sin” would be revealed, the “son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits **AS GOD IN THE TEMPLE OF GOD**, showing himself that he is God” (II Thess.2:3-4).

How can this great evil Beast or Tyrant sit in the temple of God unless such a Temple is rebuilt and is in existence at the time of the end?

There is a prophecy found in the book of Revelation which foretells a future Temple in the “day of the Lord” (Rev.1:10), the time before the coming of the Messiah. A servant of God named John wrote:

“And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and MEASURE THE TEMPLE OF GOD, AND THE ALTAR, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple, measure it not; for IT IS GIVEN TO THE GENTILES . . .” (Revelation 11:1-2).

Could this not mean that not only will there be a future Temple, built during OUR TIME, today, but that part of the Temple Mount will REMAIN in the hands of the Arabs? Sort of a dividing up of the jurisdiction of the Temple Mount?

On the other hand, the court yard has been given to the GENTILES who will tread the Holy City (Jerusalem) under foot for 42 months (3 ½ years). In order for this to be fulfilled, there has to be a Temple!

The “outer court” would be the region south of the Temple area. History shows that Herod doubled the Temple Mount by building the section to the south of the original Temple Mount and its facilities. This would be the portion which contains the Mosque of Omar, or the Dome of the Rock! John was plainly told that *that* portion had been “given” over to the control of the “Gentiles”, at least for the time being!

The clear indication is that the Jews will exercise control over their own Temple Mount area, the northern section of the Mount; the ORIGINAL Temple Mount region, and the Muslims will exercise control over the areas to the south, which were added by King Herod – these are the areas which they consider as being “sacred” to them.

Where Will It Be Built?

Gershon Solomon of the Temple Mount Faithful and other Jews want to rebuild the Temple at the location of the Dome of the Rock. Of course, to do that a major Arab-Muslim edifice would have to be destroyed. If this “sacred” edifice were to be humanly destroyed, there would no doubt be devastating WAR with modern technology capable of wiping out Israel and most of the Arab nations surrounding it!

But does the Temple have to be built there? Where do we stand, at this moment, in regard to the rebuilding of God’s Temple?

The Incontrovertible Facts

The idea of a Temple in Jerusalem is no longer just a dream. The necessary events prior to Temple services and worship are now being fulfilled. The following are facts:

- 1) There is a new Sanhedrin in Israel of 71 rabbis
- 2) There is a Temple Institute that now has 500 trained Levite priests to serve in the restored /rebuilt Temple of God – capable of doing the animal sacrifices.
- 3) Over 100 sacred vessels of the Temple used in worship and the ceremonial cleansing of the Temple have been made, found/or located and returned to Jerusalem.
- 4) Musical instruments have been created
- 5) Clothing for the priests has been created as specified
- 6) The Temple Institute in Jerusalem has created a supply of the rich blue dye made from a specific mollusk found in the Red Sea that is needed to make the priest's garments used in Temple worship, and the blue fringes worn by Jewish males on the four corners of their garments in Temple worship
- 7) Possess ashes of the red heifer required for purifying; herds of red heifers being produced in Israel, U.S., and Finland
- 8) Have recovered from archeological digs in Israel the ancient ceremonial sacred oil used for anointing the priests.

Early Church Fathers

The Early Church Fathers taught that there would be a Temple rebuilt in the last days.

Divine Institutes by Lactanius, talks about a rebuilt Temple standing in the last days. “The Antichrist will attempt to destroy the Temple of God, persecutes the righteous people and there will be stress and tribulation such as there has never been or has been from the beginning of the world.”

Early church theologian, Victoranius, wrote in his commentary, *The Apocalypse* quoting Revelation 13 and says that there would be a false prophet who shall place a golden image or statue of Antichrist in the rebuilt Temple of God upon the illustrious holy mountain (The Temple Mount) at Jerusalem, and who would bring fire down from heaven.

Ireneas, another early church father, taught that there would be another physical Temple built by religious Jews, citing 2 Thess. 2:4. In his book, *Against Heresies*, Ireneas quotes Dan. 9:27 saying that the libation (sacrifices) will cease, and the *Abomination of Desolation* shall be brought into the Temple until the consummation (finish) of the Age.

According to Grant Jeffrey, for these prophetic events to occur, the legitimate third Temple must be rebuilt by the Jews. We do not have to be a genius to understand these things. These things will happen the way God says it is going to be!

Where should the Temple Be Built?

Is the Dome of the Rock the place as Gershon Solomon insists? Or should it be about 150 feet north of there, as Grant Jeffrey says?

In June 1967 Israeli archeologists began digging a 900 yard (2,700 ft.) tunnel in a northerly direction along the western wall of the Temple Mount. This tunnel is about 65 feet below the level of the present day streets of Jerusalem. It became known as the Rabbis' Tunnel.

In the past two decades, Grant Jeffery has visited numerous hidden areas beneath the Temple Mount. He has seen where Jewish archaeologists have exposed the original Herodian Foundation Stone, far beneath the level one stands upon, when visiting the Western Wall Plaza. Says Jeffrey, "Some of these gigantic blocks of limestone measure 46 ft. x 20 ft. x 20 ft. Each one can weigh up to 1,000 tons per block. The foundation stones are fitted so perfectly well together that it is impossible to fit even a razor blade between them. Some think that these are the foundation stones which were placed there directly by King Solomon himself."

Further evidence of the site of Solomon's Temple was unearthed in the early 1980's with the discovery of a previously unknown gate beneath the Temple Mount. As archeologists extended the Western Wall North Tunnel toward the North, several hundred feet north of Wilson's Arch on the western side, they uncovered an ancient gate that led eastward into passages beneath the Temple Mount. This had been built by Herod in the time of the Second Temple. Of particular interest is a passage that leads directly toward the location of The Beautiful Gate and the sealed Eastern Gate in the Temple Mount Wall.

On the Temple Mount, looking from the Mount of Olives to the East Wall there can be seen a huge square Gate in the Wall itself which is sealed, called the Eastern Gate.

Gershon Solomon asserted this gate was put there by the Turks. But archeologists found the original Eastern Gate *beneath* the present Eastern Gate. The Western Gate on the Western Wall is directly *due west of the location of the SEALED Eastern Gate and the Beautiful Gate of the Temple itself.*

A straight line drawn between these two gates strongly suggests that the location of the first and second Temples lies 150 feet north of the Dome of the Rock. In ancient times when looking through the gate, the building itself would be right behind the gate *in a direct line.* That gate then would lead right into the Temple itself, not veer off to the south.

A picture taken from the Garden of Gethsemane, directly opposite the closed Eastern Gate called the Golden Gate shows that the Dome of the Rock was built on a site more than 150 feet to the *south* of the original Temple site.

Today, a vast open area lies directly west of the Eastern Gate, between it and the Western Gate. The underground Western Gate was found filled with rocks and debris from destruction of the Second Temple.

Underground portions of the subterranean Western Wall of the Temple have helped researchers to determine the original location of the ancient Temple. One of these was a small gate (30" wide x 50" high) used as a special exit for defiled Levites priests and could be used after the main gate closed. It was described in the *Mishna Torah* as existing to the side of a massive larger gate that took 6 men to close.

The position of these ancient gates supports the theory that the first and second Temples were in fact directly opposite the Eastern Gate, called the Golden Gate. Also, found about 150 feet northwest of the Temple Mount was the remains of a great tower erected where the ancient Jews could throw stones down on those fighting at the Temple (close proximity) which would also suggest that the Temple was north of the Temple Mount.

An Ancient Cupola

The Golden or Eastern Gate is north of the Dome of the Rock. If you enter through the Golden Gate, and walk due west perpendicular to the eastern wall of the Temple Mount, you come to a little cupola over a flat rock. In Arab tradition, this cupola is known as the "Dome of the Tablets," presumably commemorating the site of the Tablets of the Law in the Holy of Holies. The stone is just one meter lower than es-Sakhra ('the Rock' in Arabic), the rock mass sheltered in the Dome of the Rock, the highest point on the Temple Mount.

The "Dome of the Tablets" has a flat surface, which could have borne the Ark of the Covenant easily. On the other hand, the stone inside the "Dome of the Rock," is very uneven and rough. Placing the Ark of the Covenant on the uneven surface of es-Shakhra, compared to the flat surface under the Dome of the Tablets, would seem to be rather precarious.

According to ancient Rabbinical sources, the Ark of the Covenant rested on the supposedly flat Foundation Stone (*Even ha-Shetiah*) in the Holy of Holies.

The Original LOCATION of the Temple

In the December 1990 issue of *Biblical Archaeologist*, Lawrence D. Sporty wrote a most amazing article supporting historically the evidence that the ancient Temple of God lay on the northern portion of the "Temple Mount," to the north of the present "Dome of the Rock."

Notice very carefully! In an article entitled "The Location of the Holy House of Herod's Temple: Evidence from the Pre-Destruction Period." Lawrence Sporty wrote:

"The holy house has most commonly been assumed to be located on the same

spot as the Moslem holy structure known as the Dome of the Rock. This assumption has been held for centuries for the following reasons: The rock outcropping under the Dome of the Rock is the main natural feature . . . the Dome of the Rock is centrally located within the esplanade, and, at 2,440 feet above sea level the Dome of the Rock is one of the highest points within the area. Although superficially appealing, these reasons do not withstand closer inspection . . .” (p.194).

Spotty points out that this assumption was challenged in the middle of the nineteenth century by Thomas Barclay, an American missionary. He wrote that the Holy Place was forty cubits long and twenty wide, and the Holy of Holies only twenty cubits square. *Therefore, the huge rock within the Dome of the Rock -- which is sixty feet from north to south and fifty-five feet east to west -- could not even begin to fit inside either one of those two compartments of the ancient Temple!*

Notice that again: This rock, inside the Dome of the Rock, is SIXTY FEET LONG, north to south, and FIFTY FIVE FEET WIDE!

In the Scriptures we read concerning the Holy of Holies: “And the oracle [Holy of Holies] in the forepart was twenty cubits in length and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof” (I Kings 6:20). A Hebrew cubit is about 18 inches in length, or a foot and a half. Therefore twenty cubits square would be approximately *thirty feet in both directions!*

Now, tell me – how can a huge, mammoth, irregularly shaped rock *65 by 55 feet* ever fit into a cubicle which is *only 30 feet by 30 feet*?

This huge rock, which I have walked around, is enormous. It is the traditional site where Abraham offered up his son Isaac as a sacrifice to God, but was stopped from actually doing so by the Angel of the Lord (Gen.22). This great historical event foreshadowed the offering up of the Son of God, Yeshua the Messiah, by God the Father, as atonement for all the sins of mankind. It is my belief that Yahveh would desire all generations of mankind to be able to look upon that rock, and think of its significance, when they visit Jerusalem – and not keep it hidden in the “holy of holies”!

Barclay also pointed out that the rock was not high enough, being only fifteen feet above the surrounding ground. The floor of the Court of the Priests was about forty feet above the general level. The Talmud, he pointed out, stated the Holy House was reared upon a substructure of masonry forty feet in thickness!

Lawrence Spotty, in his article, also points out the intriguing fact that according to the first century Jewish historian Josephus, the Second Temple lay in very close proximity to the Antonia Fortress, which rose up on the northwestern corner of the Temple Mount. Josephus says this fortress was built on a rock 50 cubits high and dominated the Temple (*Wars of the Jews*, bk.5,5,8). Just such a rock is located at the northwestern corner of the Temple Mount, today!

The famous letter of Aristeas, written between 150 and 100 B.C., which tells us the history of the translation of the Scriptures known as the Septuagint, also describes his visit to the Temple. In it, Aristeas says he entered the “neighboring citadel” that was “situated on a lofty site . . . fortified with towers . . . for the protection of the area around the Temple,” so he could get a *good view* of the priests *below* conducting the sacrifices. This implies, obviously, that the citadel had to be higher than and very close to the area where sacrifices were performed, at the altar within the Temple!

The Antonia Fortress

Josephus says in *Wars of the Jews* that the Antonia fortress had towers at its four corners. The largest was at the southeast corner, 70 cubits [105 feet] in height, “from which the whole Temple might be viewed” (Bk.5,5,8). Troops were stationed in the Antonia fortress to guard the Temple and for crowd control. This would have been very easily done with the Temple adjacent to the fortress, as Josephus says it was, and if it had been built in the northwestern area of the Temple Mount.

However, if the Temple had been located where the Dome of the Rock now stands, the utility of the Antonia fortress for crowd control would have been compromised. The distance would have made it very difficult to maintain any effective control, much less to prevent riots.

According to Josephus:

“Now, as to the tower of Antonia, it was situated at the corner of the two cloisters of the court of the Temple; of that on the west and that on the north; it was erected on a rock of fifty cubits in height, and was on a great precipice; it was the work of King Herod. . . and as the entire structure resembled that of a tower, it contained also four other distinct towers at its four corners; whereof the others were but fifty cubits high; whereas that which lay upon the southeast corner was seventy cubits high, that from thence the whole Temple might be viewed; but on the corner where *it joined to the two cloisters of the Temple*, it had passages down to them both, through which the guard (for there always lay in this tower a Roman legion) went several ways among the cloisters, with their arms, on the Jewish festivals, in order to watch the people . . . for the Temple was a fortress that guarded the city, as was the tower of Antonia *a guard to the Temple. . .*” (*Wars*, bk.5, 5, 8).

Josephus was an eye-witness to the Roman siege of the Temple in 70 A.D. Josephus records that he and the Roman General Titus spoke from Antonia fortress to the Jewish fighters at the Temple, asking them to surrender to avoid unnecessary bloodshed.

This shows the Temple must have been very close to the fortress for the Romans to have been heard by the Jewish fighters. If the Temple had been located where the Dome of the Rock stands, a distance of 720 feet, they could scarcely have been heard at all by the defenders of the Jewish resistance.

Fighting between Jews and Romans broke out soon after the Romans seized the Antonia fortress. Josephus records:

“So a terrible battle was fought at the entrance of the Temple, while the Romans were forcing their way, in order to get possession of that Temple, and the Jews were driving them *back to the tower of Antonia*; which

battle the darts *were on both sides useless, as well as the spears*, and both sides drew their swords, and fought it out hand to hand. Now during this struggle the positions of the men were undistinguished on both sides, and they fought at random, the men being inter-mixed one with another, and confounded, *by reason of the narrowness of the place*. . . . Great slaughter was now made on both sides, and the combatants trod upon the bodies and armor of those that were dead, and dashed them to pieces” (*Wars*, Bk.6, 1,7).

How plain it is that the Temple must have been very close by, and the Temple cloisters even adjacent to the tower of Antonia at the northwest corner of the Temple Mount! There was not even enough room for soldiers to use darts or spears -- only hand-to-hand combat with swords could be engaged in because of the tight and narrow confines of the place.

The battle raged so ferociously from 3:00 AM in the morning till 1:00 PM in the afternoon, that the Romans decided to take possession of the tower of Antonia alone. But at that point, a powerful Roman centurion leaped into the fray and by himself drove the Jews before him, forcing them to back up to the corner of the inner court of the Temple. He was eventually killed for his bold prowess, but the Romans were satisfied to control only the tower of Antonia for the time being, terrified of suffering more slaughter and carnage.

This account of the Jewish eye-witness historian Josephus shows beyond doubt that the Temple was not some 720 feet away from the tower, but very close at hand. From his vantage point in the Antonia tower, Titus could see all the fighting close at hand, as if he had a front row box seat at a theater (Wars, bk.6, 2, 5-6).

Herod's Construction Project

Why, then, does so much of the Temple Mount lie to the south of that area, today? How did the Dome of the Rock come to be located in the “middle” of the current Temple Mount?

King Herod was famous for his mighty building projects, a great builder of his time. It was his desire to win over the religious Jews to support his reign. He concocted a plan to expand and beautify the Temple of Zerubbabel, and to expand the Temple Mount itself. He actually did so much work on the Temple, that it began to be called “Herod’s Temple.”

Josephus tells us king Herod not only rebuilt the tower of Antonia, but also “rebuilt the Temple. In doing so he added a piece of land about it and enclosed it with a wall, making the area *TWICE AS LARGE as that before enclosed*. We read in *Wars of the Jews*, book 1, chapter 21, part 1:

“Accordingly, in the fifteenth year of his reign, Herod rebuilt the Temple, and encompassed a piece of land about it with a wall; which land was *TWICE AS LARGE AS THAT BEFORE ENCLOSED*. The expenses he laid out upon it were vastly large also, and the riches about it were unspeakable. A sign of which you have in the great cloisters that were erected about the Temple and the citadel which were on its north side.”

In a footnote to this passage, Whiston states that this “citadel” was the Fortress Antonia and lay on the northwest side of the Temple and was one fourth as large.

Since the fortress of Antonia was situated at the northwest corner of the Temple Mount and no construction was done north of that point, and since the east side of the Temple Mount is abruptly met by the deep ravine of the valley of Jehoshaphat -- the Kidron valley -- the only direction this doubling of the Temple Mount could have gone is *SOUTHWARD!*

Says Lawrence D. Sporty:

“If Herod doubled the size of the esplanade, he could only have done so by *moving the southern retaining wall nearly twice as far south and extending the eastern wall south to join it*. . . There is, of course, archaeological evidence that the esplanade was extended southward -- the presence of extensive subterranean vaults underlying this portion of the esplanade originally constructed by David and later rebuilt as the Stables of Solomon. . . *Herod’s doubling of the size of the esplanade would have placed the holy house in the northern half of the newly enlarged esplanade*” (p. 198, *Biblical Archaeologist*, 4 Dec. 1990).

The Dome of the Rock mosque, and the As-Sakhra Rock inside it – which I have viewed and walked around – would apparently be located inside the new area of construction, developed and expanded under king Herod about the time of Christ! Therefore, this is further evidence that *the original Temple of Solomon and the Second Temple of Zerubbabel were not located on the site of the Dome of the Rock*.

Herod’s Plot

This clear historical evidence proves that the Dome of the Rock is not within the boundaries of the *original* Temple Mount at all! It rests upon an area which was added to the original Temple Mount by king Herod who sought to impress the Jews with his lavish philanthropy.

It was a calculated plot on Herod’s part to make Jerusalem like other major cities

in the Roman Empire, with a central bazaar and “marketplace” adjacent to the Temple! Herod was, unknown to the Jews, actually continuing a process of *Hellenization*, which he had begun in building such cities as Caesarea, a Grecian style city on the coast.

Plainly, the southern half of the present-day “Temple Mount” is not “holy.” It was not part of the original Temple Mount of the days of Solomon, Zerubabel, and the first and second Temple periods, prior to Herod’s time.

The southern half of the esplanade was added by Herod to transform the very nature of the remote, holy site into a cosmopolitan, commercial center, with open plazas reminiscent of Hellenistic civic centers. Herod sought to “mainstream” the Jews into the Roman-Hellenistic world of that time. He was seeking “assimilation.” His Temple expansion project was a clever part of his conspiracy to derail the Jewish people and separate them from the Torah, and the religion of their forefathers.

Herod did this secretly, however, so as not to alert the sensitive, religious Jews to his purposes. He utilized cunning intrigue. He gave a religious-sounding purpose for his building plans, couching them in Biblical terms, so that he caught the Jewish leaders off-guard and proceeded with his plans without any significant opposition. The southern half of the Temple Mount became a gathering place for

“the civic, legal, commercial, and religious activities of the city. Together with the many porticoes, the royal *stoa*, and other nearby administrative buildings, shops, palaces, and monuments built just outside the esplanade, this general area of the city became the kind of civic center characteristic of a Greek agora or a Roman forum” (*ibid*, *Biblical Archaeology Review*, Lawrence Sparty, p.200).

Herod brought in Gentile mercantilism, trade and social functions to the Temple Mount. He introduced a “shopping Mall” concept adjacent to the very Temple of God. No wonder Yeshua, with divine fury, exploded in wrath and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and drove out the goats and sheep, being “sold” in this high-pressure “religious” shopping Mall!

Yeshua Himself opposed the gross and insensitive commercialization of this area. The apostle John tells us about one occasion when He visited the Temple Mount during the Passover season. “When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves, he said, ‘Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!’” (John 2:13-16, NIV; see also Matt.21:12-13).

Declares Lawrence Sparty:

“This conflicted with the more traditional view of the sacred, unapproachable

mountain in Jewish thought. It is no wonder, then, that in giving the dimensions of the Har Habbayit, Mishnah *Middot* does not recognize the area of the esplanade constructed by Herod as part of the sacred place. Previously isolated, the Temple Mount was now surrounded by public structures and secular activities. The area became a public gathering place. . . This area also became a point of contact, and, therefore, a focus of conflict between the conservative elements of the Jewish population and Greco-Roman culture. Religious riots broke out repeatedly in this area” (*ibid.*, p.201-202).

Solomon’s Preparations for Destruction of the Temple

God told Solomon that the Temple would eventually be destroyed, so King Solomon and the priests dug special chambers underground to hide Temple treasures in special secret chambers under the Temple Mount. These included the oil of anointing, the rod of Aaron, and the pot of manna along with the Ark of the Covenant.

This was recorded by Maimonides. Israel was told, “Put the Holy Ark in the house [chamber] which Solomon, the son of David, king of Israel, built” (II Chron.35:3). All of these sacred articles were not returned to their place in the second Temple rebuilt by Zerubabel.

Several different passages in the Old Testament say that the Temple will be rebuilt as prophesied. Amos declares, “On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old” (Amos 9:11). Haggai declares of the end-time Temple, “The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of Hosts” (Haggai 2:9).

Haggai speaks of the latter end-time house being *greater* than the former because Messiah is going to come back to it.

Malachi declares, “Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts” (Mal.3:1).

The Red Heifer

During these last days there is going to be a Temple built. There will be an altar with priests doing daily sacrifices. In order to rebuild the Temple on the contaminated Temple Mount it must be decontaminated (cleansed) with the ashes of the red heifer which pictures Jesus Christ (see Numbers 19). Christ paid the penalty for our sins by dying for us. He is the only One who qualifies to cleanse this earth and everything in it.

Further proof of the Temple being on the north of the Dome of the Rock comes from the *Mishna Torah* in regard to the red heifer sacrifice. It says that on the day of the sacrifice of the red heifer (without blemish) the priest could see the sacred veil of the

inner Temple while standing on the Mount of Olives, the site where he stood to do the sacrifice. This could only occur, if the original Temple was located on a DIRECT EAST-WEST line projecting due west from the sacrificial site to the Eastern Gate (The Golden Gate). This means that the Temple had to be due west of the line drawn from the Mount of Olives where the red heifer was sacrificed and burned to ashes. The line of sight went straight through the Eastern Gate (Golden Gate), then the Beautiful Gate, through the Temple and then to the Western Gate of the Levites.

That is also the spot where Christ himself was sacrificed. There have been about nine red heifer sacrifices throughout the entire history of Israel from the time of the Temple's building to the end times.

James Fleming was a respected teacher working at a college near Bethlehem. In April of 1969 he was photographing the sealed Eastern Gate. A prolonged rainy season had softened the ground in front of the gate an area occupied by a centuries-old Arab cemetery. As he walked backward, the ground gave way, causing him to fall unconscious into an ancient necropolis (graveyard). When he awoke a few minutes later surrounded by graves and markers, he was directly in front of the original Eastern Gate (Golden) that was part of the first Temple wall!

The subterranean Eastern Gate therefore is beneath the present sealed Eastern Gate. That means that this is the correct Gate the Messiah will come through and it is right in front of where the original Temple stood looking due west. This is 150 feet north of the Dome of the Rock.

There is another gate 150 feet to the south, but it is not the location of the Eastern Gate.

This means that the Jews could rebuild the Temple of God at the right location, right on the Temple Mount where the two previous Temple's stood without tearing down the Dome of the Rock! This would fulfill the prophecy of the court yard being given to the Gentiles (Rev.11:2).

The Sanhedrin

The Sanhedrin is necessary to issue the rulings about sacred rituals, sacrifices, qualifications for being in the Temple services done by the Levitical priesthood, and other matters pertaining to the rebuilding of the Temple.

On October 13, 2004, 71 of the most highly respected Rabbis in Israel were specially ordained in Tiberius as the new Sanhedrin. The modern day Sanhedrin was formed in Jerusalem, January 20, 2005, and they are to meet monthly. It was foretold that in the end-of-days the Sanhedrin would be renewed in Tiberius, and from there it would be relocated to Jerusalem, just as it has happened.

The Sanhedrin is investigating: 1) sacrifice of a lamb during a future Passover, 2) the training of priests in the rituals of ancient animal sacrifices, and 3) reinstating the Sanhedrin's religious authority to announce each month by the sighting of the new moon ("rosh chodesh") from Jerusalem—as it was done in ancient times from Moses through the time of the apostles.

Additional meetings were held by the Sanhedrin in January 2005 to discuss the appropriate rules for rebuilding the Temple. Critical issues are the discussing of the 1) original location of first and second Temples and hence the location where the new Temple must be built, 2) the altar of sacrifice, 3) the precise length of the Biblical cubit, and 4) the return of the lost 10 tribes of Israel.

Maimonides wrote that *not one* of the commandments of the Torah is dependent upon the Messiah's arrival. Many of the 613 commandments in the Torah deal with Temple worship.

Says Grant Jeffrey, "So logically it follows, according to Maimonides teaching, that the Third Temple could and will be rebuilt *before* the appearance of the Messiah and the establishment of the kingdom of David."

The Jews have already gathered prefabricated and disassembled portions for the Temple which are stored and ready for rapid assembly in rebuilding of the third Temple in the "manner of King David". The Jews will be ready when the time comes. The new Sanhedrin plans to quarry necessary materials and stone off site, and quickly assemble in silence the stones on the Temple Mount when God provides the *sign* that the time has come.

How Soon?

We read in Matthew 24 a key to knowing the time of the end and how soon the Temple will be built. Notice, Christ says, "Now *learn* this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!" (Matt.24:32-33).

Scripture shows that the fig tree is Israel. When the fig tree puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when we see all these things described in this chapter, we know that the second coming of the Messiah is near, AT THE VERY DOORS!

Christ went on, "Assuredly I say to you, THIS GENERATION will by no means pass away till all these things take place" (verse 34).

By context, He is referring to the generation *that sees* the rebirth of the nation of Israel in the latter days and sees these things coming to pass! The fig tree represents Israel. The United Nations voted in October 1947 to divide up the holy land between the

Jews and Arabs, thus enabling the establishment of a new Jewish state in Palestine. Modern Israel became a nation May 14, 1948.

How long, then, is this end-time “generation”?

We read in Psalm 90:10, “The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”

Since the days of our lives are 70 years, this implies one generation (complete) is 70 years! If we add 70 to 1947, we come to AD 2017!

Verse 12 goes on, “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

The UN voted to partition Palestine in the fall of 1947. Israel was reestablished as a nation in 1948. If 70 years (one generation) is added to 1947 (birth as a nation) it brings us to the year to 2017 as the end of the 70 years. So “this generation” would be between “1947-1948” and 70 years later, or AD 2017-2018.

This year, 2009, is eight years before 2017. What does this all mean?

It strongly implies that Christ is coming soon, perhaps by 2017 or 2018 at the latest, although time could be cut short (Matt.24:22).

Soon, therefore, we can expect to see the Temple of God once again being rebuilt in Jerusalem, upon the Temple Mount!

It may seem “logical” to many that the Temple itself would be in the “center” of the Temple Mount, as the Dome of the Rock is situated. But is this necessarily the case? There are two Scriptures which indicate otherwise. They strongly suggest the Temple should be and is located in the *NORTHERN AREA of the Temple Mount*. Notice!

“Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, *on the sides of the NORTH*, the city of the great king” (Psalms 48:2).

“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, *in the sides of the NORTH* . . . I will be like the most High” (Isaiah 14:13-14).

This shows the Temple was to be located in the NORTH SIDE of the Temple Mount. The physical things were to be *patterned* after the heavenly (Exo.25:40; Num.8:4).

WHY is it that for almost 40 years, since the Jews regained access to the Temple Mount, the Temple has NOT been built? Could it be that God has not blessed the efforts because they are headed in the wrong direction? – that is, He has not opened the doors for the reconstruction of the Temple because many think to build it at the WRONG LOCATION?

Of course, this would be a fundamental, egregious error. Could it be that God has NOT YET OPENED THE DOOR *for the simple reason that those who want to rebuild it simply have not yet come to understand WHERE the Temple should be built?*

The situation in the Middle East appears to be an unsolvable problem, vexing all nations. What is the solution? Could it be that the solution is SPIRITUAL – not physical? That is, let the Arabs have their Dome of the Rock, but divide control of the Temple Mount giving Israel the northern half and the Arabs the southern half?

On the surface, it appears the Middle East problem, and the hatred of Arabs against the Jews, in an intractable, snarled “Gordion knot.” However, this impasse can be solved. Perhaps the true answer lies in a fair settlement of the Temple Mount issue. That is, rebuilding the Temple might be negotiable with the Arabs, given the proper “quid pro quo.” I propose that the Temple Mount issue is really negotiable. It is the heart of every other issue and problem. Get to the heart of the matter, and all the other issues will work themselves out.

Every business transaction should have something of perceived “value” to both parties of the transaction. If the Jews “grudgingly” give in to the Arab demand that the Arabs control the Dome of the Rock and the temple mount southward of that point – in exchange for Jewish control of the northern portion of the mount, including the area Kaufman believes is the original site of the previous temples – both sides would benefit. A “modus operandi” could be found to satisfy both sides. Considering the facts on the ground, the Arabs might be most accommodating to this sort of division, since they would “think” they are getting the best end of the bargain – but in reality they would only be getting the portion of the temple site which was ADDED by king Herod during his vast building program and expansion of the original site!

This solution will require some “re-thinking” on the part of those Jewish people who insist that the House of God must be built where the Dome of the Rock now stands. But such thinking *can* be changed, with facts, logic, and truth.

“Build My House!”

God thunders to His people, today, “Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, ‘Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins? Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: “Consider your ways! You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but do not have enough; you drink, but are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he

who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.’ Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways!

“Go up to the mountains and bring wood and BUILD THE TEMPLE, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified, says the LORD” (Haggai 1:5-8).

How long will the Jews defy God, and refuse to rebuild His House? How long will they continue ignoring His commandment?

During the time between now and the end of this age, the Temple of God must be rebuilt in Jerusalem.

Malachi, the Lord’s messenger, states unequivocally: “And the Lord, whom you seek, will SUDDENLY COME to *His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming*” (Mal.3:1).

How shall He come to His Temple *if it does not even exist?*

Note that when He comes, He is going to come “*QUICKLY!*” “*SUDDENLY!*”

The Word of God says, “For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all Nations, and they shall come to the Desire of all nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts” (Haggai 2:6-7).

Almighty God thunders, “I will shake heaven and earth, I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them; the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother” (Haggai 2:22).

The House of God yet remains to be built. Until it is, curses are promised upon Israel, their land, livelihood, and productivity. God thunders, “You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? Says the LORD of hosts. ‘*Because of My House that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands*’” (Haggai 1:9-11).

Hear the Word of the Lord, you leaders of Israel, the nations, and the world! The time has come to set about to REBUILD THE HOUSE OF GOD, so prophecy can be fulfilled, and the Messiah can come back to His dwelling Place!

A word to the wise is sufficient!

Calendars in Chaos!

What's All This about the “New Moons”?

Having forsaken God's true calendar, the world today has no regard for the New Moons, the day of the beginning of each one of God's true months. The western world follows the pagan Roman calendar. Then there is the Chinese calendar, the Muslim calendar, the Mayan calendar, the ancient Egyptian calendar. But which is the TRUE Calendar of God? Is there a BIBLICAL Calendar? According to the Bible testimony, God commands to begin each month with a celebration of the “New Moon” – the first visible faint crescent of the moon, as seen from Jerusalem or Israel being the beginning of each month. The Biblical calendar begins in Spring, not Fall, or Mid-winter! How important is it to observe God's true New Moon based Calendar today?

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Calendars have been invented by nations to record the passage of days and times, the length of days required for the earth to circle the sun, and the moon to circle the earth. However, different societies attacked the problem from different viewpoints, and came to contrasting solutions and therefore different calendars were produced around the world.

Which system of time keeping is divine in origin? Or does it really matter?

To most men, probably not. To churches, however, it does matter, for each has its own holy days and system of beliefs. The Muslim calendar is based solely on the lunar months, and the year is 12 lunar months of about 29 ½ days each, thus their year is about 11 days short of the solar year (one circuit of the earth around the sun). This causes their seasons to pass through every month, beginning 11 days earlier every year.

The Roman calendar is solely sun based, so the year is 365 ¼ days in length, with no regard to the lunar months at all. Each month is 30 or 31 days, disregarding the appearance of “new moons.”

Does time matter? Is it important to God?

Jesus Christ said, “The Scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35). He reiterated, “Thy Word is TRUTH” (John 17:17). And the Scriptures tell us that God set the sun, moon and stars to divide the days, months, and years. “Then God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for *signs and seasons, and for days and years*. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good” (Gen.1:14-18).

The year, God said, was to begin in the Spring. He told Moses, in springtime, “This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you” (Exo.12:1-2).

As for the moon, God said, “He appointed the moon for seasons [Hebrew *moadim*, meaning festivals, which are determined by the beginning of months]” (Psalm 104:19).

In fact, the Word of God commands, “Blow up the trumpet IN THE NEW MOON, *AT THE TIME APPOINTED*, on our solemn feast day” (Psalm 81:3, KJV).

The whole world has gone sadly, perversely, astray from the simple commands of God! Every nation on earth has altered and changed and repudiated God’s true Biblical Calendar instructions! Even the Jews have forsaken the true Biblical Calendar to maintain their “traditions” and ritual instructions, contrary to the Scriptures!

Back to the Basics

Alfred Edersheim, in his book *The Temple: Its Ministry and Services*, writes:

“Scarcely any other festive season could have left so continuous an impress on the religious life of Israel as the 'New Moons.' Recurring at the beginning of every month, and marking it, the solemn proclamation of the day, by – 'It is sanctified,' was intended to give a hallowed character to each month, while the blowing of the priests' trumpets and the special sacrifices brought, would summon, as it were, the Lord's host to offer their tribute unto their exalted King, and thus bring themselves into 'remembrance' before Him. Besides, it was also a popular feast, when families, like that of David, might celebrate their special annual sacrifice (1 Sam. 20:6,29); when the king gave a state-banquet (1 Sam. 20:5,24); and those who sought for instruction and edification resorted to religious meetings, such as Elisha seems to have held (2 Kgs.4:23). And so we trace its observance onwards through the history of Israel; marking in Scripture a special Psalm for the New Moon (in Tishri –

Ps.81:3); noting how from month to month the day was kept as an outward ordinance, even in the decay of religious life (Isa.1:13; Hos. 2:11), apparently all the more rigidly, with abstinence from work, not enjoined in the law, that its spirit was no longer understood (Amos 8:5); and finally learning from the prophecies of Isaiah and Ezekiel that it also had a higher meaning, and was destined to find a better fulfillment in another dispensation, when the New Moon trumpet should summon 'all flesh to worship before Jehovah' (Isa.66:23), and the closed eastern gate to the inner court of the new Temple be opened once more to believing Israel (Ezek. 46:1). And in New Testament times we still find the 'New Moon' kept as an outward observance by Jews and Judaising Christians, yet expressly characterised as 'a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ' (Col. 2:16,17)" (pages 229-230).

Edersheim was born to Jewish parents, became a noted scholar, and converted to Christianity when he was a young man. He admits here that even Christians in the first century observed the New Moons, citing Colossians 2:16-17. This is certainly true. Although they were not "Judaising" Christians – just first century Christians who continued observing God's Laws, Torah, Sabbaths, and annual Holy Days! Read our article, "Should Christians Observe the New Moons?"

The great irony today is that both Christians AND Jews have in effect both ignored and rejected God's divinely ordained calendar and replaced it with either the pagan Roman calendar, for the so-called "Christians," and the "permanent" Jewish so-called calendar of Rabbi Hillel II of the fourth century after Christ – a calendar which was based on mathematics and the study of heavenly cycles, and no longer based on divine commands of physical sighting of New Moons.

The Hebrew Month

The Hebrew word for "month" is actually "chodesh" – it means, literally, "THE NEW MOON; by implication a *month*" (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance). A month, according to God's Word, should begin with a "new moon." It is so simple! But look at the Roman calendar – a "month" there can begin on ANY day, new moons are utterly disregarded! How far we have removed from the ways and teachings of God!

The Jews give lip service to the new moons with their approximating the new moons, by means of mathematics, but they do not really "observe" real, genuine NEW MOONS – except for a few, such as the Karaites of Jerusalem and Israel!

This is nothing less than diabolical APOSTASY! Yet millions have been hooked by it, ensnared in it, and obviously ignore God's commands.

God Almighty says, in Exodus, "This month (CHODESH – "NEW MOON") shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you" (Exo.12:2).

But the Jews today reject this command and declare Tishri 1, the SEVENTH month, as the beginning of the year, basing all their calculations on Tishri 1, and ignoring Nisan or Abib 1, in the spring, which God says is the true “first month of the year to you.” How blatantly imperious and deviously impudent!

The Word of God says, “He appointed the MOON for seasons” (Psalm 104:19). The Hebrew word for “seasons” is *moadim* and means “festivals,” the annual Holy Days of God. Without knowing the true new moon days, how can we possibly observe God’s annual holy days correctly, on the right days? It is ludicrous – insane – utterly ridiculous to think we are correctly observing the holy days on the right day if we cannot even get the first day of the month right! Says Strong’s Concordance on “Moadim,” “an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season; spec. a FESTIVAL . . .”

When are we going to get serious and get back to the “faith ONCE DELIVERED to the saints”? (Jude 3).

Neither Abraham, Moses, or Christ Himself ever heard of the traditions added to influence the calendar in 358 A.D. by the Rabbis! In their day, a “new moon” had to be SEEN to be recognized as such! Observers were stationed each month to watch carefully for the New Moon’s first faint crescent. But in 358 A.D. the Jews abolished this principle, exchanging it for mathematical formulas and calculations instead, creating in the process a NEW calendar with holy days occurring on different days, because they are calculated differently!

God says, “There is a way that *seems right* to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Prov.14:12).

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and LEAN NOT on your own understanding” (Prov.3:5). “

God says, “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:7-9).

In fact, God’s Word says, “Blow the trumpet at the time of the NEW MOON (*CHODESH*); at the full [keseh] moon, on our solemn feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, a LAW of the God of Jacob” (Psalm 81:3-4). To blow the trumpet to celebrate any OTHER day than the true New Moon would constitute disobedience to God’s LAW – an act of flagrant rebellion and stubborn iniquity!

The word “keseh” here in Hebrew means “appar. From 3680; prop. Fullness or the full moon,” but the root 3680 is *kacah* and means “to plump, i.e. fill up hollows, by impl. To cover (for clothing or secrecy): -- clad self, close, clothe, conceal, cover (self),

hide, overwhelm.” Its usage here is strange – very interesting. Since the verse is speaking of the NEW MOON, it follows that the new slender crescent of the moon is the beginning of the “plumping up” of the moon – its growing into fullness, becoming fully clad, covered, no longer ‘concealed’ or ‘hidden’ from view by the earth’s shadow. It means, in my view, the “manifestation” of the new moon!

God’s commandment then is that we blow the trumpet – announce the “new moon” – WHEN IT BECOMES VISIBLE – WHEN IT IS SIGHTED – and not to “proclaim” it until or unless we KNOW it is truly the ‘New Moon’!

In ancient times, Alfred Edersheim reports,

“THE DETERMINATION OF THE NEW MOON

“We have already shown of what importance the right determination of the new moon was in fixing the various festivals of the year, and with what care and anxiety its appearance was ascertained from witnesses who had actually seen it; also how the tidings were afterwards communicated to those at a distance. *For the new moon was reckoned by actual personal observation, not by astronomical calculation*, with which, however, as we know, many of the Rabbis must have been familiar, since we read of astronomical pictures, by which they were wont to test the veracity of witnesses. *So important was it deemed to have faithful witnesses, that they were even allowed, in order to reach Jerusalem in time, to travel on the Sabbath, and, if necessary, to make use of horse or mule (Mish. Rosh ha Sh. i. 9; iii. 2)*. While strict rules determined who were not to be admitted as witnesses (*Mish. Rosh ha Sh. i. 8*), every encouragement was given to trustworthy persons, and the Sanhedrim provided for them a banquet in a large building specially destined for that purpose, and known as the *Beth Yaazek (Mish. Rosh ha Sh. ii. 5)*.”

Today, unfortunately, the Jews place too much reliance upon rabbinical innovations and halakah and reject the Torah and its principles and precedents. They rely too much on TRADITIONS and ignore the plain Word of the living God!

No wonder Christ rebuked them, saying, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?” (Matt.15:3). He denounced them, saying, “*Thus you have made the commandments of God of no effect [null and void] by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in VAIN they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the COMMANDMENTS OF MEN’*” (Matt.15:6-9).

In the gospel of Mark, He declared to them, “For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition making the word of God of no effect [null

and void] through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do” (Mark 7:8-13).

In ancient times, even on a Sabbath day, upon seeing the New Moon, Jews would saddle up a donkey or a horse and gallop for miles to report it to the Sanhedrin, it was deemed so important an event! But today, they will not even pick up a telephone and phone in a new moon sighting on the weekly Sabbath – even on a month where a festival observance is at stake!

Truly Isaiah prophesied,

“Inasmuch as these people draw near to Me with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught *by the commandment of men*, therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work among this people, a marvelous work and a wonder; for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden” (Isaiah 29:13-14).

The times of this ignorance and foolishness God winked at. But as the apostle Paul says, “Truly these times of ignorance God overlooked, BUT NOW COMMANDS ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained” (Acts 17:30-31).

What about “Potential” Visibility?

A question has arisen about the sighting and declaring of the New Moon if the skies are cloudy in Jerusalem and Israel, and the faint crescent is not seen – but it has already been seen EAST of Jerusalem, as the earth turns upon its axis – in the Americas, Asia, and points east of Jerusalem.

In other words, today we have virtually instant communication, via telephone, telex, and the internet, so sightings of the New Moon can be verified at all points and communicated everywhere. So if we know the moon *should* be seen in Jerusalem because of its astronomical illumination, azimuth, and location in the sky, but only cloud cover or inclement weather prohibits the Jews from seeing it, then should a New Moon be declared anyway? Or should it be declared automatically the NEXT day?

For example, if we know on the 29th day of a month, that the New Moon SHOULD be easily visible the next day, weather permitting, but the weather intrudes, should we declare it based on “potential visibility” or should we wait till the next day?

The fact that the New Moon has already been seen EAST of Jerusalem should tell us that we should go ahead and declare it, even if it is obscured in Jerusalem or Israel. The earth is a very small planet today – due to modern transportation and communication

techniques. As Daniel foretold of the time of the end: “Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased” (Dan.12:4). We live in a time of exponentially exploding knowledge! Therefore, unlike previous ages of mankind, today we can KNOW if the Moon has been sighted EAST of Jerusalem, showing us the New Moon has begun, even before its crescent reaches the skies over Jerusalem. Should we just ignore this fact, and stubbornly insist that we operate by the “letter” of the law, or should we not go by the SPIRIT of the law?

To ignore knowledge is the way of death. God says, “My people are DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the LAW of your God, I also will forget your children” (Hosea 4:6).

As Nick Wood points out in a message sent to me, “All the evidence we have from Scripture and ancient history shows that the original calendar had a 360 day year consisting of 12 x 30 day months. Although I have no concrete proof to offer, it would seem entirely biblical and logical to me, to believe that every month would begin with the first crescent new moon visible over what is now known as the Holy Land. There is no indication from either Scripture or ancient history, as far as I am aware, that these 30 day months varied in any way for whatever reason. If a cloud obscured the view of the first crescent moon, would there have been a postponement giving a 31 day month? Would the next month then have been a 29 day month? This original calendar is the one that Christ will restore after He returns to usher in the Kingdom of God. In a sense it would be a ‘fixed’ calendar.”

Nick goes on, “After major disturbances in the moon and earth’s orbit at the time of the Flood and Exodus, the moon no longer orbited the earth in exactly 30 days, nor was the year any longer exactly 360 days long. It now began to orbit the earth in approximately 29.5 days, so again it is entirely logical to me that the Jews would manage their calendar so that each month would have either 29 or 30 days. To neglect some form of management of the calendar would in my view, quickly lead to chaos and confusion.”

What about the issue of scientific advancement? Must we rule it out in determining the New Moon? Although using a telescope or binoculars would “cheat” in viewing the New Moon with the human eye, to determine its beginning or not, that does not mean we must rule out modern marvels of communication! If it has been seen by the naked eye east of Jerusalem, then obviously IT EXISTS, and it has BEGUN! If it has been seen clearly enough, and is not a “borderline” sighting, then it should be easily visible in Israel and it would be logical to declare it as seen based on “potentiality.” I see no problem with that.

Of course, in any “borderline” sighting situation, all bets are off, and we should go based on true objective sighting – and if it is not seen at the end of the 29th day, then

we should declare the month a full month and declare the next day as the 30th day of the month, and the following day would be the New Moon!

Nick Wood asserts, “I don’t see any real consistency in saying that we shouldn’t use scientific knowledge when it comes to determining the visibility of the crescent new moon, but we are quite happy to use computers and emails to pick up the message that the new moon has been seen and verified by at least two or three witnesses. The ancients were very clued up on astronomy and were very accurate in their predictions. I have just finished proof reading the “Star Wars” e-book, and you show very clearly in there that in many ways they were almost as knowledgeable as we are today. After all Hillel II was able to mathematically calculate the fixed calendar, which is still accurate to within 2 days nearly 1,700 years later. No mean feat. Surely we should be using all our God given talents in the pursuit of true and right knowledge.”

Nick goes on: “When the potential visibility of the new moon over Israel is uncertain on the 29th day, and there is some cloud cover making visibility impossible, I have absolutely no problem in postponing the new moon one day in this situation, even on the 1st of Abib or Tishri. These cases are the only ones where it is truly justified in my view.”

In conclusion, he writes: “Where I do have reservations is when there is real potential visibility over Jerusalem on the 29th day and there is some cloud cover. The position on the earth of the first crescent new moon sighting, varies every month. Let us take the example of the first crescent sighting over say New York and the eastern seaboard of North America. As the earth turns, the crescent grows more visible each hour until it is much clearer over Japan. Then as the earth turns further and the crescent is physically over Jerusalem, some high, wispy cirrus cloud obscures the new moon till it goes below the horizon. I cannot see any logical justification in postponing for a day if the astronomical calculations show that the new moon will be easily visible over Jerusalem. If the crescent has already been seen with the naked eye hundreds and even thousands of miles to the east, then the crescent is physically there. No doubt about it.

“In the case above, if you were to postpone a day, and the new moon was still obscured on the 30th day, then would you continue to postpone until the moon was actually seen, maybe 2 or 3 nights later on the 32nd or 33rd day? This does not make any sense and the moon would be far from new by then. Or would you declare the new moon anyway on the 30th day? If so then you are in effect using the principle of potential visibility.”

Living in the scientific age of vast knowledge and communication, we must not ignore the established FACTS that we know when it comes to the New Moon sightings, lest we become like the Pharisees who sought to cross every “t” and dot every “i” as they interpreted the Law of God, adding their own pronouncements and rules when there was insufficient evidence in the Law itself!

Common Sense and the Conclusion of the Matter

Interestingly, according to the Karaites, the Bible never explicitly states that we should determine the beginning of months based on the New Moon. This is because the Hebrew word “CHODESH” itself *implies* that the month begins with the crescent New Moon.

This suggests that we should never postpone beyond the 30th day, because after that the moon would be far from new. If there is bad weather for five days in a row, so the Moon cannot be seen in Israel for five days, must we ‘postpone’ the New Moon declaration UNTIL it is finally “sighted” by the human eye? By then it would almost be a quarter Moon!

That would be absurd! Let us not throw the baby out with the bathwater!

To the Jews were committed the oracles of God says the Apostle Paul in Romans 3:2. The Jews today have two main calendars. The Rabbis and Orthodox Jews go by the “Fixed” mathematical calendar of Hillel II, while the Karaite Jews go by the “Observed” New Moon calendar. We at T.P.M. have chosen to go with the Karaites on this aspect of the calendar issue, because we have overwhelming evidence from scripture and history, that this was the method used during Temple times.

Today, there are various church groups around the world who insist that they know better than any Jews and each one sets up their own calendar. Some go by sightings in East Texas, some go by the “dark of the moon,” and some insist the true day begins at “sunrise” and not at “sunset.” Chaos and disagreement abounds! Satan the devil has truly “deceived ALL nations” (Rev.12:9).

We certainly do not want to dismiss ANY true knowledge, and go back to the dark ages, and refuse the scientific enlightenment which God has given to this end-time age of mankind. The Jews – either Orthodox or Karaite – aren’t perfect, just like the rest of us are not perfect, but let’s not go to extremes. They have managed their respective calendars for centuries and we should acknowledge their competence in these matters.

Holy Days and New Moons 2009

Month	Holy Day	New Moon
Abib/Nisan	Passover Eve/Seder	Sabbath, March 28
	1 st Day Unleavened Bread	Friday, April 10
	Wave Sheaf Offering	Sabbath, April 11
	7 th Day Unleavened Bread	Sunday, April 12
Iyar		Friday, April 17
Sivan		Monday, April 27
	Shavuot/Pentecost	Tuesday, May 26
Tammuz		Sunday, May 31
Av		Wednesday, June 24***
Elul		Friday, July 24
Tishri	Yom Teruah/Trumpets	Sabbath, August 22***
	Yom Kippur/Atonement	Monday, September 21
	1 st Day Sukkot/Taabernacles	Wednesday, September 30
	7 th Day Sukkot/Hoshana Rabbah	Monday, October 5
	Shemini Atzeret/Last Great Day	Sunday, October 11
Cheshvan		Monday, October 12
Kislev		Tuesday, October 20***
Tevet		Thursday, November 19
Shevat		Friday, December 18***
Adar		Sunday, January 20
Abaib/Nisan (2010)		Tuesday, February 16
		Thursday, March 18

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WHERE WAS THE FIRST PENTECOST HELD ?

Much mystery surrounds the first Pentecost celebrated by the New Testament Church in Acts 2. Where did it occur? What time? Why were the Jews all present? What house were they meeting in? In this article, the truth is made crystal clear and plain and the record is set straight. It's time we take a good, long, analytical look at this subject.

William Lund

Many converts gathered together in Jerusalem to celebrate Shavuot. Acts 2:5 shows that these were devout men from every nation. A sound of rushing wind occurred and they were all confused because every one heard the speaker speak in their own language. Some thought they were intoxicated. But Peter said, "For these are not drunk since it is only the third hour of the day." (Acts 2:15)

What time is the third hour? Why were they there? Where were they?

The Time

Acts 2:15 states that, "it is only the third hour of the day." The third hour was 9:00 a.m. This was the time of the morning sacrifices in the Temple. John 11:9 shows us how to reckon time. Yeshua answered, "Are there not 12 hours in the day?" Time in Jerusalem was reckoned from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. as day time and 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. as night time.

In Matthew 20 Yeshua gave us the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Verse 3, "and he went out about the third hour." This would be 9:00 a.m. Verse 5, "again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did likewise." This would be 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. (verse 6) "and about the eleventh hour" which would be 5:00 p.m. So again, the third hour would be 9:00 a.m. The time of the morning sacrifice.

The Purpose

Why were they there?

Acts 2 states, "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come they were all with one accord in one place." The Greek Lexicon translates this passage, "had fully come" as "was being fulfilled." I doubt if the first century church called this the DAY OF

PENTECOST. I would say that they called it SHAVUOT or FEAST OF WEEKS or FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS.

Leviticus 23:15 states, "and you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day of the wave offering, seven Sabbaths shall be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord." So, these men were gathered in Jerusalem fifty days after the first day of Unleavened Bread to observe Shavuot as commanded.

Remember this occurred after the Passover when Yeshua was crucified and not too long after the ascension. These converted Jews, who would have called the Holy Day SHAVUOT, were in Jerusalem to keep this day as God commanded.

The Location

Acts 2:2, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind and it filled the whole house where they were sitting." What was this house?

The word, "house" in Greek is Strong's Concordance #3624 "oikos". Lets look at Matthew 12:4, "how he entered the house of Gad and ate the showbread." Here the word, house, is associated with the "House of God". In Matthew 21:13 Yeshua is talking about the TEMPLE. "My house shall be called a house of prayer." Luke 11:51, "from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the Temple." In all three examples the word "oikos" is used.

Another point is in Acts 2:3, "Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them." My margin states, "tongues of fire distributed and resting on each." Fire is associated with the action of the Holy Spirit in the temple. Leviticus 9:23-24 states, "Then the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people, " and "Fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar."

Numbers 28:2-4, "Command the children of Israel and say to them, "My offering, my food for my offerings made by fire as a sweet aroma to Me, you shall be careful to offer to Me at their appointed time. And you shall say to them, this is the offering made by fire which you shall offer to the Lord: two male lambs in their first year without blemish day by day as a regular burnt offering. The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, the other lamb you shall offer in the evening." Also see Exodus 29:38-39.

Unger's Bible Dictionary states that the daily sacrifices were killed usually an hour before they were offered, at the 8th and a half (2:30 p.m.) and in the morning at the second and a half hour (8:30 a.m.).

Leviticus 10:1-2, "Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censor and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered *profane* fire before the Lord which

he had not commanded them, So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them and they died before the Lord."

Most commentaries believe these two men were intoxicated. There was no atonement for what they did. Notice in verse 4, Moses said, "Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp. so they went near and carried them by their tunics out of the camp." The fire did not burn their clothing.

All these characteristics point to *the temple* as the meeting place for this congregation!

The Number of People

Acts 2:41 states that there were about three thousand people baptized that day.

Adam Clark Commentary states that probably one in five of that crowd were baptized. I would question that figure. This was the beginning of the church. Most of the disciples were in Jerusalem.

Acts 1:15 states that when they met in the upper room after the ascension of Yeshua there were, "about one hundred and twenty." So, I would estimate that the correct figure would be between 3,000 and 3,500 people.

Where else in Jerusalem, beside at the Temple, could you find a place that would hold this many people? There were no Holiday Inns or large auditoriums in the area that could accommodate that many.

According to the book, *MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF BIBLE TIMES*, by Ralph Grower, "the basic house in Jerusalem was a single room about ten feet square. The walls were thick, made of mud brick or of rough stone and rubble, and contained niches for the storage of food and utensils. A single window was small and high and sometimes had a wooden lattice (Proverbs 7:6) to keep out intruders." These were homes of the poor. "The difference between the homes of the wealthy and the poor lay in the provisions of a court yard. People with greater wealth would build two or three rooms around the courtyard and rooms would sometimes be built to provide an upper story."

Peloubet's Bible Dictionary, under "House", notes that when there was an upper story it was often called the "upper room", which was often the guest chamber. "Paul preached in such a room on account of its superior size and retired positions." Some of those upper rooms were large enough to hold 120 people, but no way could they hold over 3,000!

One other point, As we have said in Acts 2 verse 41, "then those who gladly received His word were baptized and that day 3,000 souls were added to them."

Where were they baptized ?

There were no ponds, lakes, or streams in Jerusalem. Baptism was a symbolic cleansing of the Jews. They were immersed in a "mikvah" (ritual immersion pool). There were dozens of these pools discovered just outside the doors of the second Temple period wall. Each mikvah held forty seahs of rain water which would be 200 gallons. These converts were baptized at the Temple in the mikvahs.

The final point is confirmed in verses 44-47, "Now all who believed were together and had all things in common, (verse 45) and sold their possessions and goods and divided them among all, as anyone had need (verse 46). *so continuing daily with one accord in the TEMPLE* and breaking bread from house to house they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

We then conclude that the disciples and converts met at the Temple on Shavuot as commanded. There was no other facility in Jerusalem that could hold such a large congregation. These were zealots who came from all over to Jerusalem to observe Shavuot. Many were baptized in the "mikvahs". As Peter says in Acts 2:39, "Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Yeshua for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

This is exactly what happened on this Holy Day and it is also a promise to all those who are being called today.

Verse 38, "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

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Horror of the Vatican

THE CRUEL ROMAN CATHOLIC HOLOCAUST During World War II

The following report is from an e-mail from Barry Chamish, Well-known and controversial Jewish author, writer and commentator whose analytical insights are nonpareil.

Barry Chamish

Anyone interested in preserving Israel *must* watch every Vatican move. Their policy is the removal of Jews from *their, Catholic, holy land*. The one author who teaches this lesson better than anyone else is former British Intelligence officer, Avro Manhattan. His book, *The Vatican's Holocaust*, tells the gruesome tale of the Catholic takeover of Croatia in 1941, leading to the church today. It shows that the Vatican never gives up on its goal. It ignited a war against the Serbs in 1991 and got its independent Catholic Croatia back with the ghastly help of US and NATO troops.

And what country was the first to recognize the new Croatia? None other than Germany, home to the Wehrmacht volunteer pope, Benedict the 16th, who has been fighting all year to have his Holocaust pope, Pius XII turned into a saint.

But look who also supported Croatia. I wrote this at the time of the war against the Serbs:

“Shall we recall that against all sentiments in the country, the Israeli government supported Croatia over the Serbs? It even sent Yossi Sarid to Sarajevo to assess the scene. He ran home crying when he found out that he could get hurt there.”

THE CRIME:

p.vii – During the existence of Croatia as an independent Catholic state, over 700,000 men, women and children perished. It's as if one third of the American people were exterminated by a Catholic militia. They were executed, tortured, died of starvation or were burned to death. Catholic padres ran the concentration camps and Catholic priests were officers of the military corps which committed such atrocities.

p.22 – The objective of the systematic crimes of murder, torture, pillage and wholesale massacre was nothing less than the total extermination of all non-Catholic elements in the new state.

p.35 – When the Nazis left Croatia, the Ustashi multiplied their atrocities based on the total elimination of the Orthodox Serbian population via forcible conversions, expulsion and straightforward massacres...To solve the problem, a policy directed at the swift elimination of the non-Catholic population was adopted and promptly set in motion.

p.38 – The "Pit Of Death" was reserved for those Serbs who challenged their converters. The camp, run by the Franciscan Monk, Father Filipovic, equaled in horrors the Dachau Concentration Camp...The Ustashi ordered them to dig their own graves. This done, their hands were tied behind their backs and they were all pushed alive into their graves...There was a decision to cremate people alive by pushing them alive into the fire already alight there.

p.45 – Italian soldiers took pictures of the Ustashi wearing two "necklaces." One was a string of cut-out eyes, the other of torn tongues of murdered Serbs...Bets were made as to who could liquidate the largest number of inmates. Franciscan Peter Brzica cut the throats of 1360 prisoners with a butcher's knife. He was elected King of the Cut-throats.

p.62 – The massacres were often carried out by Catholic priests claiming to be followers of Christ and representatives of a Church trumpeting to the four winds that she preached universal love.

p.87 – Father Srecko Peric advocated mass murder with the following words: "Kill all Serbs. First of all, kill my sister who is married to a Serb and then all Serbs. When you finish come back to the church and I will confess you and free you from sin."

THE JEWS:

p.33 – The Ministry of the Interior issued the following decree: "All Jews and Serbs residing in Zagreb must leave the town within 12 hours. Any citizen found to have given them shelter will be immediately executed on the spot.

p.57 – The Catholic Press was especially skilful in sowing the seeds of religious hatred towards the Serbs, racial hatred towards the Jews, and hatred for Yugoslavia.

p.88 – At least 850,000 citizens of Yugoslavia, including, 30,000 Jews perished.

p.52 – To mention only two: Luke Avramovitch, former Member of Parliament, and his son, were both crucified and then burnt in their own home in Mliniste.

THE “SAINTLY” POPE

p.31 – Pope Pius XII solemnly blessed the whole Ustashi delegation. ..They were, above all, the representatives of the newly born Independent Catholic State of Croatia, a political creature ruthlessly promoted by that most malign of all its conceivers, the Vatican.

p.95 – The Vatican was well informed of what was going on inside Ustashi Croatia. Not only because the Catholic Hierarchy sent the Pope regular reports, but because the Pope had his own personal representative there, Mgr. Marcone. In fact, he was the spokesman not only of the Croatian Hierarchy but equally of Pope Pius XII...He knew of the atrocities and horrors taking place. He was aware of the wholehearted participation of the clergy in the wholesale massacre of thousands of Orthodox Serbs. All these things he faithfully reported to Pope Pius XII.

p.119 – Pope Pius XII, therefore, let the horror in sealed Croatia takes its course to the very end.

p.128 – After Archbishop Stepinac received 16 years imprisonment, Pope Pius XII ordered the excommunication of all those who had taken part in the trial. All received a solemn Catholic guarantee of eternal damnation in genuine Catholic brimstone and inextinguishable eternal fire.

THE CHURCH

p.63 – The official policy of the Catholic Church had promoted the horrors which soaked the historical land of Croatia in a sea of blood.

p.88 – Indeed, it was the premeditated policy of the Catholic Hierarchy acting on behalf of its true inspirer, the Vatican. . . For the mass murders carried out by individuals appeared in clerical garb truly were instigated from the archiepiscopal palaces of the Catholic Hierarchy. . . Not a single member of their clergy was ever called to account by them. Not a single priest was ever punished, suspended or unfrocked by them.

p.vi – They are the most damning proof that the Catholic Church, notwithstanding all her alleged liberalization, fraternization and up-to-dateness, basically, has not changed an iota.

A NATION'S CALL TO PRAYER

“Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is
Lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping.” – Mark 13:33,36.

Stephen Luna

As I sat mapping the outline to this month’s message, with one eye on world events and the other on Scripture. These verses came to mind as I recalled something my Dad – a Pastor of the Gospel of 50-plus years – said during a recent visit. . .

I had been leading the weight of the conversation on the topic of current affairs the global economic crisis, the unraveling greed-driven corruption of many in high places, and the most recent and unusual catastrophic weather condition (that for better words could only be termed as "freakish weather patterns" by news media) and how I feel they speak unequivocally of end times, when Dad cut-in. I could almost feel the hurt in his soft spoken tone as he told of how he had recently come to tears at the pulpit before his Church.

He had been admonishing those gathered (with genuine fatherly concern no doubt) of where these times and Nation --are headed. And the absolute necessity for the Church (i.e., all believers) to wake-up and come --together in prayer on this accord. When he lifted his eyes and was stumped to silence by the bland faces of indifference expressing no particular interest. As if the issue at hand was of no concern to those that filled the seats of the assembly. His heart was broken at the sight of spiritual blindness before him. And there in the presence of all, Dad wept over the congregation he loves so dearly.

It was obvious by Mom's solemn nod, that this had truly been a heart-rending moment in Dad's life and Pastoral career.

I am deeply saddened, not only for the pain, Dad – whom I've never seen shed a tear in my life – must have felt, but also for the innumerable number of believers today who have allowed themselves to slip into a state of spiritual slumber and have become completely oblivious and/or indifferent towards God's wonderful Word of Truth in Bible Prophecy. Especially in light of the fact that the very things taking place in America (and around the world) today, were among the many signs foretold us in Scripture – by a concerned and Loving God. That thereby, we might not be caught off guard and miss our flight to eternity, so to speak, at the coming of Jesus Christ:

“And when these things begin to *come* to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draws nigh.” – Luke 21:28.

Moreover in addition to the things we are called to watch for in the physical realm of things (see Mat. 24, Mk. 13, Lu. 21). .Our omniscient (all knowing) Heavenly Father; knowing of the spiritual blindness and hardness of heart that would afflict the faith and understanding of many in the latter days. Inspired Peter to caution:

“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 all things continue as from the beginning of the creation.” – II Peter 3:3, 4.

Undeniably, Peter was speaking of this very point in time (generation) in which we are now living. For this is precisely the response of the unbeliever, as well as many professed Christian today. When spoken to concerning the coming of Jesus Christ.

No doubt in part, if not wholly, the result of the many men and women of God today, who have willingly forsaken (laid down) their sword – which is the Word of God by which to defend and battle in spirit (Eph. 6:17). As the enemy rages ever against time; like a roaring lion (in spirit) seeking to corrupt, devour, and destroy the unsaved and unarmed man of God. Moreover, for the understanding of the wise, i.e., those truly seeking God in these latter days (Dan. 12:10). The Bible speaks in more detail of the (demonically inspired) spiritual corruption that would permeate the heart of man in the. last days:

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous unholy, without natural affection despisers of those that are good lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a .form of holiness, but denying the power thereof” (see II Tim.3:1-5).

What a profound description in summary, of the characteristics surrounding the heart of man In America today. Where we say “God Bless America” with our lips, but invest our trust in science, rather than on posted knees in prayer; where we exalt our Heavenly Father one minute with words, only to mock Him the very next in deeds. Moreover, in light of 2 Timothy 3:1-5, and the present world in which we live. One can hardly argue that we as a country have clearly moved our position from that of a Christian Nation and light unto the world for God (Mat. 5:14, 16): into the concealing shadows of immoral darkness (John 3:19). Where even the slightest light – who is Jesus Christ (John 8:12) – is met with flinched rejection and covered eyes:

“He is despised and rejected of men and we hid as it were our faces from him.” -Isaiah 53:3.

To illustrate this in terms of modern America, lets turn our attention to 1996. Where Pastor Joe Wright, of the Central Christian Church in Wichita. Was called to open legislature proceedings with prayer at the Kansas State House Representatives in January of that year.

It was a prayer that prompted several legislators to abruptly take leave and walk out of the meeting. While others called a press conference and denounced it. There in the words

of the Democrat House Minority Leader: “It reflects the extreme, radical views that continue to dominate the House Republican agenda. Since the right-wing extremists seized control of the House Republican Caucus last year.”

Just what was said in this prayer that caused such an uproar? Well here it is:

“Heavenly Father, we come before you to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know your Word says, 'Woe to those who- call evil good' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our equilibrium and reversed our values.

“We have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word in the name of moral pluralism: We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism; We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle; We have exploited the poor and called it a lottery; We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation; We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare; We have killed our unborn and called it choice; We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable: We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem; We have abused power and called it political savvy; We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition; We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression; we have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

“Search us, O God, and know our hearts today. Try us and see if there be some wicked way in us. Cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

“Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas and who have been ordained by you to govern this great State.

“Grant them your Wisdom to rule, and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your Will. And, as we continue our prayer and as we come in out of the fog. Give us clear minds to accomplish our goals as we begin this legislature. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.”

As you can see, the prayer was nothing more than a powerful expression of our Nation's Christian heritage; expressing the very fundamental values that made our nation so great. **YET, THE POLITICIANS RESPONDED IN RAGE BECAUSE THE PRAYER WAS NOT “POLITICALLY CORRECT.”**

Could this “political correctness” simply be a play on words for godless secularism? conjured by the very cunning deceiver (serpent) who caused man's fall in the Garden of Eden (Gen.3:1-19)? Just a thought.

Nevertheless, today, politicians, and/or America rather, got the “Political Correctness” it has insisted upon – even demanded – since being so thoroughly offended (according to the media of the day) by Pastor Joe Wright. On January 21st, of 2009, Pastor Rick Warren, of the-Saddleback Mega-Church in California, in his invocation prayer at the “historical inauguration” of President Barack Obama, did then and there, obviously and

cautiously tiptoe his way around the eggshell issues with not *one* word of an immoral nation in need of repentance before an Almighty/Sovereign God.

But according to today's standards for a country that has only continued to move further from the Christian roots for which it was founded – even that was not good enough. As President Obama soon found himself bearing the repercussion of an offended thus angry homosexual community. When they perceived (therefore argued) Pastor Rick Warren's participation via the inauguration invocation prayer, to be a kind of protest, before America, against their way of life. Merely because of Pastor Warren's personal ideology that homosexuality is contrary to the most fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith.

"FOR THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE: BUT AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS SHALL THEY HEAP TO THEMSELVES TEACHERS, HAVING ITCHING EARS" – 2 Timothy 4:3.

The sad result of it all, is that in response to the homosexual's outcry (as if expounding on his very words – wherein the nation applauded with cheer – “We will not apologize for our way of life!”, Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson – an openly practicing homosexual activist, accompanied with a homosexual marching band was invited to deliver the prayer on the first day of the inauguration festivities at the Lincoln Memorial. Which according to the Inauguration Committee: it was intended to celebrate America's “diversity of faith.”

What a far cry from the day President Abraham Lincoln, stood before a young zealous America, on his own inauguration day. And placed an onus on the people of this great country "To humble ourselves before the offended power, to confess our national sin, and pray for clemency and forgiveness."

My friends, the purpose of this message is not to cast stones (Jn.8:7). But rather to call, even implore your united prayers for king, country and the Church in America and around the world. That the Spirit and Grace of God, may open the eyes and heart of man, to the understanding of His glorious Truth, and abound ever with us in Mercy. As we continue to move daily to the end of an era and the ushering in of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lord, Yeshua Ha Moshiach – the Kingdom of Christ Jesus our Lord (Mat. 25:31-34).

"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." – Luke 21:36.

May the Love and Grace of God be with us all. And always.

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Letters from Our Readers

"In his ROYAL VISION magazine (Mar-April 09) Flurry claims to have more COMMUNICATIONS FROM GOD on the PLACE OF SAFETY as PETRA. In about four places he claims:

1. p 25: THOUGH WE CAN'T BE SURE
2. p.27: I DON'T KNOW---BUT
3. p. 27: THERE IS MUCH HERE WE DONT KNOW, BUT. . .
4. p. 28: I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT GOD IS GOING TO DO BUT. . . .

"HOWEVER, Flurry does seem sure that: 'As I point out in 'WHO IS THAT PROPHET?' Micah 2:13 refers to the office Christ has given me as that of 'their king.'

"If we compare this with Flurry's recent TV program, that GOD DOES NOTHING BEFORE HE GIVES HIS SECRET TO HIS PROPHET(8) . . . we can only wonder the DELUSION of FLURRY as being a PROPHET OF GOD! and NOW he is a KING !

"On p 5 he claims The key of David 'unlocks everything in the Bible", beginning with the third of the Bible that is prophecy. 'If you lose that, you become blind arid. forsake God.' So he CLAIMS to understand the THIRD OF THE BIBLE—meaning 'MOST ALL' of PROPHECY. But doesn't know for sure about the place of safety! I can hardly wait to question him on the THIRD OF PROPHECY to see what exactly HE KNOWS and WHAT HE ISN'T SURE OF YET !

"He claims to know he is a LEADER AND KING . . . and tells his congregation: 'I'm YOUR king, FOLLOW ME!!' As that 'king' he claims to follow CHRIST HIS LEADER – KING, but has NO IDEA where CHRIST IS LEADING him/them! This leads me to wonder about FLURRY'S concept of 'the secret revealed to GOD's prophets' – is that secret FLURRY IS THEIR KING!! ?

"Based on his idea that EPHRAIM is BRITAIN (which is WRONG) , Flurry thinks he requires the STONE OF DESTINY to establish the

THRONE OF DAVID in PETRA. Didn't he already proclaim the PRAYER STONE of HWA as SPECIAL? We can now imagine him lugging this or a REPLICA of the huge DREAM stone to PETRA and proclaiming: SEE I HAVE THE STONE, FOLLOW ME—I'M YOUR KING! Maybe he will even stand on it with a SCEPTER and MITER and demand his subjects to BOW to him! (Rev.3:9).

"God allows such ARROGANT people to make FOOLS OF THEMSELVES and to FALL so all can see them as foolish. So WHY would such men have a following – who even donate tithes and offerings – and support THE BLIND? . . ."

-- Washington

"I'm at the present time incarcerated in the Texas Prison System. I'm only 19 and have had a very rough life as has my family. I did not grow up in a church but have heard much of our Lord Jesus Christ. I never gave it much thought or really cared. I got incarcerated for the first time when I was 10. I did 2 years when I was 14 till 16. I heard much preaching and teachings but never took it in. My current crime, I was caught when I was 17. It took me 2 years to finally sit down and take in what the Lord was saying to me. It was your 'Prophecy Flash,' 'What Went Wrong with America?' that opened my eyes. The only regret of my life is wasting so much time without the Lord, and now having so little time to learn it. I would like to start receiving your issues of 'Prophecy Flash.' My main reason for writing is to ask you if my family as well can receive them at their place of residence? I want them to have the same chance to learn the Word, before they spend eternity in hell. . . ."

-- Texas

"I just want to thank you and your ministry for all the booklets and articles you have sent to me. I will be 58 next month on the 4th and out of all my life I have read the Bible Lord knows how many times. And when I came to prison in 2005 I have read 5 or 6 different Bibles. But I still could not understand any of them. Until I began to get your articles and sit down and done a lot of praying for wisdom of what I was reading about. I just had so many questions that I was

not getting an answer to. But with the help of God the Almighty and through prayer and your teaching of the Bible my life has turned around 180 degrees. I'm not a good speller but I can read by breaking words into parts. You are real blessed by God for what you are doing for this world. And now I have been blessed with wisdom that I never knew I had. I just do not know how to thank you for all you are doing for me and the world. But I know God knows how to thank you by His blessing. I am with you all the way in your teaching of the prophecies of the Bible. I look around me and say to myself, 'God, look at all these lost souls. Thank God I have changed my ways.'

"A friend asked me the other day was I going to be a preacher when I get out. I told him that would be up to God, but I know the churches out there are not ready for the Truth. They still believe in the pagan religious people. So as I said, it would be up to God if I become a preacher. But if I do I will use your booklets and articles to preach the truth about the Bible and our Lord Jesus Christ. So thank you again for blessing me with so much wisdom. I am ordering some more booklets and articles from you to help me get more wisdom. I can not put down the Bible or your articles, God won't let me. Each time that I try to go to sleep, that is all that I can think about. If I am just sitting around, I want to get back to my bed so I can read and learn more. Thank you again. . . ."

"Boy, the USA is sure going down hill fast. Thank God I have changed my way of life. I just pray a lot of people in the USA and around the world that get your articles will open their ears and eyes to the Truth before it is too late for them. Amen."

-- Texas

"Thanks to you and all your supporters for all the literature I have received from you. I have to tell you that my adrenalin is really pumping when I discover a Prophecy Flash magazine in the mailbox! I read through it cover to cover and then go back to digest what I have just read.

"I was baptized in 1969 by a WCG minister and stayed faithful until and including this very day!

"Faithful to God's truth as it is revealed! Which is telling you I no longer attend WCG but remain faithful for the journey and the path I find myself on.

"I used to read a booklet cover and 'knew' what it said inside! Not true with your literature!

"I stand amazed at what my KJV Bible is really telling me as opposed to what I was led to believe it was saying!

"You truly are doing a GREAT ENDTIME WORK! Thank you for the **MEAT** you serve at your table! . . ."

-- Mississippi

"Love—prophecy is great, but love is better. Let's not forget what really Christ (Yeshua) commissioned us to do. To amplify the law of love, to bring us together with a forgiving, loving heart to our brothers, as His church and to redeem us from our fallen nature.

"Prophecy is important to our enduring and knowing the signs of the times, but what God really wants us to focus on, as the true body of Yeshua, is to love our Heavenly Father first and foremost and our brother (neighbor) second. That's all God wants is to be loved as we do. I know you are well aware of these things in your spiritual walk, but we continually need to be reminded what really counts. All our knowledge, wisdom and powers doesn't match up to our love for one another.

"I am a former member of the WCG from '86 to '96. Once the heresy came to full bloom I'd had enough and left. We are all still scattered and looking for the Holy Spirit's guidance to bring us in those true spiritual folds of dynamic worship and fellowship.

"I have been incarcerated for the last 8 years plus and will be released in the next few weeks. To put me in here, Satan had his way with me despite my resistance, as he did with Peter. He sifted me like wheat. God used it for a time of trial, testing and maturing. As a man of God, 55 years, I've used this time for much study, prayer and drawing closer to our Father. He's also helped me to understand true repentance, and what a broken and contrite heart really is.

"Also with the blessing of His Spirit, who John the Baptist (the Elijah to come – Mal.4:5-6) said, would baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire (Mat.3:11, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16), I see now what is meant by, if you don't have the Spirit, you are none of His. And the baptism with fire will be a completion of the redeeming process to bring the

'chosen of God' to that state of perfection and power—the divine nature, as Peter calls it (II Pet.1:2-4). The mind of Christ and hearing and seeing the Father's will (Rom.8:11-23, 29-30).

"There was so much Armstrong did not understand, but then again he was a catalyst.

"Many will be called (to knowledge) but few will be chosen to be 'born again nature' Christ tried to explain to Nicodemus. The ones who will enter the Kingdom presently—today (John 3:1). The called will fall away for lack of maturity, but eventually all Israel will be saved in the second resurrection (Rom.11:26-27)."

-- USA

"In Vol. 23, No.1, it was indeed very interesting to read about WHY the tribe of Dan *is* not mentioned in Revelation as part of the 144,000. When I wrote to you on page 3 of my letter of March 29th, 2007 regarding the subject of Revelation's 144,000 the matter of the tribe of Dan was only touched on by me but now your latest article regarding the: tribe of Dan answers this question in a very interesting way.

"Some time earlier you did mention that you are following the Karaites as to when the new moon is sighted in Israel but that you do not follow them regarding the counting of the 50 days as from the day after the first weekly Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Nevertheless, for this year it was turning out to be on the same day that Pentecost was held by Triumphites. This I noticed from the Karaite Korner Newsletter No.385 of May 29th last.

"On a Sunday morning I always enjoy the T.V. program Songs of Praise -- an English program. What I found also of interest was that for the Eucharist, they, beside the wine, instead of a wafer a squarish baked bread (perhaps 9 x 9 inches). This is the first time I have ever noticed a church of England using bread instead of a wafer. Years ago, I also noticed that an Orthodox Greek Church used bread for their communion -- the bread was soaked into the wine and then given to the communicant. This made me think as being much more correct a form to use since Jesus at the last Supper also used normal bread rather than what the Churches of God use, unleavened whatever. The Jewish people also use bread for their Kiddush ceremonies).

"But, seeing that Jesus constituted (in a somewhat different way) the use of the bread and

wine (and on a day that was NOT part of the Passover Seder) and again to remember Him 'as oft as you do these things', where, actually, does that indicate as to be done ONLY once a year?

"If the Kiddush was like a kind of template for a new understanding (and the Kiddush is, of course, used every Friday night after sunset, as well as on other occasions) then why did Mr. Armstrong decide that the remembrance of *Him* was only to be once a year as if it was only a Passover ritual)? Could you give a comment?

"May I, please, make a request? In the last Flash my full surname was used as the writer of the letter I had sent. I would much prefer just Australia *instead* of my full name. Some months ago I was the recipient of verbal abuse for being a WFD person that reads and accepts your articles and for 2 hours endured verbal buckets of manure tipped over my head!! While that was sad, as such, it has not stopped my communication with that person but ... I might have learned something from the incident – *if* you know what I mean. Others in the group that I meet with seem to have a dislike for the name Dankenbring!

"But I am thankful for Prophecy Flash! and enjoy the fact of making me think about new or different *insights* – after all, WHO am I?"

-- Australia

"Please find enclosed the renewal box for the Triumph Prophetic Ministries Magazine and the request box for the book about the truth about the amazing Nephalim. I have heard of this from others, and of course being a Godly man it spurred my interest.

"I am fairly new to this new thing about learning about God's Holy Days, etc. and wish to learn more. I was raised from a small child in Church (First General Baptist) by my wonderful parents who have since deceased. Father (1984) Mother (1989) while I was and am still incarcerated. I began this tenure in 1981 as a 26 year old young man having made some bad choices. Nevertheless, my parents raised me as they believed I should be raised and gave me the basis of my understanding today. Now, as a much older man, I am looking to enhance that knowledge and find the truth. Being such, I prayed to God to find that truth. Well, not amazingly as some would say, the truth has found me. I have a long way to go, and a lot to

understand. But through your wonderful magazine and help I believe I will find it.

“Thank you for your time in renewing this very informative magazine and thank you very much for sending me this book. May God richly bless *you* in all things.”

-- Texas

“I hear Brazil, Russia, India and China are switching more of their finances to the International Monetary Fund. The dollar keeps getting weaker by the day.

“I think these stock market prices would tank and the price of silver and gold would explode without the meddling of the government so-called plunge protection team.

“This hybrid flu (so-called swine flu) looks like it is going to cause real problems this fall or thereabouts.

“When Soros, Buffett, Rockefeller, Ted Turner, Ophra Winfrey and others met in New York City and decided the world population should be capped at 8 ½ billion people, that means something has to be done to thin out the population.

“So the fastest way to thin out the world population is nuclear war, hybrid flu pandemic, or genetically modified food. I am sorry but I have a twisted mind and have already seen the results of war since WW2, heard of the AIDs epidemic and deaths in Africa, and have seen the deterioration of public health due to modern food preparation and genetically modified foods. Even so called dumb animals will go past GMO feed to natural food in most cases if it is possible for them.

“I keep hearing there are so many people in the US that do not have health insurance because it is too expensive. I have seen the cost of health care skyrocket when the government got involved so that the average person can not afford health care.

“Some doctors will drop you as a patient if you do not agree with the use of the drugs that they push. I know a lady that had cancer and she did not want chemotherapy. Her doctor said chemo or else and she chose or else and went to a natural doctor who was able to bring her system

to alkaline and her cancer went into remission. I do not know the whole story but I know she is doing a lot better.

“Our Creator gave us laws to live by but people do not want to admit there is a Creator and live as He prescribes. So I guess we have to suffer God’s wrath and learn the hard way. We are destroyed for lack of true knowledge.

“It looks like somebody has a vendetta against Air France airline because I heard three more of their airplanes had trouble. The airplane that left Brazil and went down and the news cover-up make me believe there is something in the wind that we are not being told.

“I heard that the mad scientists are working on genetic modified plants that are self-pollinating and makes me think that they might be trying to get rid of the honeybee so that the food supply can be more controlled.

“PFs are great, keep up the good work. God bless you, Cappy, and His called out ones.”

-- Ohio

“Once again THANK YOU for your weekly Bible Studies. They are not only inspiring but feed us the ‘meat’ of God’s Word as well. Years ago a veteran preacher cried out to God in private prayer and asked: ‘Why is it that what comes so hard (for him, the over 20 hours of study and preparation, prayer and meditation, to get his weekly 1 to 1 ½ hour sermon ready) . . . is often taken so lightly by the congregation?! Yes, indeed! Are we, the sheep YHVH has given to you, Bill, to shepherd—guilty of the same thing? How often do our minds stray while listening to the weekly Bible Studies, the tapes, or while reading the Prophecy Flash? In re-reading older issues of the PF, I am often struck and in awe of the many truths God has revealed to us through your teaching, Bill. Truly knowledge (in this, the end time age), is increasing exponentially. The question is, what are we going to do with that knowledge?

“The early disciples and the 1st century church literally set the Roman world (and beyond) on FIRE! Today the very persecuted brethren in 3rd world countries, often materially POOR, but RICH in SPIRIT, lay their lives down DAILY to follow our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ.

“Oh, that God will yet wake us up here in the US and the other latter-day Israelite countries—before it is too late! How often do we, you and I, CRY OUT in anguish to our Heavenly Father, for the horrible sins being committed by our peoples. For example, how often do we remember to cry out for the now over 55 million aborted human beings (unborn babies) that have been brutally murdered in the womb, sanctioned by our elected government officials. As one of America’s Founding Fathers asked more than 100 years ago: I tremble for my country when I consider that the Creator God is both Good and Just—AND that His justice will not sleep forever.

“When, my fellow brethren, will God’s cup of iniquity be full—and past the point of no return? God loves each of His children—ALL of us (and THEM too) more than we can ever comprehend.”

-- California

“I just wanted to extend my thanks and gratitude for allowing me to get all four of your E-books printed off, I have already read through *The Awesome Mystery of God* and wanted you to know that it was one of the most Awesome books that I have ever read, in helping me to learn and coming to know and to understand OUR Creator and OUR Lord Messiah Yeshua and El Shaddai OUR God more than any other reading other than the Bible its self, meaning as far as putting it all together for me in such clear and understandable picture, to where it is mind boggling to me. How can any of God’s people not be able to see that you are a True Servant of God, because I know that I’m Nobody and that I’m worthy of nothing but death, and yet OUR God has allowed me to be able to see where, of all the churches of God out there at the end of this age, where HIS Spirit is truly working. So again I thank you so very much for all in that you do.

“Going to your web site and watching the three video Bible Studies last night on ‘You Tube’ that are now up – which by the way I thought were truly excellent Bible Studies. I could see the seriousness and heart felt concern that you have for all that will listen and hear, for the time is Truly at hand.

“I was surprised not to see that they had not been rated as of yet so I had to go in and rate and to

give 5 stars for all 3 Bible studies. Looking forward to more.

“Shalom and may God continue to bless you and yours.”

-- Email

“Grace, peace and mercy from Yahveh, the Father of our Lord Yeshua, our Christ, and master. Blessed be Yahveh, the Father and grace to His servants in Omak and abroad. The day will soon be upon us when we shall come face to face with our redeemer. John says: ‘And they shall see His face and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God gives them light: And they shall reign for ever and ever ‘ (Rev. 22:4-5).

“The day will soon be, when we will no longer walk by faith but by light, because Christ, who is the light will give us light and we will see Him and walk in the light. This is our hope and our faith.

“The hour glass is running and the sand is almost completely run down. It is very low to say the least. The end of this age is near, it is nigh at hand, all the buzzers and the warning bells are going off and even a blind man should be able to see the road signs.

“Our new Commander and Chief has begun scaling down our National Day of Prayer. He is to soon choose a new Chief Justice, a new Supreme Court Justice nomination. The decision comes in less than ten times the amount of time it took him to choose a dog for the White House. I also heard that his choice was gay.

“What is wrong with this Country? To allow such an apostasy to take place in our Nations Capital is appalling. This new stimulus will pretty much enslave all Americans. While I know and believe that taxes must be paid by us out of our income and from our increase. I feel like this present world crisis will climax with governmental levies on our citizens in the form of ever increasing taxes upon our property and income until our present Babylonian system (economic system) reaches its Zenith and collapses. Any government that institutes excessive taxation is systematically destroying itself, as it destroys the income of the people. In the end our Country will devise more and more

ways to raise taxes to satisfy the needs and the greed of its government and their officials. Our economic collapse is inevitable. Our government has presently launched just such a course and we now sow the wind and we will soon reap the whirlwind. (Hosea 8:7.)

“Maine now welcomes same-sex marriages; murder is on the rise, drugs, robbery, rape and every form of uncleanness imaginable. The word “Apostasy” keeps coming to my mind.

“ ‘As 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.’ (II Thessalonians 2:2-3.)

“The falling away is due to temptation, worldliness, false teachers, and inadequate knowledge in the words of Christ, and the teachings of the kingdom, a lapse in morals and the forsaking of clean and spiritual living. The falling away and the final *apostasy* are at hand. The man of sin has been revealed to the wise, and the wise shall understand.

“We are living in an evil time; godless men tickle the ears of the people, who like sheep have gone astray. They are being urged to plunge into the abyss of this economic oblivion, relinquished of their (our) wealth, and possessions. After this crash will come judgment upon the ecclesiastical activities of man.

“The Bible teaches a progressive judgment upon the Babylonian system of worship and its rituals and idolatry, but its final destruction will be the result of the Lord’s return. ‘Whom the Lord will consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming’ (II Thessalonians 2:8).

“It is at this time that we will no longer walk by faith. This is our great hope that was promised to all who believe and has the faith in the present natural body of our Lord Yeshua Christ.

“Paul told the Thessalonians that even though he was treated shamefully for speaking God’s word at Philippi with much contention it was not with deceit or guile. Paul and those with him spoke greatly as a nurse cherished her children but to please God. For Paul told them:

‘For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy’ (I Thessalonians 2:19-20).

“It is clear that Paul like his disciples knew well that the Lord was ‘coming again to receive them into Himself’ and that they would then be resurrected or changed and caught up to meet the Lord in the air. This hope was not instantaneously after death, but was to be looked forward to when the kingdom and the ‘resurrection of the just,’ took place. As the song says: ‘When the role is called up yonder, I’ll be there.’

”I do hope this letter finds the fellow brethren well. Please notice my new address at the top of the page. One more move and I will be at a permanent address I hope. Thank you and my Yahveh continue to bless Triumph Ministries.”

-- Oklahoma

“When Does a Nation Die?”

“The answer is when its constitution fails. Think long and hard about it. It’s like when a dam breaks. A drop here, a trickle there, a rivulet. Just a few stones washed away. All out of sight – deep down in its foundation.

“Its also so with our Constitution, two hundred years old, with a track record second to none. Those proud words of promise are still there on the aging document.

“But – the Constitution is not just parchment. It is a moral people and their institutions. And when people and institutions change – when their understanding dulls, when their resolve weakens, when ‘self-evident’ truths and ‘inalienable’ rights are no longer perceived or even exercised . . . words on paper lose their power.

“Oh! They may still be there. No constitutional convention has altered them. No amendments have mollified them.

“It is the people who change and a proud heritage – freedom – is lost.

“And a nation *Dies!*

“There are three consistent political truths!

“(1) Those in positions of power *always* tend to actions that consolidate power under their control at the expense of *citizens!*”

“(2) Necessity is ever the plea of tyrants!

“(3) Rights once forfeited are *never* restored except by force!

“I will close with a quote by founding father James Madison from his address to the Virginia Convention on June 16, 1788.

“ ‘There are more instances of the abridgment of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations.’

“America – WAKE UP!”

-- West Virginia

“I felt I must thank you for the wonderful videos on 'you tube'. I have been watching them and apart from some *minor* problems they are wonderful. It's great that the Gospel is going OUT at last to the world. Let's pray that all who look at them will be converted. I think we forget that God can, and does, use any medium to get out His gospel.

“May I take this opportunity also to thank you all for the prayers you have sent up for me, I DO appreciate every one. It takes me a long time to type now because of a nervous reaction where my hands and legs JUMP for no apparent reason. As well as the heart disease and kidney failure I am in constant pain and have been for many years now to top it all I have Gout in both feet and lower legs and it is very painful. I have been tried and tested to the limit and many times have I contemplated a way out. That is NOT right I know and I dismiss such thoughts as soon as they enter my mind – so you see my friends, I do need your prayers. Please do not think of this email as a gripe or groan to let off steam – it is NOT!!! I would not change my life in any way (except I would not do the same sins, sins for which I deeply repent) no I am happy and I long for my call, I await it every day.”

-- England

“Thank you for your articles and booklets. They've helped me so much. Through them my eyes have been opened up to see that what I thought I knew, I knew not. The way I was brought up in was not all the way. So, thus!! I

would like to start getting more of your teaching to help me search out the Scriptures. For they are the only truth we should follow.

“I'm 32 years old. I'm tired of being led around like a puppy dog. I truly want to know the truth of God. And not just some teachings of a man.

“So I'd like to start anew, with the 'basic doctrine.' Plus it will give me a better understanding of who you are at 'Triumph Prophetic Ministries.' . . .

“Again I would like to thank you for these studies. I would also like to thank the ones that have paid for them, that I may study and know the truth of what God's Word says.

“I pray for the Blessings and Power of God to forever shine down on you. And that He will keep enlightening your understanding of the word of the truth of God. May His Mercy and Grace follow you always!”

-- Alabama

“Happy Father's Day, Pastor Dankenbring,

“I have no parents and after studying under you through your literature, you have become a spiritual father to many. For that I am grateful.

“Please accept this also as a request for some more study materials. All the guys here on my dorm read your study materials for I share it with them all and each evening and we gather to discuss the material and for a nightly prayer.

“We thank you that you remember those of us behind prison walls. So much of society including some so-called Christian ministries will not even respond to a letter from someone behind bars. But praise God you do respond to inmates' mail and many behind bars, I have found out, are first learning about the gospel and the saving power of Jesus Christ by reading your material.

“All the best to you and your ministry.”

-- USA

“Re: The Power of Prayer—What Is the True Gospel?—The Truth about Laying on of Hands and Anointing—How Should God's Ministers Be Ordained?—Four Special Bible Lessons on Passover!

“Dear Friends at Triumph Prophetic Ministries, please send me the above listed books and materials requested along with the ‘special’ order offered by you.

“Thank you for so many years of standing in the gap, and making intercessory prayer that our eyes might be open through the much teaching your ministry provides. Certainly I have not only been called out, but chosen to see the truth of Yahweh’s spoken Word.

“Hold fast to the faith once delivered, for time is winding up! Shalom!”

-- Texas

“Thank you so much for the latest edition of Prophecy Flash magazine. . . Recently someone had sent the Bible Fred Coulter wrote. It’s been an interesting adventure just trying to find the book, while listening to your tapes. I’ve never bothered to read the commentary at the beginning because I’m interested in the Bible, not opinion. Thank you very much for proving the heresy. This is what I like about your tapes—you prove what you say. I’m now going to order another Bible and throw this one away. I would now, but this one is the only one I have. The Bible I did have fell apart from use. What a tragedy that this Bible is being read, and brethren are being led to believe it is something God inspired Fred Coulter to do.

“Through the injustice of my imprisonment, I can’t begin to explain what I have learned and unlearned. The urgency for Christ’s return is felt from the moment I wake up until I go to bed. God’s truth is priceless. I’m deeply bothered when realizing where I’m wrong, but deeply encouraged because I don’t want there to be a wedge preventing a relationship with God. More than once I’ve had tears because I ache for the Churches of God. So much is wrong and the deception so great. I have tears in my eyes as I write this letter because once again I have been shown where I’m wrong. It’s very humbling. I’ve written and asked my parents to send you a little money each month I still have saved aside to help with expenses. I wish I could send more.

“Thanks so much for helping me to see through so much of the darkness brethren are in. I feel so honored that God shows His presence by daily understanding granted by Him. Through this hell, words are inadequate when it comes to

explaining how God lets it be known that He is very aware of my circumstance.

“I pray God grants you greater understanding and that brethren wake up. Friends forever,”

-- Ohio

“YHVH bless and keep you and yours. ‘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’ (Luke 21:36).

“As we believe, who have the Spirit of truth, so shall it be done unto us who believe (Matt.8:13, 9:28-29). Many people are familiar with Revelation 12:14, or being taken to the place of safety, during the tribulation.

“Some people believe Psalm 91:14. Yet for some it is Malachi 3:16-18. All of these prophecies have to be fulfilled in these latter days, all of them are valid.

“And yet David, all throughout his writings, spoke of this very deliverance of those who trust in God with all their heart, mind, soul and strength, to deliver them from evil. Just as we are instructed to pray.

“Our deliverance is already around us in the form of angels, sent forth to minister for us who shall be heirs of salvation (Heb.1:14, Psalm 31:20, 34:7, 91:11-12, Isaiah 63:9). Their task, as noted, is to help us, and to deliver us from evil. Just as they did for David and Yeshua (I Samuel 18:11, 19:10, John 8:59). ‘Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the Temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.’

“The Scripture is plain. Yeshua hid himself and by doing so went through the midst of them. He vanished from their sight, hidden under the shadow of the wing of God (Psalm 17:8, 31:20, 91:4). The angel of His presence (Isaiah 63:9). This same protection is afforded to us in whom His Spirit dwells (I Corinthians 3:16). Otherwise we would have been told not to expect so great deliverance from God, as told in His holy Word (Psalm 71:2-3).

“Isaiah 25:4 – ‘For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm

against the wall' (Isaiah 4:5-6). This has not happened yet, Mr. Dankenbring, but will come about soon as God is telling us beforehand what is to come (Amos 3:7).

"Call it supernatural deliverance if you want, but the bottom line is that it will come about for everyone who believes and trusts in God completely, with no doubt at all. After all, God asks, 'Is anything too hard for the LORD?' (Genesis 18:14).

"What we believe, as followers of Christ, determines our worthiness to escape all that shall come to pass. Which is why we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12). Either we believe God is able to do what He says He will, 'Believe ye that I am able to do this?' (Matthew 9:28). And not just that He can, but that He will, just as we are told that He will in the Holy Text. Isaiah 53:1 – 'Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?'

"We are not of this world, Mr. Dankenbring, the world cannot, nor will it, help us to escape the wrath decreed for itself. Only God can do that. And it is a beautiful thing once the message is understood.

"Just thought I'd share this with you as I was led to do as it came to me. Terrible times await the world, but we can pass through the midst of it and go our way if only we can believe. YHVH bless and keep you and yours."

-- Texas

"A friend recently gave me an old copy of Prophecy Flash. WOW! Were my eyes opened! I really enjoyed it and read it thru twice before I reluctantly returned it. Please, add my name and address to your mailing list. I look forward to getting my own copy SOON!!!

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"God Bless!"

-- Colorado

"Thank you for the latest PF and the tapes, they are great! . . .

"It's just amazing how time seems to be speeding up. Was reading Jeremiah 5:7 and II Kings 23 about WHY God (who changes not) had to send Judah (His people) into captivity. As a loving Father YHVH DESIRES that His people REPENT of their sins, and change from their wicked ways.

"The question, Bill, to you and the readers of the PF is: How will America and the rest of the modern-day descendants of ancient Israel CHANGE ever-more wicked and perverted ways? They are now being given official government sanction and protection, and those who cry out against their sins are being called intolerant and law breakers. There has never been, to my knowledge, any nation in history, that has descended down this path of moral, spiritual and family collapse that has survived very long, has there, Bill?

"Also read recently that one of the Hebrew meanings of CURSE is to make SMALL (to diminish or take away). Isn't that what is happening in so many ways to our once great nation? Your comments, Bill, would be appreciated.

"We pray daily for God's provision and protection on you and your wife and the ministry He has entrusted to you. And THANK YOU both for remaining FAITHFUL (full of Faith) to do that calling as our under-shepherds to pastor this flock of remnant covenant believers."

-- California

COMMENT: No nation can go the way our nation is going, and continue to prosper and preserve their liberty. Each who tried always perished! "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num.32:23). The only way to escape punishment is repentance from the heart.