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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 true way of life and peace!

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 usher in the Kingdom of God! The prophet Amos declared, “*Prepare to meet your God, O Israel*” (Amos 4:12). No matter is more urgent, today!

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### **Does the Iranian Nuclear Pact Fulfill Bible Prophecy?**

John Kerry and Barack Obama have forged a nuclear treaty with the world’s foremost terrorist state and the mullahs of Iran. The U.S. has released over 100 billion dollars in Iranian assets, so they can continue to foment terrorism worldwide and develop weapons of mass destruction. Was it all prophesied? Have we opened Pandora’s Box? World conditions bode ill for all nations, and we have only ourselves to blame. How much longer until “all hell” breaks loose upon the world?

Is Barack Obama setting his sights on becoming the next Secretary-General of the United Nations? Is he lining things up to become the Ruler of the world? Could he become the long-anticipated “Antichrist”?

And what about heaven? Is heaven the reward of the saved? Do good people “go to heaven when they die?” What does the word of God say about heaven? What about Lazarus and the rich man? Is the rich man now roasting in hell? What are the facts? What is the plain truth about heaven and hell?

-- William F. Dankenbring

# Daniel 9 and the Mysterious End-Time Nuclear Deal

**Daniel's cryptic prophecy of the "70 weeks" recorded in chapter 9 of his enigmatic book. It is perhaps the most compelling prophecy of the coming of the Messiah and the End of Days in the Scriptures, and even gives us a strong clue as to WHEN the Messiah will return to save His people! Is this prophecy DUAL? Is it soon to be fulfilled? How much time do we have left?**

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The Middle East is exploding. The world is watching breathlessly as violence escalates and fears bring terror to the faces of millions around the earth. What terror lies ahead for this world?

The future is laid out in Biblical prophecy which has much to tell us about the current Middle East crisis, and the nuclear agreement America and Europe and the United Nations have made with Iran.

In a much misunderstood prophecy in the book of Daniel this very end time process is described, and tied in with the soon coming of the Messiah to save Israel, and the entire earth, from cosmocide and utter annihilation.

## **The Prophecy**

One of the most amazing and intriguing prophecies of all the Bible is found in Daniel 9:24-27. Throughout the ages men and women have puzzled over the meaning of this cryptic passage. It has stumped theologians, baffled scholars, and puzzled Christians and Jews alike for thousands of years. Let us carefully review this entire prophecy, and see how germane it is to the present "peace process" in the Middle East. Notice!

First of all, let's read the passage in the King James Version:

"SEVENTY WEEKS are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish [margin, to restrain] the transgression, and to make an end [margin, to seal up] of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

"Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and rebuild Jerusalem [margin, to build again Jerusalem] unto Messiah the Prince

shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall [margin, breach, or ditch], in troublous times.

“And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be CUT OFF, but not for himself [margin, and shall have nothing]: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined [margin, it shall be cut off by desolations].

“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for ONE WEEK: and in the midst of the WEEK he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations [margin, and upon the battlements shall be the idols of the desolater], he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate [margin, desolater]” (Dan.9:24-27).

What a strange prophecy! It outlines strange events to occur in and around Jerusalem, till the coming of the Messiah and the end of the age. What are these mysterious “seventy weeks”?

In Numbers 14:34 God told the Israelites, “After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day of a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years . . .” Each day of the prophetic 70 weeks, then, is a year in being fulfilled!

Ezekiel confirms this same principle. God told Ezekiel concerning the punishment and siege of Israel, “This shall be a sign to the house of Israel. Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou has accomplished them, lie on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year” (Ezek.4:3-6).

To understand the 70 weeks prophecy, one must realize each day of the prophecy equals a year being fulfilled. Since there are seven days in a week – or a total of 490 days in 70 weeks -- this prophecy involves 490 years. At the end of this time period, the "Most Holy" -- the Messiah -- will bring in everlasting righteousness – He will become King of the whole earth and put a complete end to all man's rebellion. All nations will finally be reconciled to Him.

### **The Historical Fulfillment**

But how are these 490 years to be understood? When do they commence? And are they consecutive? “Know therefore,” Gabriel told Daniel, “and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince [the Messianic king] shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks [a total of 69 weeks or 483 prophetic years]: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times” (Dan. 9:25).

What commandment or decree was this? Daniel recorded this prophecy in 538-537 B.C. History records that Cyrus reigned from 538-537 until 530-529. Cambyses followed Cyrus on the throne and reigned for eight years, until 522-521. He was followed by Darius I who reigned 36 years, until December 23, 486, when Xerxes took the throne. Xerxes was the Ahasuerus of the Bible (see Finegan, *Light From the Ancient Past*, p.238). Xerxes reigned from 486 to 465-464 when he was followed by his son Artaxerxes. Artaxerxes then reigned nearly 41 years, until 424 B.C.

Which of these men made a decree to “restore and to build Jerusalem”? Cyrus made a decree in 536-535 regarding the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem (see Ezra 1: 1-2). This particular decree was specifically to build the Temple – the city is not mentioned. This decree, therefore, is not the one spoken of by Daniel in chapter 9:25. The Jew's had opposition in building the Temple throughout the days of Cyrus, "even until the reign of Darius king of Persia" (Ezra 4:4-5). Local Samaritans frustrated their purpose and attempted to over throw the project. Work on the Temple ceased until the second year of Darius (521-485) (see Ezra 4:24).

Darius also made a decree and ordered the construction of the temple to continue (Ezra 6:11-12). But, again, this decree was to build the house of God – not the city of Jerusalem. The Temple, except for the finishing touches, was completed by the sixth year of the reign of Darius (Ezra 6:14-15). Therefore, the evidence is that neither of these two decrees was the one spoken of by Daniel the prophet.

A third decree, however, was made by king Artaxerxes I (464-423). Since the Temple was already built, Artaxerxes’ decree concerned another matter. In the seventh year of Artaxerxes, the Jewish scribe Ezra came to Jerusalem, carrying a copy of a letter containing the decree of king Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:1, 6, 12). We read in the book of Ezra: “Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time. I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem . . . Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king ... to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand: and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, and all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon . . . “ (see Ezra 7:11-16).

After this epochal decree, Ezra prayed to God, saying: “Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the swords, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape . . . to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem” (Ezra 9:7-9).

Mark carefully – this decree gave Ezra authority not only to rebuild and beautify the house of God, but also to repopulate Jerusalem, to set government in operation, and to

rebuild the city and the wall! The Jews had never been given authority from the Persian kings to rebuild Jerusalem and the city wall. However, early in the reign of Artaxerxes, the Samaritans had accused the Jews of building the city once again (Ezra 4:7, 11-12). The king issued an order for the Jews to stop all such activity until further notice (vs.17-21). After a thorough investigation, Artaxerxes issued (another decree – the decree mentioned in Ezra 7. This must be the decree Daniel had reference to since it was the first one that clearly involved the city of Jerusalem as well as the temple.

When, then, was the “seventh year” of king Artaxerxes? To understand when the seventh year of Artaxerxes occurred, we must find the year he ascended to the throne.

### **Artaxerxes’ Seventh Year**

Ctesias, a Greek physician at the court of Artaxerxes II, and who undoubtedly had access to the Persian archives, relates that Artaxerxes learned that Artabanus had killed his father. Artabanus was slain, and Artaxerxes assumed the throne without fear of a rival.

But when was Xerxes murdered?

Discoveries in Mesopotamia and Egypt have thoroughly established the chronologies of the Neo-Babylonian and Persian empires. The evidence of Ptolemy’s Canon, the Saros Tablets, and papyri dated with two calendar systems, reveal that Xerxes’ reign ended in his 21st year. His 21st year then was counted from spring of 465 B.C. to spring of 464. (The Persian civil year was reckoned from spring to spring). Artaxerxes’ first year thus began in the spring of 464 B.C. Artaxerxes must have ascended to the throne sometime in the year 465/464 B.C.

A document that was written during the accession year of Artaxerxes has been found. It is listed as Aramaic papyrus (AP 6) and was written from the Jewish colony of Elephantine in Egypt. The document was dated the 18th of Kislev or the 17th of Thoth, “in the year 21, the beginning of reign when King Artaxerxes sat on his throne.” Artaxerxes I took the throne in the 21st year of Xerxes. He must be the Artaxerxes in question, since neither Artaxerxes II or III came to the throne in a year 21.

The 18th of Kislev or 17th of Thoth dates the document as having been written the evening of January 2 or daytime January 3, 464 B.C., since the Hebrews reckon a day from sunset to sunset. Therefore, by January 3, 464 B.C., Jews in Egypt obviously knew that Artaxerxes had ascended the Persian throne. The document speaks of “the beginning of the reign” of Artaxerxes, or his accession year. What does this mean?

Since January 2/3, 464, is dated in the accession year of Artaxerxes, his first regnal year – according to the Hebrew reckoning – could not officially begin until Tishri 1, in the autumn of 464 B.C.! The Hebrew civil calendar began each year in the autumn with Tishri. Since the first year of Artaxerxes, according to the Hebrew civil year, did not begin until autumn of 464 B.C., seven years later would bring us to autumn of 458

B.C. The seventh year of Artaxerxes, therefore, was from the autumn of 458 to the autumn of 457 B.C.

### **Fall-to-Fall Reckoning**

But do we have proof that the Hebrews still used the fall-to-fall reckoning for their civil year after they returned from Babylonian captivity? Or did they adopt the Babylonian custom of dating each civil year from spring to spring?

There is conclusive evidence that during Nehemiah's time the Hebrew civil calendar was still in use. Consider: in Nehemiah 1:1, Nehemiah said he received bad news of Jerusalem in the month Chisleu, (November-December) in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes. He later mentioned that in Nisan (March-April), in the twentieth year of the king, he gave wine to Artaxerxes (2:1). Thus Nehemiah said Chisleu or Kislev preceded Nisan in the 20th regnal year of Artaxerxes, showing he used a fall to fall reckoning.

Today, the Jews still reckon the year from fall to fall, beginning the new year in the autumn. They celebrate Rosh Hoshana, or New Year's day, in the autumn, on Tishri 1. They have clung tenaciously to this practice.

According to the Hebrew calendar used by Nehemiah, then, the seventh year of Artaxerxes fell from the fall of 458 to the fall of 457 B.C. Ezra's journey from Babylon to Jerusalem took place from about late March to about early August (Ezra 7:8-9), 457 B.C. He carried the decree of king Artaxerxes with him. Therefore, the famous decree for the restoration of Jerusalem was signed, sealed, delivered to Ezra, and went into effect as soon as he reached Jerusalem – in the late summer or early fall of 457 B.C.

Now we have dated the decree. Notice again Daniel was told that from the issuance of the decree till the coming of the Messiah was to be “seven weeks, threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times” (Daniel 9:25).

The re-settling and rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem made rapid strides from the 20th year to the 32nd year of Artaxerxes (Neh.5:14-16). The building program continued into the reign of Darius II who succeeded Artaxerxes. During his reign the wall around Jerusalem was finished (Neh.12:22, 27-30, 43). But even after the wall was complete, many buildings within the city had yet to be built (Neh.7:1-4; 11:1-2).

These were “troublous times,” as Daniel foretold and as Ezra 4:5 summarized. Persecution and hindrances slowed progress. But after seven prophetic weeks the city was rebuilt and the temple restored.

Then Daniel mentioned “sixty two weeks” were to follow – or 434 more years were to pass – until the appearance of the Messiah. Thus a total of sixty nine prophetic weeks -- or 483 literal years – were to exist from the commandment of Artaxerxes in 457 B.C. till the appearance of the Messiah.

457 B.C. -- year-date of the decree  
 $\frac{-483}{26}$  years -- time to pass till Messiah would come  
 A.D.  
 $\frac{+1}{27}$  -- since there is no year “zero”  
 A.D. -- year the prophecy would be fulfilled!

Counting 483 years from 457 B.C., then, brings you to 27 A.D. This was the year the Messiah was prophesied to appear on the scene.

Was this prophecy fulfilled? What happened in 27 A.D.? For a full explanation, be sure to read our article *The Birth, Ministry, and Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ!*

### **Yeshua Begins His Ministry**

The very interesting fact is that 27 A.D. was the very year Jesus Christ – Yeshua Ha Moshiach, in Hebrew – began his ministry, and commenced preaching the Gospel of the coming Kingdom of God (Matt. 3:13-17; 4:1-23; 9:35).

Daniel also foretold what was to happen to the Messiah. The Jews of Jesus' time thought that when the Messiah would appear he would restore the Kingdom of Israel and deliver them from the Romans. They looked for a shining knight on a white charger. But when Christ came as the humble preacher from Nazareth, of all places, they rejected Him. This was too much! So they had Him put to death claiming He was an impostor, a heretic. After preaching the gospel for three years, from the spring of 27 A.D. until the spring of 30 A.D., Jesus was condemned by the Sanhedrin and the high priest, and put to death!

The apostle Paul explained, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom.5:8). “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (II Cor:5:21). “We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son . . . “ (Rom.5:10).

Did Daniel foretell that Christ would die for our sins and reconcile us to God? Notice!

Daniel 9:26 – “And after [the period of threescore and two weeks] shall Messiah be cut off [that is, killed], *but not for himself* . . .” Daniel prophesied that the Messiah would be “CUT OFF.” The Hebrew word here is #3772 in *Strong's Concordance*. It is *karath*, a primitive root meaning “to cut (off, down, asunder); by implication, to destroy or consume; spec. to covenant (i.e. make an alliance or bargain, orig. by cutting flesh and passing between the pieces.”

How would the Messiah be “cut off”? What does this mean? He would be killed, destroyed, put to death! But in so doing, He would “make a covenant” – the New

Covenant – in His own blood, reconciling sinners to God! Thus He fulfilled the prophecy of making “reconciliation for iniquity” (Daniel 9:24).

This same astonishing truth is revealed by the prophet Isaiah, who lived 700 years before the coming of the Messiah in 27 A.D. Isaiah wrote of the future Messiah, “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. He was taken from prison and judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was CUT OFF out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed [the children of the New Covenant, bought by His blood], he shall prolong his days [that is, be RESURRECTED BACK TO LIFE!], and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand” (Isaiah 53:7-10).

Read this whole chapter. It is the most astonishing and detailed prophecy of the first coming of Christ, the Messiah, in which He would be cut off, killed, and reconcile sinners to God by means of His pouring out His life as a sin offering for mankind.

Most Jewish rabbis, to this date, however, have not recognized this fact. Yet even their own translation of the prophecy in Daniel 9 provides us insight into this mystery.

Notice the Jewish *Tanakh* translation of this passage:

“Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city until the measure of transgression is filled and that of sin is complete, until iniquity is expiated and eternal righteousness ushered in; and prophetic vision ratified, and the Holy of Holies anointed. You must know and understand: From the issuance of the word to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the [time of the] anointed leader is seven weeks; and for sixty-two weeks it will be rebuilt, square and moat, but in a time of distress. And after those sixty-two weeks, the anointed one will disappear and vanish. The army of a leader who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary, but its end will come through a flood. Desolation is decreed until the end of war. During one week he will make a firm covenant with many. For half a week 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” (Dan.9:24-27).

### **“The Anointed One”**

Notice! The prophecy in Daniel 9 in the *Tanakh* says in verse 26 that after the seven weeks, and sixty two weeks, “the anointed one will disappear and vanish.” That is a strange statement! The Jews expected that the Messiah would appear on a white horse, as a national champion against the Romans, and lead them to glory! Yet that is not quite what God inspired Daniel to write! God said that the Messiah would DISAPPEAR – VANISH!

After a ministry lasting three years, Jesus Christ was crucified and buried. And then He arose from the grave, and taught His disciples for forty days, and then notice what happened. After He gave them some final instructions, “He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud HID him from their sight. They were looking intently into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, WILL COME BACK in the same way you have seen him go into heaven’” (Acts 1:9-11).

Jesus literally VANISHED before their very eyes!

How exquisitely, uniquely, and precisely, this prophecy of Daniel was fulfilled! Jesus truly “disappeared and vanished,” just as Daniel the prophet FORETOLD over 580 years before!

But this event occurred BEFORE the fulfillment of the complete 70 WEEKS of the prophecy. Technically, only 69 weeks had gone by. Now notice the rest of the amazing, dumfounding prophecy!

Even as Christ the Messiah was “cut off,” so the prophesy itself was “CUT OFF” – that is, interrupted – and will resume with the final “week” of years ending with His SECOND COMING when He will finish the rest of the fulfillment of the prophecy, and usher in the Kingdom of Righteousness, the Kingdom of God, at His coming!

### **Daniel 9:24-27 and the End of Days**

One of the keys to understanding Bible prophecy is the principle of DUALISM. That is, many Bible prophecies are not single events, but have a lesser forerunner, and then a major fulfillment – a former and later fulfillment. Some are deliberately ambiguous so that they can be taken, or explained two different ways – both of them being correct!

Such is the case of Daniel 9:26-27, the rest of this amazing prophecy. Notice! “The army of a leader who is to come will DESTROY THE CITY AND THE SANCTUARY” (v.26). Of course, this occurred in 70 A.D. when Titus and Vespasian, Roman generals, led the Roman armies in a conquest of Jerusalem because of Jewish rebellion. Over a million Jews perished in the war, and the city was burned and the Temple was razed.

However, many Bible prophecies show that the invasion of Judea and conquest of Jerusalem and the burning of the Temple are also predicted as events leading up to the SECOND COMING of the Messiah! Thus prophecy is *dual*. In the prophecy of Zechariah we read: “Lo, a day of the LORD is coming when your spoil shall be divided in your very midst! For I will gather ALL NATIONS TO JERUSALEM for WAR: The city shall be captured, the houses plundered, and the women violated; and a part of the city shall go into exile. But the rest of the population shall not be uprooted from the city.

“Then the LORD will come forth [from heaven, where He has gone!] and make war on those nations as He is wont to make war on a day of battle. On that day He will set His feet on the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall split across from east to west . . . And the LORD my God, with all the holy beings, will come to you” (Zech. 14:1-5).

Notice! Here we find that God Himself – the Messiah – will STAND ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES – the very same mountain from which Jesus Christ ascended to heaven (Acts 1:12) – and the same mountain to which the angels told the disciples that He would return (v.11). This prophecy of Zechariah, therefore, is a vision of the SECOND COMING of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, when He will fight against the nations who have once again conquered Jerusalem!

How incredible!

### **The Wicked Prince**

The leader of the army which will come against Jerusalem will this time not be Titus or Vespasian, but the one foretold by Daniel who would arise in the END TIME, one who “will be extraordinarily destructive; he will prosper in what he does, and destroy the mighty and the people of holy ones. By his cunning, he will use deceit successfully. He will make great plans, will destroy many, taking them unawares, and will rise up against the CHIEF OF CHIEFS [the Messiah Himself!], but will be broken, not by [human] hands” (Daniel 8:24-25).

This wicked king is also described in Daniel 7. We read: “He will speak words against the Most High, and will harass the holy ones of the Most High. He will think of changing times and laws, and they will be delivered into his power for a time, times, and half a time [three and one half years]” (Dan.7:25).

The book of Revelation in the New Testament describes this wicked tyrant as a “beast.” The apostle John writes: “The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for FORTY-TWO MONTHS [three and one half years!]. . . . He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them” (Rev.13:5-7, NIV).

This “beast,” along with all the kings of the earth, will gather at Jerusalem to fight against Christ at His return, at “the battle on the great day of God Almighty” (Rev.16:14). John says, “They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers” (Rev. 17:14).

John goes on:

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but

he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God [compare John 1:1-2,14]. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. . .

“Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet . . . The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulphur” (Rev.19:11-20).

Thus the army of this world ruling “beast” will be destroyed by Christ, and the beast himself slain in the lake of fire. As Daniel foretold, “its end will come through a flood. Desolation is determined until the END of the war” (Dan.9:27), when Christ Himself will end the “appalling abomination” and the prophesied “decreed destruction will be poured down upon the appalling thing” (Dan.9:27).

### **The End-Time Treaty**

These things will culminate the final “week” of years of Daniel’s prophecy. They occur during the FINAL SEVEN YEARS of this age, leading up to the return of the Messiah!

In the end of this amazing prophecy of Daniel, we read that a wicked leader arises, and he will “confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the MIDST of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease” (v.27).

What is this strange-sounding “covenant”? The Hebrew word *berith* literally means “a cutting,” or a “compact, league, confederacy, treaty.” That is, he will “confirm” an agreement, treaty, with the Jews and others, during this end-time of this age. What treaty is this? Could this be the infamous Oslo Peace Accords?

Notice carefully! The word “confirm” in this passage is *Strong's* #1396, the Hebrew word *gabar*, a primitive root meaning “to be strong,” “by implication, to prevail, act insolently: -- exceed, confirm, be great, be mighty, prevail, put to more (strength), strengthen, be stronger, be valiant.”

Since 1993 the world’s nations have been striving to twist the neck of Israel, and hammerlock them into a “peace treaty” which is very dangerous to their security. The PEACE ACCORDS, which began in 1993, are now being called “the road map to peace.” Originally, these accords were designed to bring peace to the Middle East over a period of seven years – from 1993 to 2000 A.D. That didn’t work out. Then President Clinton literally pressured, hammered, cajoled, and threatened the leaders of the Palestinians and the Israelis to get this treaty and peace process back on track. He was there at the original signing on the White House lawn on September 13, 1993. He pushed it as long as he was in office. Then President Bush pushed the same “road map to peace.” Incremental

progress was made, and the Jews finally evacuated the Gaza Strip as a sign of good faith – but violence and rocket attacks still continued.

The prophecy states of an end-time world leader, “he will confirm a covenant with many . . .” The word for “many” in Hebrew in this verse is #7227 in *Strong's Concordance*, the word *rab*, meaning “abundant (in quantity, size, age, number, rank, quality).” It can refer to numbers, or even to a “captain, chief, great, lord, master,” or even “archer” (see also #7228 and #7229, all from the same root).

At this time the one who has been in the process of twisting Israel’s arm to force them to make “peace” with the Muslims and Palestinians, today, with more pressure than any previous administration, is none other than Barack Hussein Obama, the Muslim-American President of the United States!

In summer of 2015 Obama and the UN and European Union made a peace agreement with Iran giving that nation permission to acquire nuclear weapons in exchange for what?

### **The Nuclear Deal**

Like a snake oil salesman trying to move a gallon of lies by promising that it’s either buy the bottle or die, Obama sold the Iran deal as the only alternative to war. In fact the deal is a certain road to war.

Or as Churchill said, “You were given the choice between war and dishonor. You chose dishonor, and you will have war.” Before long, the British and French were facing Czech tanks redesignated as Panzers that had been seized as part of the Nazi spoils of appeasement.

When Obama claimed that the Iran nuclear deal was the only alternative to war, he was lying in more ways than one. The United States has already been dragged into Iran’s war for control of Iraq. That war was one of the levers that Iran exploited to get its way on its nuclear program. Iran also came close to dragging us into its war in Syria and we are hovering on the edge of being dragged into Yemen.

Iran and ISIS have done a thorough job of carving up entire countries into Shiite and Sunni blocs. And there’s no sign that this Islamic realignment of the Sykes Picot borders is going to stop. If the process continues, the scale and scope of the war will expand and transform the region away from nation states.

Everyone will have a choice between backing a Sunni ISIS or a Shiite ISIS. Obama chose the Shiite ISIS.

This would be happening even without the deal, but Iran’s victory and Obama’s appeasement will speed up the process. Russia is blatantly joining the Shiite military coalition as part of Tehran’s victory celebration. And the Russians aren’t there just to

protect Assad, but to push America out of the region. As areas of operations overlap, there will be incidents. And Obama will back off once again.

But it's not just about Syria. Iran promised its Russian and Chinese backers that they will benefit from a major regional realignment. Nations allied with the US will be overthrown or suppressed. And once that process really gets underway and will begin to threaten oil supplies, even a Democrat won't be able to stay out. But by then America will have little credibility, few allies and major strategic disadvantages.

The real test won't be in Syria. It has already come and gone in Yemen. It will probably come in Bahrain. Bahrain has a majority Shiite population and is the home of the Fifth Fleet. During the Arab Spring the Saudis put down Iran's "civilian" uprising in Bahrain using tanks. The next time, it won't be that easy for the House of Khalifa or the House of Saud. If there's one thing that Iran knows it's how to arm and train insurgencies and this time around its bid for a takeover of Bahrain will have Russian backing.

Iran's Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain played a significant role in the Arab Spring protests under the umbrella of political Islam and human rights organizations. Iran's ideal game plan would be for its front groups to win Western political backing for a takeover the way that the Muslim Brotherhood did in Egypt. Turning over Bahrain to admirers of the Iranian Revolution would seem insane, but so was turning over Iran to Khomeini or Egypt to Al Qaeda's parent Muslim Brotherhood organization.

The Saudis have had to consider the possibility that Obama, Hillary or Biden would back Iran over the Saudis in Bahrain as they did in Iraq and Yemen. And they have been making their own plans.

Some months after Iran's Ahmadinejad visited Cairo and met with the Muslim Brotherhood's Morsi, the Saudis reversed the Qatari-Obama coup that had put the Muslim Brotherhood in power. As the deadline for last year's negotiations with Iran approached, the Saudis began dumping oil to hurt Russia and Iran. A similar Saudi move against Iran had helped bring on the Islamic Revolution. The Saudis probably don't expect to undo that disaster, but they were hoping to offset any Obama-backed Iranian recovery.

Instead of fighting to keep sanctions in place, the Saudis were instead poisoning the well.

Whether he understood it or not, by signing off on Iran's Shiite bomb, Obama was also signing off on an Egyptian-Saudi Sunni bomb. Israel's nuclear capability was tacitly understood as a defensive weapon of last resort that would not trigger a regional arms race. Genocidal military invasions of Israel came to an end and any weapons remained under wraps.

Iran however is not looking for a deterrent weapon against its neighbors. With the fall of Saddam, it faces no serious threat of invasion by Sunni forces. Today its nuclear program can have no other purpose except to expand its power and territory while forcing the United States out of the region. Nuking Israel would help seal its right to rule over the Muslim world while intimidating its enemies.

A Middle Eastern MAD with Iranians and Saudis in a nuclear standoff would be bad enough, but both powers have a long history of using terrorists to do their dirty work. And the transfer of nuclear materials to terrorists is a lot harder to track than ICBM launches.

Iran and Saudi Arabia getting the bomb won't be the end. It will only be the beginning. A decade ago, Iran had already funneled a billion dollars into helping Syria get its own nuclear reactor. A nuclear Iran will expand its points of proliferation to the Shiite regime in Baghdad, to Hezbollah in Lebanon and any other Shiite allied states it can set up. The Saudis will expand their own nuclear capabilities to their GCC allies and Egypt so that instead of two nuclear powers, there may be as many as ten nuclear nations.

Imagine the Cold War in miniature with a lot more proliferation and Jihadists with nukes on both sides.

That is what the Iran nuclear deal really means. Every Sunni kingdom will be glaring out from under its own nuclear shield as petty tyrants keep one finger on the populace and the other on the button. A single popular uprising could see nuclear weapons in the hands of Al Qaeda or ISIS.

Could this Iran deal be the "covenant" or agreement with "many" described and foretold to occur in the last days in Daniel chapter 9?

### **"And in the MIDST of the Week"**

Daniel goes on to say, "And in the midst of the [final] week [of years – seven years] he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate . . ."

Bible prophecy is often written in a manner that is NOT straightforward – in a vague, nebulous-appearing sense. The Hebrew language often makes for many interpretations because single words are often used with many different meanings, and the best meaning must often be determined by context. This leads to much subtlety and nuances of meaning.

In the passage just quoted, the subject of the entire passage, from verse 24 to verse 27, is the 70 WEEKS. As I have explained, we have seen the fulfillment of the first 69 weeks, or 483 years, leading up to the first coming of Messiah. The final week, then, must refer to the seven years (last week of days) leading up to the climax of the SECOND coming of the Messiah to inaugurate the Millennial rule of God upon the earth!

Therefore, when the passage states, “In the MIDST OF THE WEEK he shall cause sacrifice and oblation to cease,” this would be a clear reference to the FINAL WEEK OF THE PROPHECY! The final week under discussion is NOT necessarily the same week as the one just described, the “week” of the confirming of a very important “treaty” or “agreement” on the world scene. The two weeks are not necessarily one and the same thing. They could, however, be parallel or overlap each other, or run concurrently.

### **The 6,000 Year Plan of God**

Notice! According to Jewish history and tradition, and early Christian traditions and beliefs, God Almighty is working out a 6,000 year plan on this earth with humankind. This plan began in 4004 B.C., according to the chronology of Archbishop James Ussher, whose Biblical chronology is the best one I’ve seen so far. This plan of God is based on the “seven day week.” According to the apostle Peter, one day is with God as a “thousand years,” and a thousand years as “one day” (II Pet.3:8-10).

Thus in God's Plan, the first six days of the week picture the first 6,000 years of mankind on earth. The weekly Sabbath, or seventh day, pictures the Millennial kingdom of God (compare Rev.20:4; Heb.4:4-11). Therefore, it will last 1,000 years! This indicates that the previous “six” days would last 6,000 years!

However, according, to the book of Jubilees, Jewish literature written by Levites and priests during the intertestamental period, about 150-200 B.C., there is strong reason to believe that Adam and Eve did not sin, and forsake the ways of God, until seven years had passed in the Garden of Eden. For the proof of this, read my article *The 6,000 Year Plan of God – Are We Nearing the End of the World?* Therefore, they did not come under the influence of Satan the devil, and begin their “work” week, until 3997 B.C.

Notice:

“And during the first week of the first jubilee Adam and his wife had been in the garden of Eden for SEVEN YEARS tilling and guarding it. And we gave him work and we were teaching him to do everything which was appropriate for tilling. And he was tilling. And he was naked, but he neither knew it nor was he ashamed. And he was guarding the garden from the birds and beasts and cattle and gathering its fruits and eating. And he used to set aside the rest for himself and his wife. And what was being guarded he set aside.

“At the END OF SEVEN YEARS which he completed there, SEVEN YEARS EXACTLY, in the second month on the seventeenth day, the serpent came and drew near to the woman” (Jubilees 3:15-17).

As we know, Eve and Adam both sinned, were enticed into transgression, and banished from the Garden. This occurred most likely, therefore, seven years after their original creation, in 4004 B.C. – or in the year 3997 B.C. The seven years of idyllic

paradise should not be counted in the 6,000 years during which mankind has been subject to the “god of this world,” Satan the Adversary (II Cor.4:4, Eph.2:2).

However, even as there was a seven year period of peace and harmony, in the beginning, so there will be a final seven year period of the exact opposite – war, woe, horror and great destruction – in the earth – Daniel’s seventieth week – the last week of his prophecy – which is brought forcibly to a conclusion only by the swift arrival and intervention in human affairs by the Messiah Yeshua!

This means the final seven years of this age ends or terminates with the coming of the Messiah!

It is independent of that great event. The Oslo Accords began in 1993 and ended in 2000 A.D. as a failure. They lasted seven years. But the final week of this age, is still to come! When will it occur?

How close are we to the END?

Let’s notice carefully!

### **The Final “Week”**

The Hebrew word for “weeks” in the prophecy of the 70 weeks, is the word *shavuot*. It also designates the “Feast of Shavuot,” or “Feast of Weeks,” which follows Passover, fifty days later. We are told to “count seven weeks,” till the 50<sup>th</sup> day, from the day after Passover, counting beginning Nisan 16, and the fiftieth day is “Shavuot,” the Feast of Weeks. Its name is derived from the counting of seven weeks from Passover, thus, “Feast of Weeks.”

The Hebrew word Shavuot, therefore, also refers to an ANNUAL HOLY DAY, which is counted, and looked forward to with great expectancy and joy. Anciently, it represented the day of the covenant God made with Israel on that day at Mount Sinai.

The Hebrew word “Shavuot” literally means #7620, *shavua*, (plural *Shavuot*), and means “literally *sevens*, *i.e. a week*.” It also means, #7621, “something sworn, an oath.” It was at Mount Sinai, after a period of seven sevens, that the Feast of Shavuot was arrived at, and it was the day God and Israel swore an “Oath” – a Covenant of Marriage.

So literally, the prophecy of Daniel is the prophecy of “seventy sevens” or even “seventy Shavuot” – that is, Festivals of Shavuot. If we look at it that way, then seventy such Festivals would equal 70 years, as the Feast occurs once a year!

Now, let’s take a fresh look at this intriguing prophecy.

“Seventy weeks [Shavuot] are determined.” Seventy Feasts of Shavuot would be 70 years!

“. . . for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression . . . to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.” (verse 24).

So this prophecy says (also) that there will be seventy years to the end point – the end of the age and the coming of the Messiah and the Kingdom of God, ending the period of man’s transgression on the earth.

“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince . . . (v.25). The United Nations voted to partition Israel in November 1947, and Israel became a state May 14, 1948. Both of these occurred during the Hebrew year 5708.

“There shall be seven weeks and sixty two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall [of protection], even in troublesome times” (v.25b). Seven “weeks” also means “seven Shavuot,” or Feasts of Weeks – meaning “seven years.” Sixty two “weeks” likewise can mean 62 years. So we have a period of seven years, and a period of 62 years. From Israel’s inception in 1948, there was war. The nation was born in a bloodbath as surrounding Arab nations immediately attacked.

In May, 1948, Israel had to fight the surrounding Arab nations which invaded her territory, and the following years were “troublesome times.” War again broke out in 1956, and in 1967 the “Six Day War” was fought, and the “Yom Kippur War” in 1973, then the invasion of Lebanon in 1982, and the subsequent Palestinian intifada, lasting to the present time.

“And after the sixty two weeks Messiah [anointed one] shall be cut off . . .”

62 “weeks” is also 62 Shavuot = 62 Shavuot or “years.” From 1948, counting 62 years, brings us to 2010 A.D.

After these “62” Shavuot, ending in 2010, the “anointed one” – a designation for the *anointed people of God, Israel* – shall be “cut off” – that is, begin to be “cut off” as a nation, as a people, and destroyed.

What happened in 2010? The Muslim Barack Hussein Obama became president of the world’s last remaining superpower, the United States, and began compromising Israel’s security, independence, and forcefully turning against America’s only true ally in the Middle East. Currying favor with the Arab oil producing nations, he has begun cutting Israel off at the knees. Denying them missiles and bunker-busting bombs. Threatening them with sanctions, and trade embargoes. Treating their diplomats and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with contempt, hostility, scorn and derision.

Israel has begun to be “cut off” – the anointed people are being persecuted by their supposed sole remaining “friend” and ally in all the world.

“And the people [army] of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. . .” (verse 26).

Israel will be invaded! Desolations and destruction will rage and follow till the end of the period of conflict and warfare.

“Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering” (v.27).

If this “covenant” is the false “peace agreement” with Iran, then this agreement was signed in 2015 and went into effect in January, 2016, when the United States began to release the 100 billion it has withheld from Iran, and implementing the agreement.

The final “week” – THE FINAL SEVEN YEARS – would then be from summer of 2015 or January 2016 to summer of 2022 or January 2023 – this would be the *last week of years!*

In the middle of this final period of years, the world, under the United Nations, and the Secretary-General, perhaps Barack Obama himself, will cause the Temple sacrifices and prayers at the Temple of God to cease being offered. The “dark prince”, aka “Antichrist,” will force them to stop.

“And on the wing of ABOMINATIONS shall be *one who makes desolate*, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate [or, desolator, marginal reading]” (verse 27b).

This scenario would constitute a shocking, incredible new view of Daniel’s 70 weeks prophecy, as it applies to the END TIME, – a pattern of fulfillment beginning in 1948. It, like the original fulfillment, would be divided into 2 parts: 62 years, ending in 2010 and the beginning of the intifada and the “cutting off” of Israel; and part 2, the “final eight years” – the seven years of the final week, and the year of the coming of the Messiah. This period would possibly indicate the coming of Christ would occur in 2022 or 2023 – about seven years from *NOW!* Between the two parts of the prophecy would be an interregnum of years, from 2010 to 2016.

Could this be the final countdown to the coming of the Messiah?

Note that this incredible prophecy has many levels. It correctly predicted the first coming of the Messiah, as the Lamb of God who was sacrificed, to the *very year* He began His ministry – 27 A.D.!

This mind-boggling prophecy also may predict the SECOND and FINAL coming of the Messiah – 2022-23 A.D.!!!

### The End of the Age

Now notice! The “prince” causes sacrifice and offering to cease in the “MIDST” of the final week – or middle. Half-way through a week is 3 1/2 days. Since this is a prophetic week, it refers to 3 1/2 years. Thus the prince and his forces will “rule” over the holy city and its environs for the last 3 1/2 years of this age. This coincides with the 42 months mentioned in Revelation 11 – for 42 months equals 3 1/2 years!

This desecration of the newly established Temple or Sanctuary is also mentioned in other prophecies in Daniel. Notice! Daniel 11 describes what will happen this way:

“Ships from Kittim will come against him. He will be checked, and will turn back, RAGING AGAINST THE HOLY COVENANT. Having done his pleasure, he will then attend to THOSE WHO FORSAKE THE HOLY COVENANT [apostate, renegade Jewish and Christian leaders]. Forces will be levied by him; they will DESECRATE THE TEMPLE, the fortress; they will ABOLISH THE REGULAR OFFERING and set up the appalling abomination [probably either a statue of the "prince" himself]. He will flatter with smooth words those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people devoted to their God will stand firm. The knowledgeable among the people will make the many understand; and for a while they shall fall by sword and flame, suffer captivity and spoilation. In defeat, they will receive a little help, and many will join them insincerely. Some of the knowledgeable will fall, that they may be refined and purged and whitened until the TIME OF THE END, for an interval still remains until the appointed time” (Dan. 11:30-35).

This evil end-time tyrant, the head of a coming “New International Order” or modern version of the ancient “Holy Roman Empire” of the Middle Ages, will “do as he pleases; he will *exalt and magnify himself* [he has a terrible case of inflated vanity and supreme egotism!] above every god, and he will speak awful things against the God of gods. He will prosper until wrath is spent, and what has been decreed is accomplished” (Dan. 11:36).

Do we know any world leader today who is so wrapped up in himself, cloaked in vanity and supreme ego?

This flattering, insincere, very savvy “king,” this end-time political figure, is also referred to in Daniel’s prophecy as a “contemptible man” (Dan. 11:21), or “a vile person” (NKJV), a “despicable creature” (Moffatt translation), who will “come in unawares and seize the kingdom through trickery” – “intrigue” (KKJV) – he will gain the leadership of the coming New World Order by cunning wisdom and sleight-of-hand, using deceitful, underhanded and devious means (Dan. 11:21). Moffatt translates, “by means of specious promises he shall *pervert* those who bring guilt upon the nation” (Dan.11:32).

Does this not sound like the way Barack Obama became president of the United States? Trickery, deceit, blandishments, smiles, charisma, promises, chants, slogans, songs, spell-binding mass hypnotism, illusion, magic, perversion, fraud! Born in Kenya, yet claiming birth in Hawaii, despite the available evidence. The world has been

deceived. Satan has inspired his servant and prophecy will show the conclusion of the diabolical hoax.

Our present world is an age of savage and vehement apostasy. It will be unmatched in all the annals of the history of mankind. Blood will flow in rivers. Billions will die in thermonuclear and chemical-biological warfare that is soon to rise up in our faces.

Moffatt translates Daniel 9:27 as follows: “For a week of years *the main body of the people shall cease to practice their religion*; for half of that time sacrifice and offering shall cease, and instead of this there shall be an *appalling abomination*, till finally the appointed doom falls upon the sacrilegious abomination.”

*This upcoming final week of years on the earth will be ‘HELL WEEK’!*

This would suggest that 2016 and the peace agreement with Iran could be the beginning of the final SEVEN YEARS OF WOE of this age, the antithesis of the peaceful, wonderful “7 years of Adam and Eve in the garden” before they were kicked out. Instead of being seven years of bliss and happiness, however, these final seven years will be seven years of unimaginable, unparalleled WOE and SUFFERING on the earth, the “times of Jacob's trouble” (Jeremiah 30:6-8), and corresponding to the final “seven times” or seven years of punishments God will inflict on His people for their rebellion against His covenant – His laws (see Lev.26:18, 21, 24, 28).

This final period of time corresponds to the “crisis at the close” spoken of by Daniel – a “time of trouble” such as has never been upon the earth in all its gory, bloody, sanguinary, cruel history (Daniel 12:1). Daniel was told, “And now, O Daniel, keep all this a closed secret and keep the book shut as a secret, *till the crisis at the END*; err then many shall give way and trouble shall be multiplied on earth” (Dan.12:4, Moffatt).

The revelation was to be hidden away; stashed secretly. Daniel, fascinated, was told, “Ask no more, Daniel, for the revelation is to be kept secret and close, **TILL THE CRISIS AT THE CLOSE**. Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the evil shall do evilly; none of the evil shall understand things, it is the pious who understand” (Dan.12:9-10, Moffatt).

No man knows the exact day or hour of the Messiah's coming. Yeshua declared, “Now no one knows anything of that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, not even the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32). In fact, Messiah went on, “Take care, keep awake and pray; you never know the time. It is like a man leaving his house to go abroad; he puts his servants in charge, each with his work to do, and he orders the porter to keep watch. Watch then, for you never know when the Lord of the House will come, in the late evening or at midnight or at cock-crow or in the morning. Watch, in case he comes suddenly and finds you asleep. Watch: I say it to you, and I say it to all” (Mark 13:34-37).

We must never assume that we know all the answers. But could it be possible that for those of us who live at this special time, that God has given us special new insight into the year and time of His return? World troubles are escalating rapidly and the time is drawing near – it is even at the doors!

### **The Second Coming**

Turning and turning in the widening gyre  
 The falcon cannot hear the falconer;  
 Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
 Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,  
 The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
 The ceremony of innocence is drowned;  
 The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
 Are full of passionate intensity.

Surely some revelation is at hand;  
 Surely the Second Coming is at hand.  
 The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out  
 When a vast image out of *Spiritus Mundi*  
 Troubles my sight: somewhere in sands of the desert  
 A shape with lion body and the head of a man,  
 A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,  
 Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it  
 Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.

The darkness drops again; but now I know  
 That twenty centuries of stony sleep  
 Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,  
 And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,  
 Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

-- W. B. Yeats

# Prophecy Briefs

## President Obama Wants to Rule the World

Everything is truly speeding up, faster and faster. The US Media are covering up much important news that affects all of us.

This is major, big news for me, the first time I heard this.

You have to realize that Obama will be like no other Secretary General of the United Nations before him.

The tyrant with a pen and a phone will rule with the same, and **more, much, much more** Imperial and Satanic arrogance as he has done from the White House.

It puts into the spotlight Bible prophecies of the anti Christ who emerges during the final waning days of mans rule on earth before Messiah Jesus returns to rule the nations from Jerusalem.



Since its creation, the United Nations has always been at its best, a failure, a weak form of Global government.

I think that was Satan's plan all along until the right man came along!

It has begun to grow sharp, independent, sovereign nation breaking teeth with Agenda 21 and many, many other global initiatives. Even Washington is now driven to dump the

Constitution and submit to global governance by the U.N.

Only one thing stands in the way now, Christian's with their God who rules over them instead of the elite, demon led and inspired, globalist UN masters and the false god they choose to lead them.

The globalist elite know that they need a major catastrophe or two to really make their long desired totalitarian global government dream a living, breathing reality.

I believe that will happen after WW III, everything will fall into place, including the one who has been prepared by Satan to head this emerging, extremely powerful global government that will crush all opposition. The nations of the world are almost ready to demand a strong world government and a strong leader to insure the survival of the earth, and usher in a draconian peace.

A man with a phone and a pen who rules by self decree without need for the consent of Congress or the people is now in the open seeking such global power.

It's becoming more and more possible that the one who is imbued with the pride of Lucifer might be the one.

We can already see how he could 'deceive even the elect' with so many Christian's looking for their latest false political messiah to lead them to victory (not spiritual victory) in the 2016 elections. (Marcell Cousineau RebelPlanet Dispatchd.blogspot, Jan.2016).

## Obama Aspires to be King of the World

As if the world has not had enough of Barack Hussein Obama as the Dictator in Chief of the United States – he is now aspiring to succeed Ban Ki-moon of South Korea as the Secretary

General of the U.N. Big plans, Mr. Obama; but it seems that it may be payback time for PM Netanyahu – and rightfully so.

After all, Obama has done his very best to harm Israel in his eight years of tyranny. America has never had a president who loathes Israel as this man does. His agreement with Iran, which basically allows them to make and use nuclear weapons without interference from the U.S., flies in the face of Israel, and puts them in harms way.

Obama attempted to thwart the reelection of Netanyahu by sending his minions over to Israel to rally the liberals. God had other ideas, and PM Netanyahu won the election, much to Obama's chagrin.

The United Nations has shown utter contempt for Israel. The silent stare of PM Netanyahu will never be forgotten, when he accused the assembly of wanting to destroy his people:

From the [Jerusalem Post](#):

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“Wasn't eight years of having Obama in office enough?” Netanyahu is quoted in the Kuwaiti daily as telling associates. “Eight years during which he ignored Israel? And now he wants to be in a position that is liable to cause us hardships in the international arena.”

PM Netanyahu has every right to be angry at Obama. Israel has never seen the likes of this president since the establishment of the Jewish State in 1948.

The article goes on:

“A source close to Netanyahu did not deny to Al-Jarida that the premier is aiming to “torpedo the Obama project,” noting that “his presidency was characterized by [Washington's] moving closer to the Muslim Brotherhood, toppling the regime of Hosni Mubarak, and attempts to ally itself with political Islam.”

“Obama's term is ending with him forging an alliance with Iran, coming to an agreement with it on its nuclear program which in the end will result in a similar scenario that took place with North Korea,” the aide said.

“Israel will not allow this to happen,” the source is quoted as saying. “It will take all of the necessary steps to prevent Iran from manufacturing a nuclear weapon either covertly or overtly.”

2016 will prove to be a most interesting year on the world stage. (Geri Ungorean, Jan.8, 2016).

### **Obama Wants to be UN Chief**

Barack Obama has dreams of having an unelected position of power from which he can dictate his wishes to the entire globe. But, if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has anything to say about it, Obama will never be the UN Chief.

According to recent reports, Netanyahu is slighted over Obama's foreign policy, especially his role in the Iranian Nuclear Deal, which the Israeli Prime Minister feels puts Israel in grave danger. Now, Netanyahu is planning his payback by rallying Arab leaders to deny Barack Obama in his plan to succeed Ban Ki-moon as the United Nations' Secretary-General.

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*Al-Jarida* quoted sources as saying that Obama has already discussed the issue of running for secretary-general with Democrats, Republicans, and Jewish officials in the US.

The sources said that once Netanyahu got wind of Obama's plans, the prime minister began to make efforts to submarine what he has referred to as "the Obama project."

"Wasn't eight years of having Obama in office enough?" Netanyahu is quoted in the *Kuwaiti* daily as telling associates. "Eight years during which he ignored Israel? And now he wants to be in a position that is liable to cause us hardships in the international arena."

The newspaper cited the widely acknowledged fact that personal ties between Netanyahu and Obama are frayed. (The *Libertarian*, Keith Farrell, Jan.8, 2016).

### **Obama's Bid for Secretary-General Has Begun**

**Multilateralism:** It is commonly observed that President Obama never started governing because he never stopped campaigning. He campaigned in his West Point speech all right — for United Nations secretary-general.

We've got a president who has unblushingly told us he's "a better speechwriter than my speechwriters," knows "more about policies on any particular issue than my policy directors" and is "a better political director than my political director."

Not to mention that "like any politician at this level, I've got a healthy ego." Uh, no kidding.

An intellect that enormous must feel confined by merely leading the free world (or, more accurately, not leading). Such boundless cerebral prowess deserves a real challenge, such as running the whole world.

The president obviously agrees; his address to cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on Wednesday sounded much like the launch of a campaign for still-higher office: presiding over the hopelessly corrupt, tyrant-dominated United Nations.

After briefly giving lip service to the U.S. using "military force, unilaterally if necessary, when our core interests demand it," Obama quickly placed America under the U.N. umbrella. When faced with crises that "do not directly threaten us," he said, "we must mobilize allies and partners to take collective action."

Great wartime presidents never had to boast of U.S. power; they used it. But "those who think America is weak are wrong" was the theme of Obama's speech.

Those "who suggest that America is in decline, or has seen its global leadership slip away, are either misreading history or engaged in partisan politics," Obama claimed. "Think about it. Our military has no peer."

There's a similarity to Jimmy Carter's 1979 "malaise" speech, touting "the outward strength of America, a nation that is at peace tonight everywhere in the world, with unmatched economic power and military might." Six months later, Soviet tanks rolled into Afghanistan, and less than a year after that Ronald Reagan was called in to rebuild the Pentagon and a battered U.S. economy.

"I believe in American exceptionalism with every fiber of my being," Obama told the cadets, but he defined that as the willingness to affirm "international norms ... through our actions."

The Nobel Peace Prize Committee gave Obama its award on spec, less than nine months after his inauguration in 2009, to promote "multilateral diplomacy" and an "emphasis on the role that the United Nations and other international institutions can play."

Now the U.N., acting similarly, can make him "president of the world." Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's term expires in early 2017. If Obama were his successor, the U.S., even under a Republican administration, might not veto an ex-U.S. president in the Security Council.

Who would the U.N. like better as secretary-general than an American who wants the world's lone superpower placed firmly under the rules made by the U.N. General Assembly, the vast majority of whose members are undemocratic and pine for redistributed U.S. wealth?

A secretary-general who can get the U.S. to accept U.N. rule. (Investor's Business Daily, June 28, 2014).

### **Fecklessness has its rewards: Barack Obama will be the next UN Secretary General**

Reading the news that the US was preparing to cede control of the internet to "the world community," a.k.a. Red China, Russia, Iran, Syria, Venezuela, Cuba, North Korea, et al, was at first a head-scratcher. Why? What's Obama doing? It makes no sense. He'll piss off even a lot of Democrats. He's not THAT stupid.

That was soon followed by the "AHA!!!!" moment. Now it ALL makes sense, a LOT OF SENSE!!!

It's obvious that Obama loves campaigning, he's just not that into governing. He does, however, have one more campaign in him.... he's now running to be the next Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Obama's term expires Jan 20th, 2017. In case you hadn't noticed, the term of the current SecGen expires on Dec 31, 2016.

What does the SecGen do? Actually, pretty much nothing. Gives some speeches, chairs a few meetings, attends lots of receptions and parties, and flies around the world a lot. The job comes with a lot of perks, including a five story town house on Sutton Place, lots of staff, a practically unlimited budget. There's nothing to well, govern. The UN charter does not list any specific duties or responsibilities in that regard. No pesky rules or regulations, like a Constitution, to be concerned with. It's perfect for Obama. And let's not forget all those great golf courses in the metropolitan area.

The UN Charter provides that the Secretary General shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Security Council. As the five permanent members of the council have veto powers, Obama has to get the approval of Russia and China, and he's in.

Historically, the job of Secretary General went to a neutral, or third world power, as during the

cold war era the USA and USSR would veto anyone from the opposite faction.

And if there are any murmurs of opposition to Obama, well..look for Obama to fess up that he's really Kenyan, after all...and thus a "third-worlder."

The UN is becoming more and more irrelevant. The Secretary General has less impact than a Cabinet undersecretary. I'd wager that 95% of Americans couldn't name the current Secretary General ( *Go ahead, can you???* See what I mean..) A GOP president, with a GOP controlled Congress, might well move to cut the US appropriation to the UN, which would really mess thing up over in Turtle Bay.

The Obamas could, in an instant turn things around, and put the UN on the front page. Imagine Barack and Michelle ensconced in NYC, to the adulation of an adoring media. The UN might even be able to get its expansion plans off the ground..( and in the process, construct a big new office from which Obama could survey the world)

So all he has to do is win the support of Russia and Red China. The US, Britain, and France will support him. Let's face it, a President Lyndon LaRouche, let alone a President Rand Paul, wouldn't dare oppose Obama.

So if we view all of Obama's policies and decisions in the light of attempting to curry favor with the Russians and Red Chinese, well..it starts to make sense.

\*Allow Red China's massive military build-up to go unopposed. Instead, pull back US forces in the Pacific, and reduce our ability to project force. "*Carriers? We don't need no stinkin'carriers.*" Obama's allowing the Chinese to dominate the region.

\*Libya, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Ukraine. I mean, could Putin ask for anything more than what Obama's allowing him to get away with?

\*Obama's environmental and economic policies are badly hurting the US economy, while allowing China to continue massive economic expansion, and the accompanying pollution it brings. Russia will continue to have a market for

its energy exports to western Europe, and the political power that comes with the ability to turn off the valves, and/or jack up the prices.

\*And now we're handing over control of the Internet to whom?...yup..the bad guys.

Just a few.....there are many more.

Obama told Putin that he'd have more "flexibility" after the election. He surely has demonstrated that.

Ask yourself, why would the Russians and the Red Chinese oppose Obama as the next Secretary General? He's giving them all they could ask for now. What more could they want?

And as for Obama, it's a perfect fit, even more than it's the ideal job description for him. After all, what's the guy gonna do next? He's young, too young to retire to Hawaii and play golf. Teach law? Lecture? Nah...He can't be a senior statesman for the Democrat party. By the time he leaves, the Dems will be in the electoral wasteland, having lost control of the Congress and the White House, not to mention most state houses. He will have succeeded, wildly so, in "fundamentally transforming..the Democrat party." Democrats will soon look upon Carter with fond memories.

Simply put, there's no room for Obama and Clinton on the same stage. What's Barry gonna do..another "global initiative?" Nope. But the guy does have a monstrous ego, laced with narcissism, that needs an outlet. Remember the Greek pillars ? The vow to make the oceans obey his commands? He needs a stage, a platform.....

And where better than at the UN, "ruling the world." And BTW, there's no pesky rule in the UN charter limiting him to two terms. (Redstate.com, March 17, 2014).

### **Obama for UN Secretary General?**

Throughout the 2008 Presidential campaign and after Obama was elected, there were many blogs, comments, and social media essays purporting that Obama may be the antichrist. I don't believe he is, but that dramatic feeling

swept the country among Christians and I firmly believe there was a reason so *many* people felt that way. Collectively, we are not often touched with a similarly strong feeling of spiritual evil- so there must be some basis for it. At the very least, he obviously has a front and center prophetic role to play in the eternal will of God at the close of this Church Age.

It is plain to see that Obama has no real interest in the job he occupies at the time - and he never occupies it for long. As community organizer he was accused of being distant and unfocused. As Law Professor (glorified adjunct, really) he was **and still is** accused of being distant and unfocused. As State Senator he was accused of being distant and unfocused (he voted 'present' 129 times). As President he is accused of being distant and unfocused. He plays golf a lot. He vacations a lot.

The unsaved are usually restless- always seeking the next thing that will fill that hole in them (but never does). Obama seems to have a unique amount of restlessness and lust for power and adoration. Earlier this year and also last year I wrote about the signals that some thought Obama was emitting to be the Muslim Caliphate, that is, the Islamic leader of all the world's Muslims. He might indeed be acceptable for that position. Ruling over 1.4 billion people is a nice job if you can get it, and Ayatollah Durrani seemed inclined to endow Obama with the credentials.

In 2007 when Obama was campaigning, the US was arguably still the world's only super power, claiming hegemony in all arenas and using that clout to fulfill the vision George Bush had for promoting the Good. But what job does one seek after being the leader of the richest and most influential nation in the free world? Why, the World's leader of course.

This is the story that won't go away. It's come up in several times over the years. In 2009, a blogger mused on it. In 2010, the UK Telegraph mused on it. This week in 2011, The American Thinker magazine mused on it. Will Obama's next job be Secretary General of the United Nations?

It kind of makes sense in the deep spiritual portion of our brain, doesn't it? The Secretary-General was envisioned by US President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a "world

moderator." The UN's page about the position says that it is "Equal parts diplomat and advocate, civil servant and CEO, the Secretary-General is a symbol of United Nations ideals and a spokesman for the interests of the world's peoples..." 'Obama: World Leader.'

We know that the Tribulation will be a time when the world's political and geo-national boundaries will be reformed. After the Gog-Magog war prophesied in Ezekiel 38-39, Israel will wind up with four times as much land as they have now, including parts of Egypt, and Lebanon, Syria etc. We don't know exactly how the world will be drawn together in the prophesied ten nations, (Rev 17:12-14). Some think there will be ten regions, some think the regions will be ten members of the European Union, but it is clear that global power is tightly controlled and rests with these ten kings under the evil direction of the antichrist.

The current UN Secretary Ban-Ki Moon was just re-appointed this week for another five-year term, which will begin Jan 2012 and end in 2017. Yes, he was re-appointed 6 months early to his next term. I don't know why the rush. Obama hurriedly joined his side to echo the chorus crying out for more of Moon's leadership and the deal was done. So the timing of an Obama UN position as Secretary General seems way off, because Obama won't end his Presidency until 2012 or if he wins re-election, 2016. The timing doesn't match up. But nothing is as it seems these days and anything can happen.

Obama showed his interest in world leadership early on. Remember Obama's unprecedented and possibly unconstitutional (Section 9) taking of the Chairmanship of the UN Security Council in 2009?? Never in the history of the United Nations had a U.S. President taken the chairmanship of the powerful UN Security Council. When the rotating chairmanship of the council went to the U.S., in normal course of business U.S. Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice would take the gavel. But Obama pushed her aside, and put HIMSELF in the chairman's seat, presiding over global nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament talks that began September 24, 2009. I was extremely discomfited by his move then, and I believed it signaled that the world will see a lot more of Obama in years to come, in whatever capacity is higher than US Presidency.

If Obama has designs on more power, being one

of ten world leaders as prophecy indicates, is a lot better than being one of 192, the number of nations there are now. So it seems Obama's future career path won't be one that sinks gently back into retirement as President Bush did, or even one filled with humanitarian causes as Bill Clinton is revered for, but one that will likely enjoy MORE power and attention than he has now. We can all intuit we have not seen the last of Obama. (the end-time blogspot, Sept.2011).

### **COULD BARACK OBAMA ACTUALLY BE THE ANTICHRIST?**

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 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?" (Revelation 13:1-4).

In 2008, my husband and I attended a church in Columbia, MD. I have written about this church in a couple of articles on raptureready.com. The church was more than half black and we loved it there. The head pastor was a black man. He was a great teacher of the Word. The worship was amazing, and Wednesday's prayer group was always packed with people. We felt blessed to be in that church.

The campaign for the upcoming election was in full swing. In my naiveté, I was convinced that the black people in this church would surely not vote for Obama. I thought that they would be well aware of his Socialism, close ties with Planned Parenthood and would know about his radical friends, i.e. Bill Ayers and many others. They saw the news and they had to have seen Reverend Jeremiah Wright spewing his hate-filled Black Liberation Theology sermons. Obama sat under that teaching for twenty years.

One evening, I felt compelled to search the internet about my head pastor, to see if I could find anything regarding his opinion of Obama. The pastor was quite famous for many books he had written, so I felt that perhaps I could find statements he made on the upcoming election.

I did find a website with exactly the information which I was seeking. They were interviewing my pastor and another black lady, who was the head of Black Conservatives of America. My pastor was an Obama man, and I felt literally sick in my stomach.

I called him at his office the next day and told him what I had found. We talked for hours about Obama. I asked him if he was aware of the alarming facts about this man – he was well aware. But he shocked me with a question:

“Are you one of those white people who think that Obama is the Antichrist?”

I was speechless and angry that he would ask that. I almost didn’t answer, but then said that I did not believe that. We finally ended our conversation. I continued to send him information about BHO via email. This pastor finally blocked my email account, and also told his secretary not to take my calls. It goes without saying that my husband and I left that church.

For many years I have dismissed the possibility that Obama could be the Antichrist. I think that it was due mostly to my studying of End Times prophecy, and always looking for the Antichrist to be from either Italy, Greece or a country in close proximity to these countries. I suppose you might say that I had tunnel vision.

I knew that this man was evil to his core. But there have been many evil men down through history. But there was something different about Obama. Even from the start, when he would speak to the crowds while campaigning, there was something about his voice. I couldn’t listen to it and neither could my husband. It was offensive to me in a way that is hard to explain. I had to shut him off. I believe now that it was the Holy Spirit giving me wisdom about this man.

He had such a hold over his followers. It was hard to watch. Then came the “Messiah” jokes. People were worshiping him.

Today, I saw an article from CNN which astounded me. I don’t watch or read CNN as a rule, but this piece gripped me. It was as though God Himself was opening my eyes and giving me a glimpse of reality.

The article is called The Obamification of Pope Francis. It is obviously written to poke fun at the so-called conspiracy theorists.

Here is the link:

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/09/13/us/pope-obama-critics/index.html>

(CNN) Some pontiffs have been beatified or canonized, but Pope Francis is receiving a far more dubious honor.

He’s being “Obamified.”

The charismatic Pope, who arrives in the United States on September 22, has gained fans in and out of the Catholic Church for denouncing unfettered capitalism, warning about climate change and urging mercy toward divorced couples and women who have had abortions.

He’s also sparked a strange trend. The same political slurs and conspiracy theories that critics have used against President Barack Obama are now being deployed against Pope Francis. One critic even says the two leaders have morphed into one sinister figure he calls “Popama.”

The Obamification of Pope Francis includes charges from conservative critics that he’s either a socialist, the Antichrist, an illegitimately elected leader who wants to create a “New World Order” — or all of the above. Their anxiety was captured by the headline of one online column: “Pope Francis is the Catholic Church’s Obama — God help us.”

The CNN piece goes on to make fun of how the Obamification of the pope is happening:

No. 1: He’s a stealth socialist

No. 2: He’s the Antichrist

No. 3: He’s on an ‘Apology Tour’

Of course, CNN is reporting all of this with tongue in cheek, as they portray anyone who holds these beliefs or at least is wondering if these things could be true — as right wing nuts.

More from the article:

“Meanwhile, Francis has warmed up to Islam like no other Pope before him. In a historic first, Francis opened the door to Muslim prayers and Quran readings at the Vatican last year. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli President Shimon Peres joined the pontiff in the Vatican gardens for a prayer meeting.” Still, the Pope and the President are different in at least one crucial way, says Earle Scarlett, a retired U.S. diplomat who writes about religion. While arguing that Obama and Francis share a yearning for economic justice, Scarlett says Francis is freer than Obama to pursue his vision because the same checks and balances that stymie the power of the presidency don’t exist in the Vatican.”

Oh, really? Checks and balances keep Obama in line? That is ludicrous and even CNN knows it. This president has been able to push legislation down the throats of the American people as if it’s a magic act! Think of Obamacare. And he has signed more executive orders than any other president in history, when Congress is not in session.

And even when he does things which are glaringly unconstitutional, he gets a pass. I’ve watched as he is “transforming” America and I simply shake my head at this point. I’m numb, and I know that many of you know that feeling.

#### POPE FRANCIS

I have written in prior articles, that I do believe that Pope Francis is the False Prophet. There are so many compelling reasons why he meets the criteria for being the False Prophet. To avoid redundancy, please refer to my other articles on Pope Francis.

After he meets with Obama, he will travel to NYC to be the keynote speaker for the Sustainable Development Goals summit at the United Nations. His main topic: Climate Change.

I want to qualify this article and my views about Pope Francis and Barack Obama, with saying that *no* man or woman knows with certainty who the False Prophet and Antichrist will be. I am offering the readers food for thought, if you will.

Things are happening so quickly, really at breakneck speed.

These things are important to know about and talk about. We are close to the end (I believe) and these alarming events happening in the world could very well be used as a way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost.

#### OBAMA AND THE IRANIAN NUKES DEAL

I have always said to my husband that everything BHO does is calculated. Through the years, we have watched him cozy up to our enemies, especially in the Middle East. We have watched as he has turned his back on our one true friend in the ME – Israel. He loathes PM Netanyahu and all of Israel.

Netanyahu felt it necessary to come earlier this year, to address our Congress about the “bad deal” and pleaded with Congress to do what they could to stop this deal. He wanted the sanctions against Iran to stay in place, and for negotiations to cease.

Obama would not even meet with PM Netanyahu. The hatred that our president has for Bibi and for Israel is alarming.

Many times I sit and wonder why Obama is so adamant about the Iranian deal. It struck me that perhaps he is setting up the U.S. for an attack from which we will not recover. I’m sorry if that is a scary thought, brethren, but this is a scary world right now.

I believe that there is a very good chance that BHO will eventually be the head of the U.N. I believe that there is also a very good chance that he IS the Antichrist of which the Bible speaks. Praise God that we will not be here.

Another thing that struck me was realizing that for Satan to use the body of a black man is brilliant in a diabolical way. Remember how no one could say anything negative about Obama, without being called a racist? Now think about the entire world when Obama presides over the United Nations.

As I said, I am not saying these things with absolute certainty. But there is something

happening in my spirit which compels me to write this piece.

Pray about this as you think about it. Time is short. (Geri Ungurean, Sept.17 2015).

### **Royal Bank of Scotland Says “Sell Everything” – Cataclysmic Year Ahead!**

The Royal Bank of Scotland is telling clients that 2016 is going to be a "cataclysmic year" and that they should "sell everything". This sounds like something that you might hear from The Economic Collapse Blog, but up until just recently you would have never expected to get this kind of message from one of the twenty largest banks on the entire planet.

Unfortunately, this is just another indication that a major global financial crisis has begun and that we are now entering a bear market. The collective market value of companies listed on the S&P 500 has dropped by about a trillion dollars since the start of 2016, and panic is spreading like wildfire all over the globe.

And of course when the Royal Bank of Scotland comes out and openly says that "investors should be afraid" that certainly is not going to help matters.

It amazes me that the Royal Bank of Scotland is essentially saying the exact same thing that I have been saying for months. Just like I have been telling my readers, RBS has observed that global markets "are flashing the same stress alerts as they did before the Lehman crisis in 2008"...

RBS has advised clients to brace for a "cataclysmic year" and a global deflationary crisis, warning that the major stock markets could fall by a fifth and oil may reach US\$16 a barrel.

The bank's credit team said markets are flashing the same stress alerts as they did before the Lehman crisis in 2008.

So what should our response be to these warning signs?

According to RBS, the logical thing to do is to "sell everything" except for high quality bonds...

"Sell everything except high quality bonds," warned Andrew Roberts in a note this week.

He said the bank's red flags for 2016 – falling oil, volatility in China, shrinking world trade, rising debt, weak corporate loans and deflation – had all been seen in just the first week of trading.

"We think investors should be afraid," he said.

And of course RBS is not the only big bank issuing these kinds of ominous warnings.

The biggest bank in America, J.P. Morgan Chase, is "urging investors to sell stocks on any bounce"...

J.P. Morgan Chase has turned its back on the stock market: For the first time in seven years, the investment bank is urging investors to sell stocks on any bounce.

"Our view is that the risk-reward for equities has worsened materially. In contrast to the past seven years, when we advocated using the dips as buying opportunities, we believe the regime has transitioned to one of selling any rally," Mislav Matejka, an equity strategist at J.P. Morgan, said in a report.

Aside from technical indicators, expectations of anemic corporate earnings combined with the downward trajectory in U.S. manufacturing activity and a continued weakness in commodities are raising red flags.

Major banks have not talked like this since the great financial crisis of 2008/2009. Clearly something really big is going on. Trillions of dollars of financial wealth were wiped out around the world during the last six months of 2015, and trillions more dollars have been wiped out during the first 12 days of 2016. As I noted above, the collective market value of the S&P 500 is down by about a trillion dollars all by itself.

One of the big things driving all of this panic is the stunning collapse in the price of oil. U.S. oil was trading as low as \$29.93 a barrel on Tuesday, and this was the first time that oil has traded under 30 dollars a barrel since December 2003.

Needless to say, this collapse is absolutely killing energy companies. The following comes from

USA Today&

There aren't many people who feel bad for oil companies. But the implosion in oil prices is causing a profit decline that almost invokes pity.

The companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 energy sector are expected to lose a collective \$28.8 billion this calendar year, down from \$95.4 billion in net income earned during the industry's bonanza year of 2008, according to a USA TODAY analysis of data from S&P Capital IQ.

That's a \$124 billion swing against energy companies and one you're probably enjoying at the pump. The analysis includes only the 36 S&P 500 energy companies that reported net income in 2008.

If we are to avoid a major global deflationary crisis, we desperately need the price of oil to get back above 50 dollars a barrel. Unfortunately, that does not appear to be likely to happen any time soon. In fact, Dallas Fed President Robert Kaplan says that the price of oil is probably going to stay very low for years to come...

You'd expect at least some artificial optimism when the president of the Dallas Fed talks about oil. You'd expect some droplets of hope for that crucial industry in Texas. But when Dallas Fed President Robert Kaplan spoke on Monday, there was none, not for 2016, and most likely not for 2017 either, and maybe not even for 2018.

The wide-ranging speech included a blunt section on oil, the dismal future of the price of oil, the global and US causes for its continued collapse, and what it might mean for the Texas oil industry: more bankruptcies, mergers and restructurings.

The oil price plunge since mid-2014, with its vicious ups and downs, was bad enough. But since the OPEC meeting in December, he said, "the overall tone in the oil and gas sector has soured, as expectations have decidedly shifted to an even lower for even longer price outlook."

In recent articles I have discussed so many of the other signs that indicate that there is big trouble ahead, but today I just want to quickly mention another one that has just popped up in the news.

The amount of stuff being shipped across the U.S. by rail has been dropping dramatically. The

only times when we have seen similar large drops has been during previous recessions. The following comes from Bloomberg.

Railroad cargo in the U.S. dropped the most in six years in 2015, and things aren't looking good for the new year.

"We believe rail data may be signaling a warning for the broader economy," the recent note from Bank of America says. "Carloads have declined more than 5 percent in each of the past 11 weeks on a year-over-year basis. While one-off volume declines occur occasionally, they are generally followed by a recovery shortly thereafter. The current period of substantial and sustained weakness, including last week's -10.1 percent decline, has not occurred since 2009."

BofA analysts led by Ken Hoexter look at the past 30 years to see what this type of steep decline usually means for the U.S. economy. What they found wasn't particularly encouraging: All such drops in rail carloads preceded, or were accompanied by, an economic slowdown (Note: They excluded 1996 due to an extremely harsh winter).

The "next economic downturn" is already here, and it is starting to accelerate.

Yes, the financial markets are starting to catch up with economic reality, but they still have a long, long way to go. It is going to take another 30 percent drop or so just for them to get to levels that are considered to be "normal" or "average" by historical standards.

And the markets are so fragile at this point that any sort of a major "trigger event" could cause a sudden market implosion unlike anything that we have ever seen before. (Michael Snyder, The Economic Collapse Blog, Jan.12, 2016).

### **Stocks to Plunge 75%**

Albert Edwards, the Societe Generale economist known for his dire predictions, warns that stocks will plunge 75 percent if the U.S. economy could plunge into a recession sparked by global deflation and weak U.S. manufacturing output.

"(Quantitative easing in the U.S.) may not have done much to boost U.S. growth, but it certainly inflated global asset prices into the stratosphere,"

he said in the note, **CNBC** reported.

The main thrust of the thesis is that central bankers inflated asset prices after the 2008 crisis and didn't let stocks hit the lows they should have done, **Business Insider** explained.

"Central banks also caused a huge debt bubble to expand in the emerging markets and China, which is now pressuring emerging-market currencies to devalue, which could lead to a deflationary spiral and a U.S. recession," BI said. "Now that central banks have used up their ammunition to prop up stocks, asset prices will fall dramatically if the recession does hit. Stocks will be valued at seven times earnings."

Edwards thinks the U.S. is on the brink. Weak manufacturing data is the warning sign.

"When an economy is hurtling towards recession it is almost always the manufacturing sector that takes the less volatile services sector by the hand and leads it into a recessionary underworld," BI said.

"If I am right, the S&P would fall to 550 (points), a 75 percent decline from the recent 2,100 peak. That obviously will be a catastrophe for the economy via the wealth effect and all the Fed's QE hard work will turn (to) dust," he warned.

The S&P is already in correction mode, falling more than 10 percent from its recent high. The S&P 500 lost 48.4 points, or 2.5 percent, Wednesday to 1,890.28. The S&P 500 is now down 11.3 percent below its May 21, 2015, closing lifetime high. (Newsmax, Feb.7, 2016).

### **Move Over, Benedict Arnold, There's a New Traitor in Town – Barack Obama!**

The Obama administration is ordering Border Patrol agents to release illegal immigrants without making them appear in court or keeping track of their whereabouts, and it's also dramatically rolling back aerial surveillance along the southern border, leading a senior congressman to suggest the public is unaware it is being "betrayed" by its commander in chief.

What's sad is the people of the United States don't recognize that they're being betrayed by

their own president and also betrayed by those people in the Congress and the Senate who have been going along with this amnesty program," said Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., a leading voice against amnesty and for border enforcement.

On Thursday, reports emerged that the Obama administration was effectively telling U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents to stand down and not process people entering the United States illegally. They further state that agents are told not to order illegals to appear at a deportation hearing and not make efforts to track them down inside the U.S.

"We might as well abolish our immigration laws altogether," said National Border Patrol Council President Brandon Judd. In addition, Gov. Greg Abbott, R-Texas, and Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, are imploring the Department of Homeland Security for an explanation for a 50 percent rollback in aerial surveillance of the Texas-Mexico border.

Rohrabacher told WND and Radio America he and fellow critics of Obama's immigration policies are well past the point of outrage. "This president has done so many things that are contrary to the interests of the safety and security and prosperity of the people of the United States that this is no surprise, especially in dealing with foreign entities, whether it's Muslims overseas or whether it's illegal immigrants coming in here from various countries. This is nothing new for this administration," he said.

One of Rohrabacher's top concerns is how Obama's open-door policy could further weaken national security.

"He's opening the door," he said. "There's not even going to be a guard on the door to watch who's coming in. Do you think the radical Islamist terrorists that have declared war on our country and murder us at any chance, you think they don't see this? They have already got a lot of people here."

He continued, "What the president is doing is going to increase the level of criminals that are coming here from other countries and terrorists who come here specifically to hurt Americans and kill Americans." (WND, Greg Corombos, Feb.6, 2016).

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# *The Mystery of Heaven*

## **Do the Righteous “Go to Heaven” When They Die?**

Do Christians go to heaven when they die? Is heaven the reward of the Saved? Do you have an immortal soul? What’s all this business about heaven? What do the Scriptures really teach about the fate of the righteous and the wicked? Just what is heaven, anyway?

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The apostle Paul wrote, “I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise” (II Cor.12:2-4).

Isaiah, Ezekiel and Daniel all saw glorious visions of heaven and God’s throne in heaven (Isa.6, Ezek.1, 10, Dan.7).

Many believe heaven is where the righteous go when they die. But just what IS “heaven”? Does God promise the saints will go to heaven when they die?

### *What Do You Mean, “Heaven”?*

But is heaven really the place where good people go when they die? Interestingly, Jesus Christ declared, “No one has ascended into heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven” (John 3:13).

He also declared, “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him” (John 1:18).

If no one has gone to heaven but Christ, what happened to all the righteous who died since the time of Adam? Is an eternity in heaven really the destiny of the righteous?

Just what do we mean by “heaven,” anyway? What is the destiny of man?

Many people believe that the saints will play harps for all eternity and gaze upon the face of God in heaven. They believe that when a man dies, his soul flies off to heaven to be with Christ forever.

But the Scriptures nowhere say such a thing!

Let’s understand this mystery!

### ***The Mystery of Man***

Let’s investigate this matter and go back to Genesis 2:7. “And the Lord (Yehovah, Elohim) formed man of the dust of the ground AND breathed into his nostrils the breath [*ruach*] of life and man BECAME a living soul (*nephesh*).” He became a living soul, or creature, or being – not an immortal soul; he became a living, breathing soul. .” So we are formed of dust.

When God put the breath in his nostrils, Adam became a living being. The word *ruach* is also translated spirit, so the same word means breath and spirit in Hebrew.

But what happens when we die?

God’s Word tells us God planted a garden in Eden, and in that garden was a special tree that man was not to eat of its fruit – the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (Gen.2:17). God said, “For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” (same verse).

What is “death”? It is simply the cessation of life. Adam and Eve transgressed God’s Law, and partook of the forbidden fruit, and incurred the death penalty. God told them, after they had sinned, “In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return” (Gen.3:19).

The apostle Paul wrote, “For the wages of sin is DEATH, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

### ***ONLY God Has Immortality***

Human beings are made of dust. We are not immortal beings. Sin cuts us off from God and His immortality. And we have all sinned, much like Adam and Eve. We,

too have been deceived, and seduced into sin, at various points in our lives, by the cunning subterfuge of Satan the devil.

The apostle Paul says, “He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, WHO ALONE HAS IMMORTALITY, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power” (I Timothy 6:14-16). Notice! It is only God “who alone has immortality.”

We don’t have an immortal soul, therefore. But we do have a “spirit” which God gives to each one of us. God gave us part of His spirit essence when we became a living, breathing human being, made in His image. He gave us a spark of Himself, which we also call “human spirit”, but it’s really God’s Spirit given to us – a portion of His spirit.

### ***What Happens When We Die***

Now in Ecclesiastes 12:7 – notice, “Then the dust will return to the earth as it was.” But notice – “And the spirit will return to God who gave it.” Every man, every woman, every baby, every child has a spirit given to it, or them, by God and when they die that spirit returns to God, to His care, His safe keeping, His control and He keeps it until the resurrection.

Then at the resurrection that spirit is joined with a new glorious immortal body.

Solomon goes on, “For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals for all is vanity. All go to one place: (that’s *sheol*, the grave, where the body turns to dust) all are from the dust, and all return to dust” (Eccl.3:19-20).

But now notice verse 21, Solomon says, “who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?” So we just saw in chapter 12:7, that the spirit of men goes back to God who gave it. Where does the spirit of animals go? We don’t know.

### ***The Righteous Dead***

We read in the book of Revelation that there will be a coming time of great tribulation on the earth, just before the return of the Messiah. At that time, a mysterious event will occur. It occurs during the opening of the fifth “seal” of the prophecy of Revelation, following the riding of the four horsemen of the apocalypse.

We read the following account: “When He opened the fifth seal, I saw *under the altar the SOULS of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ‘How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’* Then a

white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should *REST a little longer*, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed” (Rev.6:9-11).

Notice! Here the souls of the righteous dead are pictured as “crying out” to God in anguish, and they are told to “rest a little longer.”

Certainly, it does not seem from this passage that the righteous dead are completely dead and unconscious, in the graves! What goes on here? What is this speaking about? How could this be?

Just what is the state of the dead, anyway? Does this passage prove that we all have an “immortal soul” that survives the death of the body?

Those who believe that the dead are simply “gone” – out of existence – when they die, and have no consciousness whatsoever until the resurrection, have great difficulty explaining this verse! Like the verses in Isaiah 14, and Ecclesiastes 3, it seems to be quite clear that although the bodies of the dead are long perished and turned to dust, there is still something remaining of the deceased which continues in existence, and which has *limited consciousness, ability to discern events, and to communicate!*

Those who believe there is no existence of any kind after death until the resurrection are forced to conclude that these strange passages in Scripture are mere allegories and are not literal fact. Yet, there is no evidence in the context that these passages are allegorical, and not true reality! What is the solution to this mystery?

When we die, are we “dead,” totally unconscious, just like any animal? Or is there a difference between human dead and animals?

### ***The State of the Dead***

Solomon wrote on this issue. He declared, “For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all is vanity. All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust” (Eccl.3:19-20). Sounds like when we die, we are just like any animal. But whoever heard of a dead animal speaking to or greeting another dead animal when it dies and is buried? What is the difference here?

Solomon goes on, “Who knows the *spirit* of the sons of men, *which goes upward*, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?” (verse 21).

Here we read that human beings have a “spirit.” It goes upward to God when they die. But the spirit of animals goes downward. However, the Septuagint has this a little different, and says, “Who has seen the spirit of the sons of man, whether it goes upward? and the spirit of the beast, whether it goes downward to the earth?”

Adding more to the mystery, Solomon wrote, “Whatsoever thine hand shall find to do, do with all thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Hades, whither thou goest” (Eccl.9:10, LXX). The New King James Version has this: “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.”

The dead body of both animals and men are consumed in the grave by worms and bugs, and eaten, and eventually turns to dust. Just as God said. But what of the “spirit” of a man? Solomon wrote, “No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, and no one has power in the day of death” (Eccl.8:8).

Solomon also wrote, “As you do not know what is the way of the wind [“spirit”], or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, so you do not know the works of God who made everything” (Ecc.11:5). He concluded that at death, “Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and *the spirit will return to God who gave it*” (Eccl.12:7).

The body of the dead, then, is put in a grave – a hole in the ground – and covered up with dirt. Bodies are usually put in a casket, first, of course, but not always, as in wars when many dead have to be buried on or near a battlefield. But, Solomon says, the “spirit” of each man, when he dies, returns to God who gave it to him. In the grave, as Solomon wrote, there is no knowledge, or wisdom, device, or life – just a dead corpse, rotting and returning to dust.

However, the Scriptures interpret the Scriptures. A parable given by Jesus Christ tells us the truth about heaven and hell and what happens when we die and thereafter.

### ***Lazarus and the Rich Man***

In Luke 16:19-31 Jesus gives the parable of Lazarus and the Rich man. We read: “There was a certain rich man [Jesus meant there really was] who was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day. . . there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. . . and it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. . .”

This story says Lazarus died and was carried to Abraham's “bosom.”” What exactly is a bosom? If we can find out what a “bosom” is -- in this case Abraham's -- we will know where the beggar was taken.

Any dictionary will tell you that a bosom is the breast of a human being, with the

arms as an enclosure; a loving embrace by the arms of one person about another; an intimate relationship. Lazarus then, was carried into an intimate relationship with Abraham. Lazarus is pictured here as a Gentile who received salvation, by becoming Christ's follower or disciple. Notice "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye *Abraham's* seed (children), and *heirs* according to the promise" (Gal. 3:29).

Through Christ, Gentiles may become Abraham's children. Through faith we all become "the children of Abraham" (Gal. 3:7).

### ***The Promise to Abraham***

Abraham is an heir of God. God gave Abraham a promise and his children will become heirs of it. But what was this promise that Abraham will receive, and the beggar who is his heir?

In Genesis 12 we read where God told Abraham of the land of Canaan: ". . . Unto thy seed will I give this land." The land of Canaan is called Israel/Palestine today. Again, later God promised Abraham: "For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed FOREVER" (Gen. 13:15).

The promise was not heaven. The promise God gave to Abraham was the land of Israel/Palestine, on this earth. It was forever, so the promise given to Abraham and his seed (which the beggar became spiritually) included eternal life, and eternal inheritance on planet earth!

The beggar, like all Christians, is an heir to the promise to Abraham.

In Acts 7<sup>1-5</sup>, Stephen, the first Christian martyr, speaks of Abraham: "And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our Father Abraham . . . and said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into THE LAND which I will show thee. Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans. . . into this land, wherein ye now dwell [the Holy Land]. And He gave him none inheritance in it . . . yet He promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him."

This truth is also stated in Hebrew 11:8-13: "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed;. . . By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise . . . These all died in faith, NOT HAVING RECEIVED THE PROMISES, but having seen them afar off."

In John 8:52 we read "Abraham is dead" -- Notice: Abraham was not up in heaven, but dead, in the days of Christ!

Jesus said Abraham would receive the promises, including eternal life, through

the RESURRECTION: “But *as touching the resurrection* of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living” (Matt. 22:31-32).

Jesus told the Pharisees they would see Abraham in the Kingdom because Abraham, now dead, will be RESURRECTED from the dead (Luke 13:28).

Abraham is dead, and so is the beggar. When will they receive the promises? Both will receive the promises at the resurrection when Christ returns to set up His kingdom: “When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matt. 25:31-34).

### *Carried by Angels*

In Luke's account we read where Lazarus was to be carried by angels into Abraham's bosom. We know that Lazarus is in a state of sleep as is Abraham awaiting the return of Christ when the resurrection will occur. In Matthew 24:31 we read that Christ shall “send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds” -- out of their graves in a RESURRECTION. Lazarus and Abraham are to be carried by the angels through the air to meet Christ, at His return.

There is no doubt as to how the Bible uses the word “bosom.” In Isaiah 40:11 God shows he will care for His people as a shepherd cares for his sheep, which He will carry “in his bosom.”

Jesus says He was in the bosom *of* the Father (John 1:18), enjoying the Father's blessings and close relationship.

To be in one's bosom is to have that one's love and protection, and share his blessings and inheritance. So it will be at the RESURRECTION that Lazarus will be in Abraham's bosom.

### *The Rich Man in “Hell”*

What did Jesus mean when He said “. . . the rich man also died, and was buried; and in *hell* he lift up his eyes, being in torments . . .” (Luke 16:22-23).

The Greek word used for “hell” in this verse is *hades* which I have already shown to mean “grave” or “tomb” or “abode of the dead.” Jesus said, “When the rich man lifts up his eyes he will see Lazarus and Abraham.” Lazarus and Abraham will not be together till the resurrection -- this is when the rich man will open up his eyes and see

them.

Daniel speaks of the resurrection of the just, and of the unjust: “And many of them that sleep [their eyes are closed while sleeping] in the dust of the earth [their graves -- buried -- in *hades*], shall awake [lift up their eyes] some to everlasting life [Lazarus and Abraham] and some to shame and everlasting contempt” (Dan. 12:2).

Jesus said: “. . . the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE: and they that have done evil [including the rich man], unto the RESURRECTION OF JUDGMENT” (John 5:28-29).

Here Jesus speaks of TWO DIFFERENT, SEPARATE RESURRECTIONS. The first resurrection will be of the righteous at Christ's coming and the resurrection of judgment will occur one thousand years later -- after the Millennium!

So, while Jesus in speaking about the rich man and Lazarus, did not say WHEN the rich man will open his eyes and be resurrected out of his grave, other scriptures do reveal that it will be after the Millennium! This story of Lazarus and the rich man does not contradict everything else we have read in the Bible. It does not support an eternal, subterranean, pagan “hell” or the “hell” of Dante's *Inferno*, or the Roman Catholic concept of “hell.” Not at all! Notice further!

### ***What Is This Flame?***

When the rich man is resurrected after the Millennium, along with the rest of the “wicked,” he will open his eyes and see Lazarus and Abraham. But he will also see a mighty wall of fire, a massive, incredible inferno of flames and billowing smoke -- a tremendous fire, approaching him. What is this fire -- this “flame” which torments him? In what sense is he “tormented”?

This is no doubt the Age-ending, incredible “Gehenna” fire -- the “lake of fire” -- that God Almighty will use to destroy the incorrigibly wicked! This is the second death, which will be by incredible fire. This death is for all eternity! ETERNAL PUNISHMENT -- but not eternal punishing!

When the rich man opens his eyes, he will see Lazarus in Abraham's bosom -- his embrace. He will also see this awful flame of fire -- this lake of fire which is about to destroy him forever! He becomes terrified. His mouth suddenly becomes *very dry*, and his tongue sticks to his mouth. The rich man cries out in mental anguish, “Father Abraham have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.””

The rich man will be in a condition of WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH at this time, for he knows he is about to be burned up and destroyed! Jesus said this same thing to the Pharisees in Luke 13:27-28: “Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity. There

shall be *weeping and gnashing of teeth*, when ye shall see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the Kingdom of God, and *you yourselves thrust out*”

### ***What Is the Great Gulf?***

Jesus continues the story of the rich man in verse 25, describing what Abraham would say to the rich man. That he had his reward in material things he sought and craved, in this life, and because of his wicked choices, he is now doomed!

The "great gulf", mentioned in verse 26 by Abraham, represents the power and fact of IMMORTALITY which separates the righteous from the wicked. The fact of immortality prevents the righteous from being burned in Gehenna fire, but the wicked don't have immortality – so the wicked will not escape the penalty of death by the flames of Gehenna-hell fire.

The rich man, realizing he is doomed, in verse 27, now asks if Abraham would send Lazarus to his father's house to plead with his brothers, lest they come to his terrible fate. Abraham replied they had the writings of Moses and the prophets. But the rich man realized they would not hear these Scriptures. "Nay, Father Abraham," he screamed, "but if one went unto them *from the dead* they will repent!" (Verse 30).

Obviously, the rich man, having just come up out of his grave, having been DEAD and insensate for untold hundreds or thousands of years, had absolutely not the vaguest idea -- no idea at all -- of the passage of time while he had been dead. He *assumed* his brothers were still alive. In talking to Abraham, it seemed to him only a split second between his death and his resurrection. Therefore he assumed his brothers were still alive.

The rich man, however, knew Lazarus was RAISED FROM THE DEAD! This one statement proves that the whole experience of Lazarus and the rich man was given by Jesus to show the *truth of the resurrection* -- not to teach any immediate going to "heaven" or "hell" at the instant of death. It demonstrates the mortality of the wicked, who will die, and be DEAD for all eternity -- as opposed to the eternal life which will be enjoyed by the righteous, such as Lazarus.

This amazing parable of Christ does not teach an eternal punishing in an imaginary "hell" of Dante, but rather the annihilation of the wicked in Gehenna fire at the end of the age!

### ***"Unquenchable Fire"***

Another much misunderstood scripture is Mark 9:43 where Jesus speaks of "the fire that never shall be quenched." Does this mean the fire burns forever?

Not at all. Take a match, light it and set a piece of paper on fire. Let it burn. Don't put it out, or snuff it out. Just let the paper burn, until it burns up. Soon it will burn itself

out. Now, what do you have? A burned-up piece of paper. But did you put it out? Did you "quench" it? No. You left it unquenched. It was *not* quenched. Not at all!

Even so, the final *Gehenna* fire will not be ""quenched," or "put out." Nevertheless, in time, *it will burn itself out when the wicked and all their wicked works are burned up!*

Any fire will go out when it runs out of fuel. That's the way the final *Gehenna* fire will be. In time, it will naturally burn itself out!

There you have it. The fate of the wicked, in the Bible, is death -- the second death in the lake of fire. The wicked will die (Ezek. 18:4, 20). Their consciousness will be destroyed for all eternity. They will have no feelings, thoughts, emotions. They will be dust and ashes under the feet of the righteous! As we have seen before, man is composed of dust. He is dust. He does not have an immortal soul abiding within him. Therefore, when the wicked are destroyed, there will be nothing left of them to show they ever existed.

Only those who obey God -- who really repent of their sins, and turn to God in true heartfelt repentance and obey His commandments, accepting Christ Jesus as their Saviour and Redeemer -- will inherit *eternal life* (John 3:16). True Christians and saints of God will receive this gift at the return of Jesus Christ, at the "first resurrection."

All others will come up in an awesome general resurrection of all the remaining dead, at the END of the Millennial age. Some -- perhaps the vast majority who ever lived, even billions of people -- will learn God's truth, repent, and qualify for eternal life.

But the truly wicked, the incorrigibly wicked, those who demonstrated by their wicked and malicious works that they would never fit in God's Kingdom, will be punished by being cast into *Gehenna* fire. They will die the "second death." For them, there will be *no more resurrection -- ever!*

Do you see? God has placed two paths before us. One leads to eternal life. One leads to eternal death. Those are the two alternatives God places before you: eternal *life* on the one hand, and everlasting *death* on the other hand. And God says: ""**CHOOSE**""!

Almighty God thunders, to every human being: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you *LIFE AND DEATH, blessing and cursing*: therefore *CHOOSE LIFE*, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

### ***The TRUTH of God Revealed***

Millions today suppose that the righteous go to heaven when they die -- and abide in the presence of Almighty God. But is this very common belief really Biblical?

If the Bible teaches that the righteous go to heaven when they die, then certainly

such Biblical heroes as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Samuel, David, and Daniel must be in heaven right now. Yet, hundreds of years after all those great men died, and when Jesus began his public ministry, he remarked to his disciples, "*No man hath ascended up to heaven . . .*" (John 3:13).

After the death and resurrection of Christ, the apostle Peter told a large crowd of people in Jerusalem, on Pentecost, A.D. 30, that David "is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day." He added, so that he would not be misunderstood, "For David is NOT ascended into the heavens . . ." (Acts 2:29, 34).

These two scriptures disprove the fond illusions and cherished beliefs of millions of people who assume that the Bible teaches that the righteous *go to heaven* when they die!

David was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22). Yet the Scriptures plainly state that he did NOT "go to heaven." The only one who ever "went to heaven" other than Christ was the Devil, and he was immediately kicked out!

Then where did David go? What really happened to David and the Biblical patriarchs?

Let's strip away the spiritual blinders Satan has used to hide the truth, and see what God's Word has to say on this subject.

### ***The Reward of the Righteous***

To begin to answer these questions, the apostle Paul made an important statement in the book of Galatians. He asserted: "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and *heirs* according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29).

Christians, then, are Abraham's spiritual "children" or "seed." They are to inherit something that was "promised." To learn what Christians are to inherit, then we must see what was promised to Abraham.

The biography of Abraham is recorded in the book of Genesis. Abraham left the sophisticated city of Ur of the Chaldees to journey to the land of Canaan toward the west. He determined to obey God and do the things He commanded.

God, in return for Abraham's obedience and submission to his way, made a specific promise to Abraham and his descendants. "And the Lord said unto Abram . . . Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever" (Genesis 13:14-15).

God later confirmed the promises to Abraham (Genesis 18:18; 22:15-18) and made the same promise to Isaac, Abraham's son (Genesis 26:2-5). Notice that this

promise primarily included an inheritance of land forever. In order to inherit this land forever, eternal life also must have been part of the promise!

The promise made to Abraham, then, was the land of Canaan, which he and his "seed" would inherit for all eternity. Later, however, God expanded this promise to include the whole world. The apostle Paul in Romans 4:13 called Abraham "the heir of the *world*," not just of the land of Canaan.

This, then, is the promise which all Christians, as the seed of Abraham, are to inherit!

### *New Testament Evidence*

This same promise is reaffirmed in the New Testament. Jesus Christ plainly told his disciples: "Blessed are the meek: for they shall *inherit the earth*" (Matthew 5:5).

In the book of Revelation, we read the crystal clear statement: ". . . thou [Christ] wast slain and by thy blood didst ransom men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and hast made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and *they shall reign on earth*" (Revelation 5:9-10, RSV).

The Psalms of David also make this truth clear. David wrote: "For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth" (Psalm 37:9). This entire psalm is full of similar references. Verse 29 adds: "The righteous shall inherit the *land*, and  *dwell therein for ever*."

However, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and all the rest of the patriarchs are still waiting to receive what was promised to them. To this very day, they have not yet inherited the earth.

In the book of Hebrews we read: "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should *after* receive for an inheritance, obeyed. . . . By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise. . ." (Hebrews 11:8-9).

Notice further that these all "died in faith, *not* having received the promises" (verse 13). Also: "And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise. . ." (verse 39).

Clearly, then, the idea of the righteous going to heaven when they die is not Biblical.

What does God promise to the saints, and when will they receive His promise? What about those who will receive salvation, and eternal life? When will this happen? Just how will the plan of God work out?

Let's turn to the Book of Revelation, and see what God says! The truth is far more wonderful, and more glorious, than you have ever imagined possible!

First of all, when will the patriarchs, like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, along with Moses, Enoch, Samuel, Joshua, David, and the Old Testament servants of God, along with true Christians -- those who truly follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, repent of their sins, and accept him as Saviour -- receive the promises? When will we receive ETERNAL LIFE and SALVATION?

### *The Incredible Resurrection*

The apostle Paul stated an important truth in the resurrection chapter of the Bible - he declared in no uncertain words, speaking of the hope of the resurrection: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But *every man in his own order*: Christ the firstfruits [the literal Greek says "firstfruit," singular, not plural]; *afterward they that are Christ's AT HIS COMING. Then cometh the END*, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father . . ." (I Cor.15:22-24).

Notice! When Christ returns from heaven, the SAINTS will inherit their reward! Many Scriptures spell out this wonderful truth. In this same chapter, Paul goes on, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, AT THE LAST TRUMPET: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (vs.51-52). Paul explained further to the Thessalonians, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the *dead in Christ shall RISE FIRST*: Then we which are alive and remain shall be *caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air*: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess.4:16-17).

The "last trumpet" is the seventh trumpet, blown at the second coming of Christ the Messiah! In the book of Revelation, we read the words of the apostle John about this awesome, mind-boggling, staggering event: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever. . . . And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, *and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, both small and great*; and shouldest destroy them that destroy the earth" (Rev.11:15-18).

At the Olivet prophecy, Jesus Christ Himself declared of this awesome event, when He returns to this earth: "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man *COMING IN THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN with power and great glory*. And he shall send his angels, with a great *sound of a trumpet*, and they shall *gather together his elect from the four winds*, from one end of heaven [the sky] to the other" (Matt.24:30-31).

This is the FIRST RESURRECTION! It occurs at the second coming of Christ!

John writes of this incredible event: “And I saw thrones, and they [the saints, the ones resurrected at Christ's coming!] sat on them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and *THEY LIVED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS. But the rest of the dead lived not again UNTIL THE THOUSAND YEARS WERE FINISHED. This is the FIRST resurrection*” (Rev.20:4-5).

This is the *first* resurrection! Of that, there can be no doubt whatsoever! It is the resurrection of the saints at the coming of Christ, at the beginning of the Millennium, or thousand year reign of Christ!

John goes on, regarding these saints, and those who are in the first resurrection: “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall *reign with him a thousand years*” (v.6).

When Christ returns to this earth, the patriarchs, prophets, saints, and truly converted Christians will be raised from their graves. At that time, Jesus Christ – Yeshua – will reward the righteous, and they will then assist him in ruling over the entire earth for 1,000 years (see Revelation 20:4; Daniel 2:44 and 7:27).

But what then? What about the “rest of the dead” – all the billions upon billions of people who ever lived? And what about the “wicked”? What does the Word of God say about them?

### ***The SECOND RESURRECTION!***

In the 20th chapter of Revelation we find a brief summary of God's plan for the future. When Christ returns, Satan the devil will be bound (Rev.20:1-3), the saints will be resurrected, and they will reign on the earth with Him for one thousand years (verses 4-5).

“*But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished,*” the Apostle John writes (verse 5). Therefore, at the end of the thousand years, all those who lived and died, who were not saints, will be resurrected. This tremendous resurrection, of untold billions of people, is recounted in verses 11 and 12:

“And I saw a GREAT WHITE THRONE, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And *I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God;* and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the *book of life:* and the dead were *judged* out of those things which were

written in the books, *according to their works.*”

Notice. This is a resurrection to life. The book of LIFE was opened. Those coming up in this resurrection will be judged “according to their works”! This is not a resurrection to condemnation – but it is a resurrection to JUDGMENT!

Who are all these people who will stand before God at the END of the Millennial reign of Christ and the saints? They will be the uncountable billions who lived and died in this life, who did not qualify to be in the FIRST RESURRECTION, at the return of Christ – to be a part of the firstfruits of God! The vast majority of them never even had a chance for salvation – they grew up, lived and died in a society which didn't have the knowledge of God, or His truth. They are those who lived and died in ignorance, those who never really understood, or in many cases even heard the *true* Gospel of Christ during their lives!

At that future time they will be judged *according to their works* – *how they LIVED* – *that is, what they DID with the limited understanding and knowledge that they HAD!*

They will be judged HOW? **“ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS”!** – *that is, by their DEEDS! God will weigh them in the scales, as it were, and judge them according to what they did with what they had!*

Paul explains this truth very clearly. Many who come up in this resurrection will be those dead who never understood God's Law – who lived and died in ignorance and darkness. Some of them, because of their conscience which God gave them, were basically “good” people. Paul writes about them in Romans, chapter 2, where he says:

“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, *do by nature those things contained in the law*, these, having not the law, *are a law unto themselves*; which shew forth the work of the law written *in their hearts, their CONSCIENCE bearing witness*, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another;) in the day when God shall JUDGE *the secrets of men* by Jesus Christ . . .”  
(Rom.2:14-16).

This will be a time of judgment -- but not a time of total condemnation. Many will be given an opportunity then for salvation -- to live out their natural lives, with the knowledge of God, and will be judged according to how they perform. This would include little babies, who had died in infancy, young children, and even elderly people who simply never really understood God's truth, about His Law, or understood the identity of the Messiah, or His teachings!

How will these be judged? Yeshua tells us the standard of judgment He will use. Notice His own words:

“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels

with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered ALL NATIONS: and he shall *separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats*: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

“Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, *inherit the kingdom prepared for you* from the foundation of the world: *for I was hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.*

“Then shall the righteous say unto him, Lord, *WHEN* saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

“And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, *Inasmuch as ye have done it to ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, my brethren, ye have DONE IT UNTO ME*” (Matt.25:31-40).

Do you see? The Messiah will judge those who come up in this vast resurrection “according to their works” – according to how much love and compassion and mercy they showed to their neighbor – their fellow man!

He will judge them according to what they *did* with the heart, knowledge, and understanding and opportunities that they *had!*

### ***The Final Resurrection***

But now, notice what will happen to those who don't qualify for eternal life -- those who are so evil that they lose out on salvation, and whose final judgment is to be destroyed and put to death in the lake of Gehenna fire. This same Great White Throne judgment scene continues, in Revelation 20, in the verses which immediately follow:

“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell [*hades*, meaning “the grave”] delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell [*hades*] were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And *whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire*” (Rev. 20:13-15).

Here are those of the second resurrection who do NOT qualify for eternal life – those who have been incorrigibly wicked. They will be cast into Gehenna fire!

As Malachi wrote: “For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall BURN THEM UP, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor

branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall *tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet* in the day that I do this, saith the LORD of hosts” (Mal.4:1-3).

This awesome fire that will consume and annihilate the wicked is called the “second death” (Rev. 20:14). It is the FINAL DEATH from which there is no resurrection! This death is the penalty of sin (Rom. 6:23). It is the death Christ Jesus came to spare all of us from!

John writes, “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8).

### *The Tremendous Holocaust*

What about this “hell fire?” Where will it be? How hot? How big? How long will it last?

Peter helps us understand. “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the *works* that are therein shall be *burned up*” (II Peter 3:10).

Notice verse 7: “But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the *day of judgment* and perdition of ungodly men”!

This great fire is the same as the lake of fire, mentioned in Revelation, when God judges the incorrigibly wicked. It will sweep around the entire earth! The elements themselves will be dissolved, the surface of the earth will be purged and consumed with tremendous heat. Every remnant of man's sin, every sign of iniquity, every last trace of evil will be devoured by the heat of this fire.

Then there will be new heavens and a new earth, in which the immortal, everliving sons of God will live and reign, throughout all eternity (Rev. 21).

But the incorrigibly wicked, those who deliberately persist in rebellion against God when they *know* better, will have no part in it. They will be annihilated in the lake of fire! God will never entrust the awesome powers of the God-Family to rebellious, selfish, spiteful, proud and perverse men who have repudiated His love and despised His government throughout their lives.

But this is not the end. The plan of God continues to unfold!

### ***“New Heavens and a New Earth”***

The apostle John records: “And I saw a NEW HEAVEN and a NEW EARTH: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away: and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, NEW JERUSALEM, coming down from God out of heaven, *prepared as a bride adorned for her husband*. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, *I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW*” (Revelation 21:1-5).

John then describes this magnificent “holy city,” the New Jerusalem, “descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal: and had a great wall and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel . . . And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth *foursquare*, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, *twelve thousand furlongs* [that is, approximately 1,500 miles to a side]. *The length and the breadth and the height of it are EQUAL*” (Rev.21:10-16).

John continues his description: “And the NATIONS *of them which are SAVED* shall walk in the light of it: and the *kings of the earth* do bring their glory into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the *glory and honor of the nations into it*. And there shall in no wise come into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life” (Rev.21:24-27).

Here the rest of “saved” mankind is described -- those who will enter the Kingdom of God, during the Millennial reign of Messiah, and, those who are resurrected to mortal life to be given their chance for salvation after the Millennium, during the “Great White Throne” judgment period -- the “Great Day of Salvation” represented by Hoshana Rabbah, the seventh and final day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

However, the term “saved” also has a “present” connotation to it -- that is, the Greek word “saved” also means “those who are *in a saved condition*,” or “those who are *in the process of being saved*” (see I Cor.1:18, 15:2, II Cor.2:15, II Tim.1:9). Therefore, this verse also has another incredible meaning and fantastic implication. Let’s notice!

### ***The Prophecy of Isaiah***

Isaiah the prophet also describes this incredible scene of the new heavens and the

new earth. He prophesied, in chapter 65, of God creating the new heavens and earth, as something to be rejoiced in FOREVER -- that is, for all eternity! But notice what *else* he says about this stupendous, fantastic time. Isaiah quotes God as saying:

“For, behold, I create NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But *be ye GLAD and REJOICE FOREVER* [Hebrew, *olam*, meaning forever, eternity, literally, “to the vanishing Point” or “time out of sight”] in that which I CREATE: for, behold, I create JERUSALEM A REJOICING, and her people a joy.

“And I will rejoice in Jerusalem [God Himself will rejoice!!!], and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

“There shall be no more thence an INFANT OF DAYS, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; *but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed* [judged and condemned to the lake of fire].

“And they shall build houses and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them . . . for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; FOR THEY ARE THE *SEED [OFFSPRING, CHILDREN] OF THE BLESSED OF THE LORD*, and their offspring with them . . . . The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in ALL MY HOLY MOUNTAIN, saith the LORD” (Isa.65:17-25).

Notice! This passage is clearly dual in application. It describes the Messianic Kingdom of Jesus Christ, Yeshua, who is coming soon to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, as the fulfillment of hundreds of Messianic prophecies. But it also describes in a vivid and clear sense the “new heavens and new earth” (Isa.65:17). It clearly states that in that New Heavens and New Earth, *there will be CHILDREN BORN* – that God's plan of pro-creation and multiplication of potential members of the Divine Family through human beings, will continue, throughout the ages, and perhaps even “beyond time”!

The awesome truth is that the saints do not “go to heaven” when they die. Rather, *HEAVEN IS COMING TO EARTH!* The throne of God Himself is coming to the EARTH where He will establish His everlasting headquarters for His government over the entire cosmos – the Universe!

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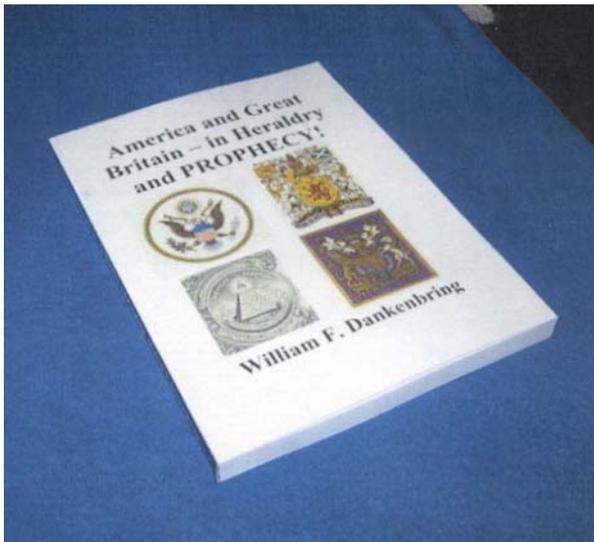
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# Who Are America and Great Britain in END-TIME Prophecy?

Are the United States and Great Britain mentioned in the Bible? If so, under what names? What is the real evidence of our national heraldic emblems and symbols? Where do we *really* come from? Could we be totally ignored?

Millions have been mystified, and perplexed about our ancient pedigree. Who are we descended from? Believe it or not, the ancestors of the English speaking peoples of the world *are found throughout* the pages of Scripture. But our true IDENTITY has been SEALED – hidden from view until *NOW!* Who are we – really? How has this knowledge been lost through the centuries?

The United States and Britain are *often* mentioned in END-TIME Bible prophecies! But most people don't understand WHO IS WHO! The world has been in TOTAL ignorance of the amazing prophecies in the Bible about EPHRAIM! The whole book of Hosea the prophet seems to FOCUS on this people! But WHO ARE THEY? Ephraim now stands IDENTIFIED in the world today AS AMERICA! Great Britain stand identified as the people of "Manasseh"! Here is the astounding Biblical PROOF!



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# The Amazing Mystery of God's True Calendar *Revealed at Last!*

Did God give His people a calendar, to keep track of time?



The western world today goes by the “Roman” calendar, which begins the year January 1, in the dead of winter. The Gregorian calendar is today's internationally accepted civil calendar and is also known as the “Western calendar” or “Christian calendar”. It was named after the man who first introduced it in February 1582: Pope Gregory XIII. The calendar is strictly a solar calendar based on a 365-day common year divided into 12 months of irregular lengths. 11 of the months have either 30 or 31 days, while the second month, February, has only 28 days during the common year.

How important is TIME? In the Scriptures, God commands His people to observe certain days as holy festivals. How can we do that if we can't keep track of when they occur? Hence, God gives us His Calendar in His Word. It is the basis of worshipping Him in “spirit and in truth.”

Does it really matter when we observe God's annual Holy Days? Does it matter if we are just a few days off? There is an old saying, "Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades." But does it really matter if we get God's days right?

The Word of God does tell we should observe His annual Feast Days as "holy days to the Lord" (see Leviticus 23). The Biblical holy days are obviously based on the Biblical calendar – the original calendar God gave to Moses and Israel.

Is it all right to tell God, "Well, I only sinned a little bit!"? God's Word says, plainly, "The wages of sin is DEATH" (Rom.6:23). God says, "The soul that sins, it shall DIE" (Ezek18:4, 20). So which is going to be? Are we going to obey GOD? Or go the route that "seems right" to a man, but ends in DEATH (Prov.14:12, 16:25)?

If you had an appointment to see a king on a particular ate, sat a particular time, and you went on the wrong day – you got the dates mixed up – would it be all right? Would the king allow you to interrupt his schedule, and tame up his time, which he had NOT set aside for you? Would he allow you to CHANGE THE DATE ON YOUR OWN CREDENCE?

God set aside certain days as HOLY, and He meets with us on THOSE days. If we are not present, then TOO BAD *–for us! We miss Him to our own sorrow and hurt.* If it is serious business to keep an appointment with a BOSS or human employer or a KING "on time," and to be punctual, HOW MUCH MORE IS IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP GOD'S APPOINTMENTS ON TIME?

Jesus Christ declared, "The time is coming, IT HAS COME ALREADY, when the real worshippers will worship the Father will worship the Father in Spirit and in REALITY; for these are the worshippers that the Father desires. God is Spirit, and his worshippers must worship him in Spirit and in reality" (John 4:24, Moffatt). Sample chapters include:

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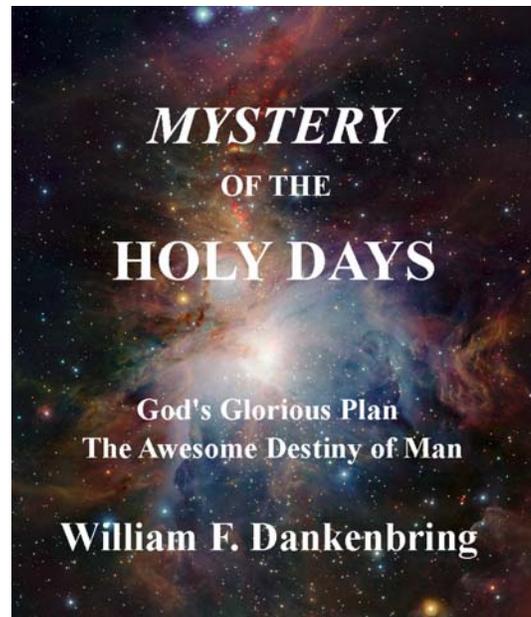
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# The *AWESOME* Mystery of God's Holy Days – *Explored and Unveiled!*

The annual Festivals and Holy Days of God are revealed in the Scriptures – yet few Christians observe them and follow pagan holidays like Christmas and Easter and Halloween instead! Isn't this preposterous and nonsensical?

How did Christmas and Easter invade the early church? When did the church stop observing the Biblical holidays and replace them with PAGAN-ORIGIN institutions? What is the real MEANING behind the Holy Days of God, and what significance do they have for CHRISTIANS and JEWS alike?



The world has been utterly deceived by the machinations and scheming of Satan the devil, who masquerades his pagan holidays and proclaims them to be “Christian,” when nothing could be further from the truth!

Why did God create and command us to observe HIS Holy Days in the Scriptures? Why did He give them to us? Are there vital lessons hidden within the Holy Days that we ought to explore?

Christians and Jews alike need to revisit the annual Holy Days and study into this profound subject that unlocks the MYSTERY OF THE AGES. The awesome inspired meaning of each one of these days is spelled out in this fantastic new treasure trove of revelation on God's annual Holy Days. It unravels the secret CODE which has hidden the meaning of the holy days from MILLIONS, including the Christians and even the Jewish people themselves!

The times are urgent. Never in history has this knowledge been more needed, more vital, more crying for attention. Turbulent times are rushing upon the earth, the last days of mankind are staring us in the face, and never before was the knowledge of the HOLY DAYS of God more meaningful and necessary!

God thunders, "My people are DESTROYED for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). How much do you understand about God's annual Holy Days, when to observe them, their meaning and significance?

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## Letters from Readers

“I grew up in Worldwide Church of God and kept the Feast of Tabernacles every year with my parents. In 1992 I left the Church soon after my parents left because of the changes that were sneaked in while the congregations were fast asleep. Since then I kept the Feast by myself but I never built a Sukkah! I'm on my own, my husband does not support my religious beliefs, I don't know how to, there is nobody to fellowship with in a Sukkah, etc.

“Well, this year I was watching a video from last year's Feast, where the Israelites who came back from captivity learnt about the Sukkah and went out to build it and I decided right there that I CAN build one! Your instructions in the internet article were very clear and I spent the whole afternoon building. It might have been quite small but the joy I felt as I was building was overwhelming I could not stop smiling but when I was finished and knelt down on the old Persian carpet and asked God to come to my humble tabernacle I cried. Never underestimate the power of the Sukkah!

“I think every one should build one. Even if you are alone. You go there every day to pray or meditate and replace branches (if you live in Cape Town where the weather is still very dicey this time of the year!) but that is also good, because you are reminded of how temporary your tabernacle is.

“I also want to mention how much I learnt from your article about Job. I still thought Job's sin was self-righteousness. What an eye-opener! There is so much knowledge in that one article that I HAVE to study it a second time and I do believe any person who wants to be baptized MUST first study this article.

“Thank you so much for all your hard work and that of the team helping you. May God bless the work that you all do so diligently. I have been reading the PF on the internet the last few months, printing it as I go along and, even though I am scared to let go of the

magazine, I think I can do this to save you money. So please do not think that I am canceling my subscription.”

-- South Africa

“Sir, I've been reading and studying your articles and I'm learning things that are new to me and you are making me see things in a new light. I just finished reading your book *God's True Calendar*, and all I can say is *Wow!* It is harder to 'unlearn' something than it is to learn something new. I've always believed, like so many others, that the count to Pentecost was from the weekly Sabbath and that Pentecost always falls on a Sunday but the facts and evidence you present in your book are undisputable. The unique way you teach is quite wonderful, you guide the reader in a straight path of truth and evidence and when one finishes your article or book the reader finds himself with no question left unanswered and the plain truth shining in his eyes like the brightest sun. All that is left is for one to admit that he was wrong and to accept the truth before him.”

-- Texas

“I would like to thank you so much for another year of your faithful support of all us inmates. Each mailing I receive your wonderful and truthful magazine. I know that my few stamps that I send now and then hardly pays for all the cost. I send what I can and pray for God to provide you His help.

“Each issue of Prophecy Flash I read many times and I share it with all my brothers here in our Messianic Community. Please keep it coming.”

-- Colorado

“I deeply appreciate the Prophecy Flash magazine and the work you and Cappy are doing. Also I stand in awe of the Great Creator God who protected you and your property including your personal belongings from the awful fire in your region.”

-- Indiana

“First off, thank you for the work you do and for sending me your newsletter. Good stuff, priceless! Not enough people are aware of the

serious threats faced by Christians in this country. It's crazy how afraid people are of being politically incorrect and appease the Islamic nut-jobs. Take the situation in prisons for example. The authorities bend over backward for the Muslims because they are just flat out afraid of them. Muslims in here are nothing but a gang and conduct all kinds of nefarious business and it's condoned. If you want a dummys' opinion, Islam is just an 'acceptable' excuse for these psychopaths to indulge their violent and evil nature. At the same time Christians really are oppressed, mocked, and afforded little or no respect by the Administration. It's 'Bizarro World' in here. Right is wrong and wrong is right. Also, you're totally right in all you say and expose concerning Obama-Osama. But his term is just about concluded. People need to know about Hillary – a truly egotistical elitist who feels she's totally above the law. Also Elizabeth Warren, a truly leftist ideologue. Nothing good can come from either of these two being elected POTUS."

-- Michigan

"Yeshua is Great! My Brethren in Christ, thank you for the knowledge and making our biblical sight see so clearly in this dark world. I have been enlightened by the word of our God and His Son Christ who made it so all who believe in Him will be given another chance to inherit the kingdom of Christ and our heavenly future for us believers. As a prisoner, I couldn't be more free! Why can I say that? God's reach is philosophically to the ones that can hear. Many hear the word of God and don't understand it on a level that our brother Dankenbring puts it forth in the Prophecy Flash. The more I learn of Yeshua and the coming kingdom that's ahead, my heart aches for the sinners and nonbelievers. I'm looking at evil all around me in this seg unit. It's a place of Dante's Inferno. I do what a Christian believer is supposed to do and pray for the non-believers. I witness to the lost and I preach to bring a good harvest for our Lord Yeshua. I would never have the learning or the political insight if it weren't for our brother Dankenbring's hard, dedicated work and love for our Lord Yeshua. I'm free from the worldly things on the inside and its giving me a new direction of thinking under our Scriptures that God laid out for His people. So thank you Lord for the blessings of your prophecy and giving brother Dankenbring a powerful gift to those who are free."

-- Texas

"Thank you for enlightening me with your insight. I am currently in prison. I am devoted to searching and receiving God's Word. I have been lost for so long. I have always known the basics. I grew up in a Lutheran church school. I had so many things wrong. I learn something new every day. I ask for wisdom and understanding. It seems to show up from everywhere. Your Prophecy Flash magazine was given to me by a fellow inmate. I have read it at least 3 times. The Lord is truly giving you the truth. I hope to receive it bi-monthly. I can't wait to see what you have to enlighten me with next! Thank you so much!!! I will continue to pray for your ministry!"

-- Michigan

"Thank you for sending me the recent pamphlets and articles. I can't seem to get enough of them. I read them almost as fast as I get them. I'm learning a lot that I didn't know and confirming a lot of what I already thought.

"I tried to share some of them with another inmate and he said, 'I couldn't even get past the first page. You need to be careful of what you read. There are so many false prophets out there that will twist the Bible for their own benefits and personal beliefs.' I told him that if he would read his own Bible, what your ministry is saying comes directly from its passages. He refused to accept that. Thank God someone is speaking the truth. You guys definitely have the Holy Spirit and I only can pray that he opens his eyes soon before it's too late.

"God bless all of you and what you are doing. One day soon people will know just how true your church really is!"

-- Missouri

"A friend of mine in my dorm is receiving your Bible Correspondence Course. I've been looking at the course and find that I can't put down the information which the course contains. It is a wonderful learning exercise and I would love to participate in the course. Could you possibly send me the course and a copy of *America and Great Britain in Heraldry and Prophecy*. This information will be greatly appreciated."

-- Texas

"Thank you and Cappy for the great job you are doing and all the work you do. It seems all the

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real news now is 'Doom and Gloom' and the so called lame-stream news is covering up the truth. The masses are in the dark and have turned their backs on our Creator so we can expect the hammer to fall on the earth soon.

"I know it is said that people are destroyed for lack of knowledge and I see where the masses are in the dark as to what is going on today. It looks like this deal in the Middle East is just going to escalate to the breaking point.

"There are many reports that are saying that Damascus is a ruinous heap and if that is true then Ephraim [the United States of America] can expect some hard times soon because it says it will be 'broken' [Isaiah 17]. The only safe place and best place is under the protection of our Creator. Keep up the Good Work."

-- Charles Rearick, Ohio

"I am presently a member of the United church of God and I read your online message about Garner Ted. I was not in the WWCG when all this happened. I was only in my 20s at the time and heard about a scandal. I want to know if you ever heard of Garner Ted repenting of all this stuff. Before he passed about 2004, I saw his program and did watch him on TV in the early 70s. If all you say is true he was one heckava hypocrite AT THAT TIME.

"People can hate you because of past deeds, but if one repents God will wipe the slate clean.

"I have two questions. I saw your website for a different church, but the devil has divided us so much I want to invite you to join United Church of God. All I see from HWA is a bunch of splinter groups or I run into those on the web who hate Herbert W. Armstrong saying he psychologically damaged them. Why did you leave and start your own church? That is what I have seen among many who left Worldwide.

"I have several of Garner Ted's sermons in my car. Any man can repent, you know. Thanks for your response, sir. I know that you know that Jesus is soon to return and we are all going to be judged by our deeds. We are all also forgiven if we repent."  
-- Internet

COMMENT: Ted Armstrong's sexual predatory sins extended from the 1960s till the 1990s, including a video which showed him chasing a masseuse and grabbing at her which went on national TV. My articles on "How Have the Mighty Fallen!" go into many of the details of his sordid, debauched lifestyle. His story was a sad, tragic one, especially for the young innocent women victims.

Did he repent? He was exposed several times, disfellowshipped twice while still in the Worldwide Church of God, but then "forgiven" and re-instated, and finally kicked out of the Church of God, International after the attempt to force the masseuse. Over all this time, I saw no evidence of any real, wholehearted repentance or confession. He was a cover-up artist. As slick as they come. He could cry crocodile tears whenever it suited him. As Jeremiah said, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil" (Jer.13:23, KJV).

To explain my own background, read my articles "My Personal Odyssey," "The True Story of Triumph," "Where the Church Went Wrong," "TimeLine of My Life and Ministry," and "End-Time Apostasy." I have nothing personal against the United Church of God, or other sincere Christian church organizations, but they are all missing out on many spiritual truths and are disobedient to God's Word in many ways, just like the old Worldwide Church of God which went before them. They have all compromised with God's truth and His commandments.