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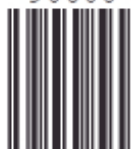
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I pledge allegiance to
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on earth as it is in Heaven
one Holy Nation under
the Heavenly Father
with Grace, Mercy
and Justice for all.

-Authors Prologue-

God's chosen people have an Enemy that wants to keep them in ignorance and confusion. This Enemy has many agents mingled in the congregation of the righteous.

He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? (29) But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. (30) Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. Mat 13:28-30

Most of these agents and their followers are unwitting participants in the enemy's age old trans-generational conspiracy to pollute the meaning of God's word, especially those eschatological passages which clearly outline the revelation of history in advance: biblical prophecy is the finger print of God to authenticate the Bible as His word. The Enemy must at all cost conceal and deflect the identification of timing, major players and events with as much misdirection, confusion and outright obfuscation as possible. He has done a very thorough job.

The arrogance and pride of the current generation as opposed to former generations cause many to write off interpretations that came beforehand. The fact is that a Holy Spirit Interpretation has always been available alongside the many counterfeits. To ignore past works such as the Commentaries of Matthew Henry or E B Elliot's *Horae Apocalipticae* as obsolete simply because they are centuries old is utter folly. When surveying any interpretive work we should watch for tells, such as conjecture over a purely express representation of any text. All conjecture is at best speculation when admitted as such or blindness when accepted as truth regardless, at worst it is intentional deception or self delusion.

The use of conjecture is prominent in modern interpretation: One example is the topic of the Resurrection which the plain reading of the text states that it happens at the Last Trump after the dead in Christ are first raised and those who are alive and remain are changed, then both groups are caught up *together* in the same event. However a new doctrine called

The Rapture has developed by mere conjecture to over throw the plain reading by inserting logical arguments such as the pre-wrath doctrine into the debate then answering that by unrelated scripture.

Another example of conjecture is the Gap Doctrine inserted into the Daniels Seventy Weeks Prophecy by comparing it to an unrelated prophecy. The proponent will say, "Remember when Jesus stood in the synagog and proclaimed, "today is this prophecy fulfilled in your ears" if you open up where he was reading you'll notice that the rest of that prophecy would not be fulfilled for thousands of years, thus being a precedent for inserting a gap." However the comparison is faulty in that the proffered example has no expressed time line for the things listed in it, but Daniel's Seventy Weeks has a definite time frame of 490 years for certain things listed therein to be fulfilled. Only by conjecture does one depart from the literal view to insert a gap before the final week.

Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD; (3) Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! Ezekiel 13:2-3

Writing from Babylon during the siege at Jerusalem, Ezekiel decries the Wall of False Prophets being built with untempered mortar causing the leaders to continue in their folly believing prophecy out of context while they secured in prison Jeremiah for speaking the truth. Even Jesus, the Prophet of Prophets could not vanquish the false prophecy of the Religious Establishment of his day. As did Jeremiah, Jesus told them the truth:

For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. Luke 19:43-44 and;

... there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles,

until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Luke 21:23-24

Jesus verified the end of Daniel's prophecy for the demise and total desolation of national Israel (*seventy weeks are determined*). This was not popular prophecy, this is not what the Religious Establishment wanted to sell to the Hebrew Nation of Jesus day anymore than Jeremiah in his day could make the case for total surrender to Babylon. Unpopular prophecy is simply unacceptable, there is little or no money or fame for the truth in the Secular or Religious Establishment Media, not then nor even today.

The first job of any serious investigator into Bible Eschatology is to lay down every notion of what they have been taught, read or believe about the subject and look solely to the Word of God for all revelation and resulting conclusions about its prophetic passages. And I mean "lay it all down." If you bring any pretext, presupposition or preference into your investigation it is like starting a long journey with a compass that is just a few degrees off, and the end result will be right where the enemy wants to lead you. As well intentioned as many are, that is exactly where most seekers end up in bible eschatology.

The entire Bible is made up of Sixty-six books the longest of which is the Psalms at about 150 pages. God did not footnote and reference verify the Bible, it already is the ultimate reference work. You will notice this book is little more than 100 pages, of which a good portion is quoted scripture. Because the Bible is the primary focus of this book that scripture inclusion here is worth more than a thousand pages of references to the works of men. I have also seen footnoted references twisted and misrepresented so much that even those cannot be accepted at face value. It is superficial to be impressed by the mere volume of references included in any work.

The era of internet search has made it very easy for any reader to verify and research any reference, topic or proposition easily and immediately for themselves, which I suggest they do. It is up to the reader to research and verify anything written here. I pray that this book will cause you to focus primarily upon His Word as the standard to weigh the value of any prophetic work, even what I have written here. This second edition of my prior book, *Footsteps of Mystery Babylon*, has been retitled, revised and expanded for this release.

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– Chapter One –

Vatican Moves on Temple Mount

Within two months of the end of Camp David the Palestinian Authority birthed the second intifada – a terrorist war on Israel, but giving Israel a continual bloody nose did not yield the desired result. Israel soundly defeated the second intifada moving the Palestinians back to square one. Present Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has now implemented a different tactic: to get the UN to step in and impose a solution on Israel. US Secretary of State John Kerry restarted negotiations in July of 2013 bringing Israeli and Palestinian negotiators together in Washington to restart formal negotiations after a more than three year void. A nine month deadline was set which ended April 31st 2014.

How did the talks go? What was being worked out behind the scenes? No one is talking, at least not to the press. US Secretary of State John Kerry clarified at the outset of the talks which he labored so intensively to restart that he would be the only one authorized to speak on their progress. "The negotiations", he said, "would only succeed if held far from the bright camera lights." Only if the negotiators were not required to report to their own domestic audience after each meeting did the talks have any chance of succeeding. Therefore, Kerry said, he would be the only one discussing the progress. But he never revealed much beyond platitudes about the need for peace and the courage of both Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in deciding to reengage. The talks failed to meet their deadline.

Just weeks after the last round of the U.S. sponsored peace negotiations faltered, Pope Francis embraced the divided Middle East leaders to preside over Christian, Jewish and Muslim prayers at the Vatican in a bid to revive the collapsed peace talks. The Associated Press reported:

Vatican officials have insisted Pope Francis has no political agenda by inviting the two leaders to pray at his home other than to rekindle a desire for peace among the two parties.

However, the meeting could have significance on the ground beyond

mere symbolism.

The meeting will also cement Francis' reputation as a leader unhindered by diplomatic and theological protocol who is willing to go out on a limb for the sake of peace.



John Kerry had made a previous January pit stop in Rome to discuss the peace process between Israel and Palestine, this would indicate he knew the talks were not going well. With Pope Francis' visit to the Holy Land in May and subsequent invitation of the parties to the Vatican, the United States had hoped the Pope as a key ally could push both sides back to the negotiating table. The Vatican Prayer Summit seems to have gone very well. Time will tell.

Over the course of the last decade the State of Israel has been subsidizing nonprofit organizations that advocate the building of a New Temple atop Jerusalem's holiest site: the Temple Mount. The Israel Education and the Culture Ministries have transferred substantial amounts of funding to the non-governmental organization known as The Temple Institute. Should this be an indication to the Palestinian Authority that it needs to make certain major concessions to get what it wants? Perhaps the trump card Abbas will need to play is to grant access to the Temple Mount for Jews, a partition to allow Israel to build a Temple on the Temple

Mount. Until the Palestinian Authority plays this card, Israel may move no further.

Add to the mix the present Israel-Vatican negotiations over the Holy Basin and this is the move that the whole world is waiting for, peace between the three great Abrahamic faiths, sealed by equal access to the [Holy Basin and the most holy site of all, the Temple Mount](#). The term “Holy Basin” refers to the area of the Temple Mount, the Mount of Olives, Mount Zion and a variety of Christian holy sites which the administration of former U.S. President Bill Clinton recommended be administered under a [special regime](#). Pope Francis, upon celebrating his first Christmas as the Vatican State leader, prayed for a "favorable outcome" to the peace process between the parties, and called for dialogue to end the conflicts. Though John Kerry is still not talking we can observe the parties as they jockey for position.

In recognition of Bible Prophecy, the belief that we are on the verge of the Mark of the Beast One World Money System, we can also anticipate the Temple Mount play about to begin. I will expose in this book the fallacy of the counter-reformation futurist scheme of prophecy as a completely unbiblical interpretation. However most of the Evangelical and nominal Christian world has totally bought into this view through Seminary/Ministry indoctrination and Corporate Christian Media exposure, and not because of sound biblical interpretation.

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Let me quote the late Jewish Israeli Researcher and Author, Joel Bainerman from his article:

The Vatican Agenda: How Does The Vatican View The Legitimacy of Israel's Claims To Jerusalem?

...The institution of "The Vatican" is not understood by Israelis and Jews. The conventional wisdom you get from the spokespersons in Israeli government ministries and the conventional Israeli media is "both sides have great intentions to do good" and that's about it. When it comes to Israel's bi-lateral affairs, nothing much gets investigated by the Israeli media. Thus a secret deal could be done between the Vatican and the State of Israel and nobody in Israel would ever find out about it. In fact, that is exactly what happened.

What Does The Vatican Want?

It can't be that the Vatican is only interested in "access to their Holy Sites" in Jerusalem. They already have that as well as legal jurisdiction under Israeli law for their institutions and assets in Jerusalem... It is something else, which the Vatican wants... to have certain versions of events be played out for them to stand in front of mankind and proclaim: our Messiah has returned." Of course, to the Jews, this Messiah will be as false as the first one was supposed to be. Don't matter. This is the goal of the Vatican and this is what all Israelis need to worry about.

The Vatican/Roman Catholic's version of events is this:

They know this isn't the end of the story that the Jewish G-d had in mind, but that doesn't mean they won't try and engineer their own ending to the story. So what if it is fraudulent. Doesn't matter, that is their game plan and that is what matters and that is what Israeli Jews need to be better informed about. It is important for everyone to know

what The Vatican has up its sleeve because it directly relates to our existence and our future destiny as an independent nation. This, a very powerful force is scheming to get control of the Old City of Jerusalem so you better know why and how the Vatican intends to do this...

First, you have to realize that for centuries The Vatican has attempted to obtain control of Jerusalem, which started with the Crusades. For them to convince the world that the Messiah they put on the world's stage is going to be accepted as genuine, they need to perform this play in the Old City. The story of this production is that this "Messiah" will merge the three monotheistic religions, usher in peace and harmony in the world, and solve the Middle East conflict. The location for this "production" will be in none other than the Old City of Jerusalem.

This so-called "Messiah" that will be proclaimed, will be a false one and it will insist that by having a "world government" (i.e., the United Nations) the world peace and harmony will be ushered in. This will be a lie, and a fraud, but never mind. In our world, reality isn't important. Public perceptions are. The end result is the stripping of Israel's sovereignty as an independent nation giving way to a "regional bloc of nations" in the Middle East. Israel will be pressured to accede to these demands by all world bodies and the superpowers on the claim that "this is the only way to solve the Middle East conflict). In order to the Jews to go along they will convince them that with the "Messiah" having appeared for the Jews, it is time to start rebuilding the Third Temple - what they call "Solomon's Temple". This version of events is widely available through a simple search on the Internet as there are many Christian groups and organizations (the majority of which who are very pro-Israel) who don't buy into these beliefs and thus are against them. I didn't come up with the theory - I am just bringing it to the attention of the Israeli public.

Make no mistake about it. The Old City of Jerusalem, as well as most of the eastern half of the city, is what The Vatican is after. Why? Because controlling the entire Old City of Jerusalem (and not just Church properties) and being able to build whatever they want on Mount Zion is critical for the program they have planned to put into play in our capital city. The deal that it has signed with Israel via Yossi Beilin and Shimon Peres (in secret and without the approval of the

Knesset) gives The Church not only extraterritorial status to their properties (which is what the bi-lateral agreement the Israeli government signed with the Vatican on December 30th, 1993, put in law) but of control over the entire city as "custodians" under UN presence. In this way the Jews will give up control over the Old City. To the Vatican the Israeli people would have a problem with. To the UN, they would say, "we had no choice".

www.redmoonrising.com/chamish/vaticanagenda.htm

Evangelicals today are waiting with bated breath for a New Jewish Temple to be built and a Priest-Temple Sacrifice system to be resumed. They seem to have no problem with this wrong sacrifice for sin (according to the Gospel) taking place, but reserve the title, Abomination of Desolation for the "Left Behind" Anti Christ character moving into the Temple and proclaiming himself to be God. Something similar to this may or may not happen.

Entertain if you will the idea that there are powerful forces at work in this world with the motivation to take advantage of this very compelling and popular, but specious view of prophecy, a juxtaposed seventieth week of Daniel, or we could call it The Seven Year Tribulation Deception. At the time for the building of a Jewish Temple a figure will arise who fits the bill of the Anti-Christ of the popular pseudo prophecy. This Anti-Christ character will follow the popular view close enough to be accepted by the adherents of this Futurist/Left Behind Rapture orientation to be misidentified as the True Anti-Christ, while at the same time through popular media manipulation he will be accepted by the world as a Peacemaker when he makes a mid-east peace deal which includes the building of the New Temple.

To follow the script, three to four years into this Treaty the deal will begin to unravel and have to be abandoned. Perhaps a conflict will arise out of opposition to the Third Temple. The deal will be broken! Islam will most likely at some point balk so any deal with their leadership to allow it is doomed from the start. The Vatican cannot allow it to be completed because any sacrifice other than their bloodless sacrifice of trans-substantiation is unacceptable. Only Orthodox Jewry desire a Third Temple as true believers. Evangelical adherents are true believers with a different motivation, which is to bring about events that will precipitate

the return of Christ, however they are unwitting participants in the design of the counter-reformation eschatology that they hold so dear, false prophecy.

We can only speculate that these events will likely be accompanied by a major multilateral military conflict or threat in the mid-east, and the world will cry for peace as would be expected. Then will step onto the scene the True Anti-Christ bringing peace to that conflict. Because he fulfills the false prophecy and vanquishes the first treaty breaking Pseudo Anti-Christ he will be accepted as the fulfillment of the popular prophecies of the return of Christ proclaiming that he is The Vicar Of Christ, His Replacement on Earth and the true meaning and fulfillment of Bible Prophecy. He may propose the building of a Synagogue for the Jews and a Cathedral to represent Universal Christianity which will accompany Islam's Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount, thus uniting the Three Great Abrahamic Religions as one, bringing peace to the region and the entire world.

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if [it were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect. (Mat 24:24)

The fulfillment of this false prophecy will delude the entire world and even the Elect, if it were possible. True Bible Believers will suddenly be the majority dissenters and will be demonized for all the ills that have plagued the world and precipitated the former crisis; eventually Social Justice will require that they be eliminated for the good of the whole. This has happened before, it was called The Inquisition, and The Bible tells us that it will happen again. Past Inquisitions have lasted extended periods of time, so the coming crusades may even go on for decades. How comforting the thought of relegating tribulation to a mere seven or three and a half year period which may even then be escaped by a “pre- or mid-tribulation rapture” based entirely upon a the seven year tribulation deception. How many hundreds of millions of bible believing martyrs would have benefited from a rapture type escape?

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all,

both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Rev 13:15-17)

The Bible tells us about *the mark of the beast* which will be necessary so “*that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark.*” Receiving this mark will be the test of whether you are or are not a part of the New World Social-Economic Order. True Bible Believers will need to discern exactly who or what this beast is and what is or does this mark represent. For that we must turn to The Bible and true prophecy. If you are a True Bible Believer you will not just dismiss the things that I am exposing here without due investigation. If Daniel's seventieth week is truly past then every prophecy that is based on this seven year period being future is tenuous at best. I challenge all to find that gap between the sixty-ninth and seventieth week for themselves - it is not there - so don't feel bad if you cannot find it, even Chuck Missler will not take up the challenge to [Show Me The Gap](#). This revelation changes everything prophetic. Be not deceived.

Jerusalem Corpus Separatum

...Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (Luke 21:24)

Corpus Separatum (Latin for "separated body") is a term used to describe the Jerusalem area in the 1947 United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine. According to the plan the city would be placed under international regime, conferring it a special status due to its shared religious importance. The Corpus Separatum was one of the main issues of the Lausanne Conference of 1949, besides the other borders between Israel and Palestine and the question of the right of return of the Palestinian refugees. The plan was adopted by the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority, although its implementation failed and the view that Jerusalem should be the capital of both Israel and Palestine internationally is widely supported now. (wikipedia)

Israel Resource Review, The Vatican's Jerusalem Agenda. Did Shimon Peres make a deal with the Vatican?

Consider the evidence:

On Sept. 10, '93, just three days before the signing of the Declaration of Principles in Washington, the Italian news magazine La Stampa reported that part of the peace deal was an unwritten understanding that the Vatican would receive political authority over the Old City of Jerusalem by the end of the millennium. The newspaper reported that Shimon Peres had promised the Pope to hand over the holy sites of Jerusalem the previous May and that Arafat had accepted the agreement.

In March '94, the Israeli newsmagazine Shishi published an interview with Mark Halter, a French intellectual and close friend of Shimon Peres. He said he delivered a letter from Peres to the Pope the previous May, within which Peres offered the Vatican hegemony over the Old City of Jerusalem. The article detailed Peres's offer which essentially turned Jerusalem into an international city overseen by the Holy See.

In March '95, the radio station Arutz Sheva announced that it had seen a cable sent by the Israeli Embassy in Rome to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem outlining the handover of the Old City of Jerusalem to the Vatican. Two days later Haaretz published the cable on its front page. The Foreign Ministry explained that the cable was genuine but someone had whited out the word "not." ie We will not transfer authority to the Vatican. Incredibly, numerous Bnei Brak rabbis who had canceled Passover meetings with Peres over the issue of the cable accepted the explanation and re-invited him to their homes.

The Foreign Ministry's Legal Affairs Spokesperson, Esther Samilag, publicly complained about "various capitulations" to the Vatican. She was immediately transferred to a post at the Israeli Embassy in Katmandu, Nepal.

MK Avraham Shapira announced in the Knesset that he had information that all Vatican property in Jerusalem was to become tax

exempt and that large tracts of real estate on Mount Zion were given to the pope in perpetuity.

Jerusalem's late Deputy Mayor Shmuel Meir announced that he had received "information that properties promised to the Vatican would be granted extra-territorial status."

Beilin was forced to answer the accusations. He admitted, "Included in the Vatican Agreement is the issue of papal properties in Israel that will be resolved by a committee of experts that has already been formed." If so, this committee has not since released any proof of its existence.

With all this in mind, how do we interpret the Vatican's current position on Jerusalem?

The following report, circulated by MSANews may shed some light on that:

Vatican City, Jun 14, 1997 (VIS) - Archbishop Renato Martino, apostolic nuncio and Holy See permanent observer to the United Nations, spoke June 9 on the status of Jerusalem at the New York headquarters of the Path to Peace Foundation. The archbishop addressed members of this foundation as well as U.S. members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He began by briefly summarizing the "well-known and long-standing position of the Holy See with regard to Jerusalem. He stated that Jerusalem "for us, of course, along with the rest of the Holy Land, is that special link between heaven and earth, that place where God walked and ultimately died among men. And of course we recognize that others revere Jerusalem as the city of David and the prophets and the city known to Mohammed.... It is a spiritual treasure for all of humanity, and it is a city of two peoples, Arabs and Jews, and of the three monotheistic religions, Christianity, Judaism and Islam."

Archbishop Martino added that "in recent years it has been increasingly difficult to break through the political and media-imposed stranglehold on the question of Jerusalem." he recounted Jerusalem's recent history, recalling in particular the UN's General Assembly Resolution 181 of 1947 calling for Jerusalem to be considered a 'corpus

separatum' under the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations," a resolution which Israel accepted. He pointed out that, in addressing the gridlock which has resulted from the 1967 Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem, "the Holy See has therefore advocated the granting to Jerusalem of an 'internationally guaranteed special statute. That is the phrase used by Pope John Paul II in his 1984 Apostolic Letter 'Redemption is Anno'."

This statute "asks that regardless of how the problem of sovereignty is resolved and who is called to exercise it, there should be a supra-national and international entity endowed with means adequate to insure the preservation of the special characteristics of the City, its Holy Places, the freedom to visit them, its religious and ethnic communities, a guarantee of their essential liberties, and its city plan'."

The apostolic nuncio recalled the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel in 1993, when both signed the 'Fundamental Agreement.' He noted Article 4 of this agreement where "both the Holy See and Israel affirm their continuing commitment to the 'Status quo' in the Christian Holy Places."

He also spoke of the problems sparked by Israel's recent authorization of "a project for the construction of settlements in occupied territory in East Jerusalem" for which "there was wide-spread international condemnation." This issue, he reminded those present, was brought before the UN Security Council on March 7 and March 21 of this year, but without resolution "because the sole country on the Security Council which opposed the Resolution was the United States."

An Emergency Session of the General Assembly, "organized only nine other times in the history of the United Nations" was held on April 24-25. The Holy See delegation was contacted and asked for suggestions for a Resolution, Archbishop Martino said. And he recounted the meetings, rough drafts of proposals and negotiations which followed.

The approved texts of the eventual Resolution, he underlined, contained "those points championed by the Holy See.... The General Assembly has here called for 'internationally guaranteed provisions' -

the equivalent of the 'internationally guaranteed special status' called for by Pope John Paul II. This is particularly noteworthy because in this case, the Arab delegations all voted for this Resolution and therefore for this provision."

"The Holy Places within Jerusalem," concluded Archbishop Martino, "are not merely museum relics to be opened and closed by the dominant political authority, no matter who that might be at any given moment. They are living shrines precious to the hearts and faith of believers." DELSS/STATUS JERUSALEM/UN:MARTINO VIS 970616 (640)

Could that supra-national entity which will oversee the international city of Jerusalem be the Vatican just as Peres promised? And how do we react to Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert's recent announcement that he will begin negotiations with the Vatican, but "only over holy sites?"

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Even after Israel pushed it's aggressor enemies beyond Jerusalem's boundaries in 1968, Israel remained compliant to the U.N. recommendation by allowing the Islamic Waqf to maintain control over the Temple Mount. I can think of no other reason why Israel did not move in and destroy the Dome of the Rock and other Islamic edifices to take possession of the Temple Mount other than "*the times of the Gentiles*" prophetically spoken of by Jesus has not yet been fulfilled. The Daniel chapter two Mystery Babylon Image still stands.

For the most part the world refuses to recognize Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem even though the United States Congress in 1995 overwhelmingly passed the "Jerusalem Embassy Act" stating that "Jerusalem should be recognized as the capital of Israel and the United States Embassy in Israel should be established in Jerusalem no later than May 31, 1999." The provocative nature of this issue continues to prevent the actual move to this day. The facts on the ground ultimately prove that even the United States denies Israel's sovereignty over Jerusalem until this very day.

Jerusalem Old City Initiative

The Jerusalem Old City Initiative, was bolstered by the implementation of the Oslo Peace Accord and is a fruit of the peace process and inter faith dialogue. The 2005 formation of The Council of the Religious Institutions of the Holy Land with Muslims, Jews, Catholics and Christians in its governing body has in their statement of faith the declaration of a one world type of religion which contends that all faiths lead to the same god.

Statement of faith:

As religious leaders of different faiths, who share the conviction in the one Creator, Lord of the Universe; we believe that the essence of religion is to worship G-d and respect the life and dignity of all human beings, regardless of religion, nationality and gender.

– Chapter Two –

The Rapture Will Be Canceled

Well not really canceled, perhaps we'll just have to postpone it a couple of times before it's called off altogether! The starting point for our little examination will be a present day building of a Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount, and unless you've been hiding under a rock you know that millions of dollars worth of preparation have already been made toward this end. When it begins you may want to lay down all of your presupposition, because I'm sure of one thing, that there will be plenty of surprises for all concerned.

However this starting point will need something bigger than money, it will need a treaty of some sort, because Jerusalem with the Old City has been declared an "International City" and that means it belongs to the Nations. Jesus said, "*...and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*" (Luke 21:24) And that word 'Gentiles' is the same word that may be translated 'Nations' from the original Greek, so he could have said, "until the times of the Nations be fulfilled" because in context it actually means "nations other than Israel". I believe this is a reference to the same event described at the end of Daniel Chapter Two where the Mystery Babylon Image is obliterated at Messiah's Appearing.

The rebuilding of the Jewish Temple and re-institution of the Priest Temple Sacrifice System have been foretold numerous times through the Old Testament. But, every instance of this prophecy has been followed by its fulfillment with the Rebuilt Temple after the Babylonian Captivity and the seventy years Desolation even though it was not built completely to the specifications of the book of Ezekiel, (I believe it will never be built to those specifications until after Jesus returns). Does this mean there will not be another attempt to build the Jewish Temple and restore the Priest Temple Sacrifice System before the Messiah returns?

It is very likely that there will be an attempt to build a Third Jewish Temple, but it may or may not be completed, because the Bible does not

have one prophecy of the rebuilding of this Temple that was given after the actual Second Temple was completed as chronicled at Ezra chapter six, (which was later refurbished and expanded by Herod). The omission of such prophecy and specific language detailing a *Third* Temple may lead us to safely conclude that such prophecies have been completely fulfilled and any attempt to build another Temple in this era may or may not reach fruition.

When an agreement or treaty does arise which includes the building of a New Temple, for many in the Christian and Evangelical World this will be the starting shot for what they believe to be a Seven Year Tribulation Period which is based upon a non-literal interpretation of the Daniel Seventy Weeks prophecy. The Daniel text simply does not support this supposition because it is based solely upon conjecture. Taken literally the events of Daniel's Seventy Weeks were allotted a four hundred and ninety year time period within which to be fulfilled and history shows that it has been completely fulfilled. More about this later.

Nevertheless it is more than likely that a Third Temple will commence to be built to the end of restoring the Priest Temple Sacrifice System. And when this happens all of the Rapture enthusiasts will become very excited. But their enthusiasm will be shortly tempered when they do not begin to fly away. All of the Pre-Tribulation Rapturists will suddenly join the Mid-Tribulation Rapture camp and hunker down for another three and a half years.

The Politician who is assigned to bring this Treaty or Agreement will be identified by the adherents of the Left Behind/Seven Year Tribulation scheme of Eschatology as the Anti-Christ character commensurate with those fictional books. They will not be disappointed in the fact that any treaty will be broken and it is unlikely that the Temple Sacrifice System will even be instituted. Whether the Sacrifice actually begins or not, just the end of the agreement will be enough to qualify as "putting an end to the sacrifice" as required by the script.

The script calls for this to happen in the middle of the Pseudo Seventieth Week and will be followed as close as possible so that when the first three and a half years pass the Rapture adherents will once again be ready to be raptured into the air to meet Jesus and the dead in Christ! But

they will be disappointed once again requiring a last grasp to the Post-Tribulation Rapture position. Of course this last three and a half years will pass in desperate anticipation by those who have now been disappointed twice. Surely this final wait will be absolutely secure in its expectation because in the minds of those indoctrinated in the Left Behind-Seven Year Tribulation Deception there is no other position to move to.

By the end of this Counterfeit Seventieth Week enough of the attributes of the Fictional Series will be accomplished to satisfy its true believers. The Puppet False Anti-Christ who makes and or breaks the treaty will be deposed or worse. This will also be the final blow to the Rapture and for its adherents, the death of hope for a resurrection event that precedes the grave. The New World Social-Economic Order with its main features: Social Justice, Charity in Truth, Financial and Religious Equality (Social-Commu-Facism) will be introduced to a world that has been thoroughly conditioned for the event by a team of New World Leaders.

These leaders, with the True Anti-Christ who will assuage their disappointment by proclaiming, “I Am the Vicar of Christ, the true fulfillment of the prophecy and now begins a Millennial Reign. an Evolution to a New World Social-Economic Order of Peace.” A Jubilee will be proclaimed, National Debts will be forgiven to kick off the New Fair and Equal Monetary System. The Three Great Mono-Theistic Religions will be united in peace. It will be like heaven on earth! The requirement of forced peace, like Pax Romana will tell the tale, as the Messiah warned, *“the violent take it by force.”* No one will ever be forced into the true Kingdom of God, this would violate the very principle of the Gospel of the Kingdom which requires voluntary repentance. This is why Social-Commu-Facism is an abomination to God.

All of the Ecumenical Evangelical Religious leaders will affirm to their congregations, “that there has always been a debate about the Rapture... Pre – Mid – Post – Tribulation, so that we should not be disappointed because what is sure is the gospel that we have learned for the last hundred years. Don’t you know, we get to go to heaven when we die?” And all the people will exclaim, “Oh Yea! We get to go to heaven when we die!” However this too is a subtle deception because Jesus never said, “Repent for you get to go to heaven when you die.” Rather He did warn of bad preachers who would *“shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye*

*neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.”
Mat 23:13*

Jesus' Gospel was different, He said, ...*Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Mat 4:17)* and the Bible clearly teaches that we go to the resurrection when we die only if we are already in His Kingdom for He also proclaimed , ...*he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (Mat 24:13)* Nowhere does the Bible teach that the Resurrection is preceded by a seven year tribulation period. Neither does it teach that the resurrection follows Daniels seventieth week. When you see the Temple begin to be rebuilt it may actually initiate a seven year countdown to the overt reign of the True Anti-Christ and the beginning of the New World Social-Economic Order with its companion Mark of the Beast Monetary System. Please do not be so quick to dismiss the almost unbelievable, but very carefully crafted great delusion exposed here.

How are we respond to these things? We should continue to walk in the Spirit and be led by the Spirit, our Creator calls His Elect to obey to His commandments, allow His Holy Spirit to bring forth the fruit of repentance in your life, “*the good works which God has before ordained that we might walk in them.*” If you cannot obey Him now, how do you think He will lead you when the time is critical? Learn to trust and obey Him now and you will be able to hear and obey Him through this Global Great Depression, coming world conflicts and Mark of the Beast Inquisition. Cross the Border into His Kingdom, obey the King and live forever, nothing is more important!

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. (Mat 23:13)

Rapture Origins

I never could understand the Secret Rapture Doctrine, how does that work? Millions of people disappear from the earth, and nobody notices? What is that, a Doctor Who episode?

Unfortunately, we are not talking about a Doctor Who episode. The reason it is a *secret* is because God did not put it in His Word! This fact

alone I find very troubling. But God first revealed it to a Church of Scotland minister, named Edward Irving, who was the first to preach the “rapture gospel” about 1830. One of his church members, Margaret MacDonald consequently had a vision from which the pre-tribulation rapture sprang. This “secret rapture” was promoted by Irving claiming he, too, had heard a “voice” from heaven commanding him to teach it. Some modern researchers submit that Irving’s speculations of the “...rapture were influenced by the Spanish Jesuit Priest Lacunza, whose book Irving had translated in 1827 under the title, The coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty.”

Today Rapture Eschatology is a purely Protestant and Evangelical held doctrine. Official Catholic doctrine holds any one who believes in a literal-physical return of Christ and a thousand year reign to be heretics according to Mark Mallet the Modern Catholic Evangelist and Prophet. So the question arises; Why are Protestants using a Latin word like rapture instead of English or at least the Greek from which our Protestant Bibles are translated? Perhaps the speculation which has scrutinized Irving’s work as springing from the influence of the Jesuit Priest Lacunza should be seriously considered. Especially in light of the fact that the highly debated three raptures are anchored upon a false interpretation of Daniels 70th week and the counter-reformation end-time Anti-Christ eschatology of another Jesuit Priest, 16th century Francisco Ribera.

My conclusion? Rapture is a Latin cult word. I believe in the Resurrection. That God did not put the rapture in His Word can only be explained by the fact that He allegedly kept it a secret until He revealed it to Mr. Irving about 1830. What this means is that God gave him a private interpretation! I think the bible adequately addresses the subject of private interpretation:

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: (20) Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. (21) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2Peter 1:19-21

There are very few verses that directly address the Resurrection in

detail. You will notice that none of them incorporate time lapsed phases into the event nor is it anywhere said to precede, divide or follow a seven year tribulation period. Neither is it ever related to Daniel's seventieth week.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

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

The challenge is to find:

- Any verse that explicitly divides the resurrection into several events.
- Any verse that explicitly states that the resurrection is tied to a seven year tribulation period.
- Any verse that explicitly places the resurrection in, around, or at the end of the seventieth week of Daniel.
- Any verse that places the resurrection anywhere other than at the last trump preceding the return of Christ.

None of those hypothesis are possible with out the construction of conjecture, by conjecture any proposition may be constructed. Pure conjecture is not the proper way to interpret Bible prophecy.

– Chapter Three –

Interpretation of the Church Fathers

I often hear from the proponents of the Futurist/Left Behind Rapture interpretation that the early church fathers were all futurists, with only vague references. However I have found to the contrary, that none of the early church fathers were futurist as it is defined today. Instead I find the following from H. Grattan Guinness' 1887 book: *Romanism And The Reformation*; and there is nothing vague in the truth our author reveals here:

.1. The Fathers interpreted the four wild beasts of prophecy as representing the four empires, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. Here we have the foundation of the historical interpretation of prophecy. Take as an instance the words of Hippolytus on the great image and four wild beasts of Daniel: "The golden head of the image", he says, "is identical with the lioness, by which the Babylonians were represented; the shoulders and the arms of silver are the same with the bear, by which the Persians and Medes are meant; the belly and thighs of brass are the leopard, by which the Greeks who ruled from Alexander onwards are intended; the legs of iron are the dreadful and terrible beast, by which the Romans who hold the empire now are meant ; the toes of clay and iron are the ten horns which are to be; the one other little horn springing up in their midst is the antichrist; the stone that smites the image and breaks it in pieces, and that filled the whole earth, is Christ, who comes from heaven and brings judgment on the world." This statement is remarkable for its clearness, correctness, and condensation, and expresses the view held still by the historic school.

Hippolytus says, in the treatise on " Christ and Antichrist": "Rejoice, blessed Daniel, thou hast not been in error ; all these things have come to pass" (p. 19). "Already the iron rules ; already it subdues and breaks all in pieces ; already it brings all the unwilling into subjection ; already we see these things ourselves. Now we glorify God, being instructed by thee " (p. 20).

.2. The Fathers held that the ten-horned beasts of Daniel and John are the same. As an instance, Irenaeus, in his book "Against Heresies," chap, xxvi., says : "John, in the Apocalypse, . . . teaches us what the ten horns shall be which were seen by Daniel"

.3. The Fathers held the historic interpretation of the Apocalypse. As Elliott says, none of the Fathers " entertained the idea of the apocalyptic prophecy overleaping the chronological interval, were it less or greater, antecedent to the consummation, and plunging at once into the times of the consummation." Here, for example commentary of Victorinus on the Apocalypse of John, written towards the end of the third century. This is the earliest commentary extant on the Apocalypse as a whole. In this, the going forth of the white horse under the first seal is interpreted of the victories of the gospel in the first century. This view, you will observe, involves the historical interpretation of the entire book of Revelation. Victorinus interprets the woman clothed with the sun, having the moon under her feet, and wearing a crown of twelve stars on her head, and travailing in her pains, as "the ancient Church of fathers, prophets, saints, and apostles " ; in other words, the Judaeo-Christian body of saints. He could not of course point to fulfilments which were at his early date still future, but he recognises the principle.

.4. The Fathers held that the little horn of Daniel, the man of sin foretold by Paul, and the revived head of the Roman empire predicted by John, represent one and the same power ; and they held that power to be the antichrist. For example, Origen, in his famous book, " Against Celsus/" thus expresses himself (bk. vi., chap. xlvi.). After quoting nearly the whole of Paul's prophecy about the man of sin in 2 Thessalonians, which he interprets of the antichrist, he says : "Since Celsus rejects the statements concerning antichrist, as it is termed, having neither read what is said of him in the book of Daniel, nor in the writings of Paul, nor what the Saviour in the gospels has predicted about his coming, we must make a few remarks on this subject. . . . Paul speaks of him who is called antichrist, describing, though with a certain reserve, both the manner and time and cause of his coming. . . . The prophecy also regarding antichrist is stated in the book of Daniel, and is fitted to make an intelligent and candid reader admire the words as truly Divine and prophetic ; for in them are mentioned the things

relating to the coming kingdom, beginning with the times of Daniel, and continuing to the destruction of the world."

Jerome, in his commentary on the book of Daniel (chap. vii.), says, with reference to the little horn which has a mouth speaking great things, that "it is the man of sin, the son of perdition, who dares to sit in the temple of God, making himself as God."

.5. The Fathers held that the Roman empire was the "let" or hindrance, referred to by Paul in 2 Thessalonians, which kept back the manifestation of the "man of sin". This point is of great importance. Paul distinctly tells us that he knew, and that the Thessalonians knew, what that hindrance was, and that it was then in existence. The early Church, through the writings of the Fathers, tells us what it knew upon the subject, and with remarkable unanimity affirms that this "let," or hindrance, was the Roman empire as governed by the Caesars ; that while the Caesars held imperial power, it was impossible for the predicted antichrist to arise, and that on the fall of the Caesars he would arise. Here we have a point on which Paul affirms the existence of knowledge in the Christian Church. The early Church knew, he says, what this hindrance was. The early Church tells us what it did know upon the subject, and no one in these days can be in a position to contradict its testimony as to what Paul had, by word of mouth only, told the Thessalonians. It is a point on which ancient tradition alone can have any authority. Modern speculation is positively impertinent on such a subject.

What then was the view of the early Church? Look at the words of Tertullian. Quoting Thessalonians, he says : "Now ye know what detaineth that he might be revealed in his time, for the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now hinders must hinder until he be taken out of the way. What obstacle is there but the Roman state; the falling away of which, by being scattered into ten kingdoms, shall introduce antichrist, . . . that the beast antichrist, with his false prophet, may wage war on the Church of God ?

Read the words of Chrysostom in his Commentary on 2 Thessalonians: "One may first naturally inquire what is that which withholdeth, and after that would know why Paul expresses this so obscurely, . . . 'he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.' That is, when the Roman empire is taken out of the way, then he

shall come; and naturally, for as long as the fear of this empire lasts, no one will readily exalt himself; but when that is dissolved, he will attack the anarchy, and endeavour to seize upon the government both of men and of God. For as the kingdoms before this were destroyed, that of the Medes by the Babylonians, that of the Babylonians by the Persians, that of the Persians by the Macedonians, that of the Macedonians by the Romans, so will this be by antichrist', and he by Christ." Then accounting for Paul's reserve in alluding to this point he adds : "Because he says this of the Roman empire, he naturally only glanced at it and spoke covertly, for he did not wish to bring upon himself superfluous enmities and useless dangers. For if he had said that, after a little while, the Roman empire would be dissolved, they would now immediately have even overwhelmed him as a pestilent person, and all the faithful as living and warring to this end."

From Irenaus, who lived close to apostolic times, down to Chrysostom and Jerome, the Fathers taught that the power withholding the manifestation of the "man of sin" was the Roman empire as governed by the Caesars. The Fathers therefore belong to the historic, and not to the futurist school of interpretation; for futurists imagine that the hindrance to the manifestation of the man of sin is still in existence, though the Caesars have long since passed away.

.6. The Fathers held that the fall of the Roman empire was imminent, and therefore the manifestation of antichrist close at hand. Justin Martyr, for example, one of the earliest of the Fathers, in his " Dialogue with Trypho," chap, xxxii., says : " He whom Daniel foretells would have dominion for 'time and times and a half is already even at the door, about to speak blasphemous and daring things against the Most High."

Cyprian, in his "Exhortation to Martyrdom," says: "Since . . . the hateful time of antichrist is already beginning to draw near, I would collect from the sacred Scriptures some exhortations for preparing and strengthening the minds of the brethren, whereby I might animate the soldiers of Christ for the heavenly and spiritual contest."

.7. The Fathers held that the "man of sin", or antichrist, would be a ruler or head of the Roman empire. A striking illustration of this is the interpretation by Irenaus and Hippolytus of the mysterious number 666,

the number of the revived head of the beast, or antichrist. Irenaus gives as its interpretation the word Latinos. He says : "Latinos is the number 666, and it is a very probable (solution), this being the name of the last kingdom, for the LATINS are they who at present bear rule" Hippolytus gives the same solution in his treatise on "Christ and Antichrist."

.8. The Fathers held that the Babylon of the Apocalypse means Rome. On this point they were all agreed, and their unanimity is an important seal on the correctness of this interpretation. Teriullian, for example, in his answer to the Jews, says : " Babylon, in our own John, is a figure of the city Rome, as being equally great and proud of her sway, and triumphant over the saints " (chap. ix.). Victorinus, who wrote the earliest commentary on the Apocalypse extant, says, on Revelation xvii. : "The seven heads are the seven hills on which the woman sitteth that is, the city of Rome:"

Hippolytus says : "Tell me, blessed John, apostle and disciple of the Lord, what didst thou see and hear concerning Babylon? Arise and speak, for it sent thee also into banishment". You notice here the view that Rome which banished the Apostle John is the Babylon of the Apocalypse.

Augustine says, "Rome, the second Babylon, and the daughter of the first, to which it pleased God to subject the whole world, and bring it all under one sovereignty, was now founded." In chap. xxviii. he calls Rome "the western Babylon" In chap. xli. he says : " It has not been in vain that this city has received the mysterious name of Babylon; for Babylon is interpreted confusion, as we have said elsewhere."

It is clear from these quotations that the Fathers did not interpret the Babylon of the Apocalypse as meaning either the literal Babylon on the Euphrates, or some great city in France or England, but as meaning Rome. And this is still the interpretation of the historic school, though for the last 800 years events have proved Babylon to represent Rome, not in its pagan, but in its Papal form.

It should be noted that none of the Father's held the futurist gap theory, the theory that the book of Revelation overleaps nearly eighteen centuries of Christian history, plunging at once into the distant future, and devoting itself entirely to predicting the events of the last few years of this dispensation. As to the subject of antichrist, there was a

universal agreement among them concerning the general idea of the prophecy, while there were differences as to details, these differences arising chiefly from the notion that the antichrist would be in some way Jewish as well as Roman. It is true they thought that the antichrist would be an individual man. Their early position sufficiently accounts for this. They had no conception and could have no conception of the true nature and length of the tremendous apostasy which was to set in upon the Christian Church. They were not prophets, and could not foresee that the Church was to remain nineteen centuries in the wilderness, through prolonged and bitter persecution under a succession of nominally Christian but apostate rulers, filling the place of the ancient Caesars and emulating their antichristian deeds. Had they known these things, we may well believe their views would have completely harmonized with those of historic interpreters of later times.

The Fathers went as far as they could go in the direction in which historical interpreters of these last days have traveled. Further, much that was dark to them in prophecy has become clear to their successors in the light of its accomplishment. Divine providence has thrown light, as it could not fail to do, on Divine prediction. (Romanism and the Reformation; pg.190-200)

On Futurism

To resist the use to which Scripture prophecy was put by the reformers is no light or unimportant matter. The system of prophetic interpretation known as Futurism does resist this use. It condemns the interpretation of the reformers. It condemns the views of all these men, and of all the martyrs, and of all the confessors and faithful witnesses of Christ for long centuries. It condemns the Albigenses, the Waldenses, the Wicliffites, the Hussites, the Lollards, the Lutherans, the Calvinists ; it condemns them all, and upon a point, upon which they are all agreed, an interpretation of Scripture which they embodied in their solemn confessions and sealed with their blood. It condemns the spring of their action, the foundation of the structure they erected. How daring is this act, and how destitute of justification! What an opposition to the pillars of a work most manifestly Divine! for it is no less than this, for Futurism asserts that Luther and all the reformers were wrong in this fundamental point. And whose interpretation of prophecy does it

justify and approve? That of the Romanists. (pg. 251-2)

Of all of the works of the above author, his book, **Romanism And The Reformation** stands out alone as the gem of his literary work and is a must have for the library of any serious student of prophecy.

These prophetic mysteries are not so much to be understood beforehand as to be acknowledged after they come to pass, which verify the Word of God and bring good men to the obedience of His Truth for His Glory.

– Chapter Four –

The Dream is Certain, the Interpretation Sure

Because the Bible gives us many pieces of prophecy, perhaps we should look at all of the pieces individually before we attempt to put them together, like a puzzle that is very large and complex. I think that first we need to identify a template from the scripture around which we can fit all of the pieces we find. To begin I have found the template offered in Daniel Chapter Two most advantageous to construct a correct view around because it gives us a time line which begins at the top and extends out into



our future as we move down toward the bottom and we are told that the Image... is certain and the interpretation is sure. So our puzzle, when finished will have the image of a man with a head of gold standing on the future with the past over his head.

MYSTERY BABYLON and THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES are the names we will apply to this image.

Mystery Babylon, because the head of the Image is Babylon, and Babylon “that great city” is destroyed at the return of the Messiah.

...Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. (Rev 18:10)

Babylon is there from the beginning until the end. We will also call it The Times Of The Gentiles, from the words of Jesus, because it represents all world dominating powers from the time that Israel lost its sovereignty over Jerusalem to a succession of other nations (gentiles) until the time that the Messiah returns to set up His Millennial Kingdom.

...and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (Luke 21:24)

Whenever we see the word Mystery in the Scripture we need to understand that there is something in the Bible which our Heavenly Father desires for us to search out, at the same time hidden from those who don't have the time for Biblical pursuit or are otherwise blinded. So I am not surprised when many are confused. These prophetic mysteries are not so much to be understood beforehand as to be acknowledged after they come to pass, which verify the Word of God and bring good men to the obedience of His Truth for His Glory.

To search out the Mystery of Babylon we must keep in the back of our mind as a character reference the first report of Babylon from the scripture where the Tower was built and God prevented a world dominion, dividing the people by language and dispersing them throughout the earth. World Dominion by an earthly power was postponed until the Creator Himself would wield that power as His Sword in judgment. Note this very important point: God is in charge, even of the governments of men.

And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand... (Jeremiah 27:8)

Now let's look at the Creator's Template for prophecy into which all interpretation must either fit or at least not contradict, because the "interpretation is sure". During the seventy years desolation that followed the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem we find Daniel telling the King of Babylon the interpretation of the dream (about 540 BC).

Daniel 2:38-41 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. (39) And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. (40) And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. (41) And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

For the purposes of this book we are going to jump directly to the iron portion of Image. With the deterioration and fall of a monolithic Roman world dominating Empire the image transitions to the broken iron mingled with clay of the feet. The pieces of Iron represent the governments of the world trampled and broken after the Roman model, some weak, some stronger, and many under the power of the successive heads and horns of the end time first beast of Revelation chapter 13 which is represented by the Iron from its appearance until Christ returns, striking the image in the feet.

v.42-43 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. (43) And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

In verses 42 and 43 we see the distinction of the clay from the Iron. "They" are the Clay distinguished from the "seed of men" representing the divided or broken Iron kingdom. The Clay is called "potters clay" meaning mold-able; and "miry" as still wet or not hardened, these are the people of God mingled among the Nations.

v.44-45 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

You will notice that the Iron Kingdom which breaks in pieces and subdues all the former kingdoms continues to exist even in the form of the broken pieces which were its consequence. This era of Mystery Babylon is represented in the Revelation by the beast with the seven heads and ten horns which horns I think will correspond with the ten toes of our image here.

Now that we've discovered that God has established a template, perhaps we should look at some example of theories that do not fit or are excluded by it:

1. Does the conspiracy theory that The Jews Rule the World and are establishing a NWO fit into this template? NO. Not only is there no place in the sure interpretation of our Daniel 2 time line, but it goes against everything else prophesied about Israel. Rejected.

2. That America alone is Mystery Babylon cannot be accepted simply because there is no interposing metal to represent it between the appearance of the Iron and the return of Jesus.

3. A prominent Messianic Leader recently claimed that the "Times of the Gentiles" ended 20 yrs ago, others claim it ended when the Jews got back their homeland in 1948. Also rejected.

Israel still does not control all of Jerusalem, especially the Temple Mount. That the "Times of the Gentiles" ends any time before the return of Christ and the accompanied desolation of our Mystery Babylon Image must be rejected.

Jesus Rules the Nations

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

That Our Creator choose to rule the nations with this “rod of iron” is as evident as His influence upon the nations and the desire of those nations to throw off that influence as prophesied at Psalm 2: *(1) Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? (2) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, [saying], (3) Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.*

The “bands” and “their cords” are the effect of the clay, God’s people and “his anointed” on the kingdoms of men which they desire to throw off. This is evidenced by the worlds hatred for The Bible and the embrace of every licentiousness, legalizing what God's Law prohibits.

Continue v. *(4) He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. (5) Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. (6) Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. (7) I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou [art] my Son; this day have I begotten thee. (8) Ask of me, and I shall give [thee] the heathen [for] thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth [for] thy possession. (9) Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. (10) Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. (11) Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. (12) Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish [from] the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed [are] all they that put their trust in him.*

Whereas God used Babylon as His sword in judgment, through willing or unwitting individuals the Son by wisdom has ruled the nations for the last two thousand years with this rod of iron, even dashing them to pieces as we see illustrated in the feet and ten toes of Daniel's image. If you can keep this Daniel Chapter Two template in mind concerning prophecy you will be able to eliminate much of the errant eschatology that is popularly espoused today.

Mystery Babylon In The Riddle

Chapter seventeen of the Revelation give us more details of Mystery Babylon contained in a riddle, to understand the riddle we must pay close attention to the grammatical time tense of each phrase:

And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. (Rev 17:10-11 KJV)

It is about 95 AD when these words were spoken to John. Five Kingdoms which once ruled over Israel had fallen:

1; Egypt, into which Israel voluntarily entered and was subsequently enslaved;

2; Assyria, took the Northern Kingdom after Israel split;

3; Babylon, which completely dissolved Israel self rule;

4; Medea-Persia, conquered Babylon and was followed by:

5; Greece; conquered by the Terrible Iron Beast;

6; Rome: the “*and one is*” current with John in 95 AD;

7 is; America; “*and the other is not yet come*” America, the seventh kingdom, developed in the New World about the same time Papal Rome received its *wound by the sword* It is not recorded that this seventh (America) conquers the one before it or falls to a successor, only that it continues a short space. This will make perfect sense when we discuss America's place in the Book of Revelation;

8. is Rome, after the wound “*as it were to death*” was healed, is aided by number seven, who is also the Second Beast of Revelation ch.13 once it is morphed into its v.11 “*spake as a dragon*” phase. Rome is the beast that *did live (ch.13v.14)* or *was and is not*, “*was and is not*” is a riddle and a visible description of the Roman Empire because she is not recognizable in the broken iron condition, but referred to as *Mystery Babylon*.

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. (Revelation 17:8)

The v.8 beast must align with the final Iron power of the Daniel ch.2 Image as it is the last and goes to perdition at the return of Jesus, thus it can only be Rome, but a Rome that was and is not, yet is! It is Mystery Babylon today, and that is the mystery of it.

Mystery Babylon Today

Present day theorists have differing inclinations of which particular nation the Mystery Babylon of the Revelation represents, and they are all correct in that Mystery Babylon encompasses all nations. Because the Iron breaks and is broken and Jesus shatters the nations like a potters vessel with a rod of iron we should not be surprised if we don't see a cohesive monolithic easily identifiable One World Order to represent the Mystery Babylon of the Revelation. Rather we should expect the head of Mystery Babylon today to be shrouded in mystery as most people do not recognize it for what it is.

Chapters 17 and 18 of the Revelation has more detail about End Time Mystery Babylon than all other books of the Bible combined. America is a very popular candidate as it is the only singular nation that even comes close to fulfilling half of the description contained in these chapters. However America falls short on some very important criteria: chapter 17 describes “*the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.(v.18)*”; she is called a woman and a great whore throughout ch.17; and she has the name MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH written on her forehead.

America cannot be a mother because it is the child of nations. That she is called a woman and a whore only describes an Apostate Church. And historically as well as contemporarily there is only one City on the face of the earth which fulfills all of the criteria contained in these two chapters of the Revelation. That is the Vatican! Now don't change the channel yet. I

do not equate The Vatican with the general Catholic population, I believe that God has many of His people in the Roman Church as He does in all of the Daughter Protestant Churches and the time is coming and perhaps is now that God is calling His people out of the Mother Harlot Church as well as all of the Daughter Harlot Churches. The only reason that most can't see what the Vatican truly represents is because the Vatican rules through a myriad of front organizations, but mainly thru The Empire Of The City which I call The Unholy Trinity that Rules the World. For a thorough education on how the Vatican operates I suggest F. Tupper Saucy's book: [Rulers Of Evil](#). She, the Vatican “*reigneth over the kings of the earth*” even today.

– Chapter Five –

The Unholy Trinity that Rules the World

Yes, The Vatican is “The City” of The Empire Of The City, you could just as well say, “The Empire of the Vatican.” Thru this tripartite union she fulfills every criterion of the two chapters to qualify as Mystery Babylon. You will also notice that “city” is singular in all instances, this is more an indication of proof with the contemporary use in the description: The Empire Of The City. Therefore we have three locations, if not the entire world, to fulfill all of the grandeur, evil and catastrophe applied to the city, Mystery Babylon:

1. She is, the *great whore that sitteth upon many waters*, her Catholic church is in every population of the earth; (“waters... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues” ch.17 v.15,)
2. the one, *With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication*, internet search “Vatican and “any world leader””
3. *the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication*
4. *the woman* (a church)... *arrayed in purple and scarlet colour...* a dead give away
5. *decked with gold and precious stones and pearls...* too obvious
6. *having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication...* the idolatry of trans-substantiation and the ecumenical embrace of every other pagan idolatry.
7. *her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH*, her Protestant Daughters, Ecumenism, and even Islam,
8. *drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus*, Inquisitions past and to come.

9. *is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth*

10. *all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication*

11. *the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.* Satan's fiat usury financial system has made many very rich.

12. *Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues:* I believe we are called out of her systems rather than a place, the whole earth is the Lords.

13. *For her sins have reached unto heaven*

14. *she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously*

15. *The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing.* This will be a world wide spectacle.

16. *Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.*

Little explanation is necessary when these criteria are applied to the tripartite administrated New World Social-Economic Order of the Woman that rides the Beast. It would be impossible to apply all of these points to any one particular nation, even America.

The Vatican

The Roman Catholic Church rules over more than 2 billion of the world's 6-7 billion people. The staggering wealth of the Vatican includes unthinkable enormous investments with the Rothschild's in Britain, France, and the USA, and with giant oil and weapons corporations like Shell and General Electric. The Vatican's solid gold bullion stored with the Rothschild controlled Bank of England and the US Federal Reserve Bank is worth untold billions. The Vatican is the biggest financial power, wealth accumulator, and property owner in existence. She possesses more material wealth than any bank, corporation, giant trust, or

government anywhere on the globe. While two-thirds of the world earns less than two dollars a day, and one-fifth of the world is under fed, some even starving to death, the Vatican hordes the world's wealth, profits from it on the financial markets, and at the same time fleeces as much as possible from even its poorest adherents.



The Corporation of London

Like Vatican City, London's Financial District is also a privately owned corporation, or city state, located right smack in the heart of Greater London. Now called The City of London, it is a city within London. It constituted most of London from its settlement by the Romans in the 1st century AD to the Middle Ages, but the populated area has since grown far beyond the City's borders. The City is now only a tiny part of the

metropolis of the London region, though it remains a notable part of central London. It holds City status in its own right and is also a separate state.

Today the city state of London is the world's financial power center. It houses the Rothschild controlled Bank of England, Lloyd's of London, the London Stock Exchange, all British Banks, the branch offices of 385 foreign banks, and 70 US banks. It has its own courts, its own laws, its own flag, and its own police force. It is not part of Greater London, England, or the British Commonwealth, and pays no taxes. The city state of London houses Fleet Street's newspaper and publishing monopolies. It is also the headquarters for worldwide English Freemasonry and headquarters for the worldwide money cartel known as the Crown.

The Crown is not the Royal Family or the British Monarch. The Crown is the private Corporation of London. It has a council of twelve members who rule the corporation under a mayor called the Lord Mayor. The Lord Mayor and his twelve member council serve as proxies who sit in for thirteen of the world's wealthiest, most powerful banking families. This ring of thirteen ruling families includes the Rothschild family, the Warburg family, the Oppenheimer family, and the Schiff family. These families and their descendants run the Crown Corporation of London not to mention the U.S. Federal Reserve. The Crown Corporation holds the title to worldwide Crown land in Crown colonies like Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. The British Parliament and the British Prime Minister serve as a public front for these ruling crown families. All of these serve the Vatican and as a result have become very rich while maintaining their wealth. *Domine Dirige Nos* ("Master Direct us", motto of City of London Corporation). There is no doubt in my mind who their Master is, even the scripture indicates, the Dragon gives them their power.

The District of Columbia

Like the Vatican and the Corporation of London, a third city state was officially created on land ceded by the several Catholic Colonies of *Virginia* and *Maryland* in 1790 as the first Act of the American Constitution. F. Tupper Saussy reports in his book, *Rulers of Evil*,

“What? American government Roman Catholic from the beginning?

Consider: the land known today as the District of Columbia bore the name “Rome” in 1663 property records; and the branch of the Potomac River that bordered “Rome” on the south was called “Tiber.” This information was reported in the 1902 edition of the Catholic Encyclopedia’s article on Daniel Carroll. The article, specifically declaring itself “of interest to Catholics” in the 1902 edition, was deleted from the New Catholic Encyclopedia (1967).”

Saussy adds, “In 1790, President George Washington, a Protestant, appointed Congressman Carroll to head a commission of three men to select land for the “federal city” called for in the Constitution. Of all places, the commission chose “Rome,” which at the time consisted of four farms, one of which belonged to... Daniel Carroll. It was upon Carroll’s farm that the new government chose to erect its most important building, the Capitol.”

The con of the Constitution was successfully veiled, few would perceive or even suspect what was truly behind the reason given for popular consumption, “to form a more perfect union” than had the Articles of Confederation. If not for the insisted upon Bill of Rights, liberty would have perished that day. Sixty years later when the secession movement swept the South threatening the Empire's DC power center in the new world, the election leading up to the Civil War had one candidate who stumped vociferously for Preserving the Union.

The Empire did not want to lose its foothold for total control in the New World so stealthily backed the unwitting Abraham Lincoln who was pressured to keep his pledge to Preserve the Union at any cost, even the cost of the lives of hundreds of thousands of America's fathers and sons. After the war when Lincoln had turned his back on the money powers and genuinely sought to restore the South to equal footing and original intent of the Union he had outlived his usefulness. The post war, post assassination era was just the time of crisis that the Empire needed to mold America into an image more to its liking. The first giant leap in the takeover of the free nation had just succeeded. With the consequent Reconstruction, the Fourteenth Amendment and The Act of 1871, America would never be the same.

The next giant leap would include the 1913 Federal Reserve Coop of

the United States Treasury and the introduction of the first world reserve currency, the Federal Reserve Note. Its subsequent Great Depression and the numbering of all Americans through the Social Security System, the cause that began in America has now spread to every nation on earth, a New World Social-Economic Order. The transformation of the American Beast from lamb-like to dragon-like is today nearly ubiquitous.



Conclusion

Although geographically separate, the three city states of the Vatican, the Corporation of London, and the District of Columbia are one interlocking empire called **The Empire of the City**. The flag of the District of Columbia has three red stars, one for each city state in the three city empire. This tripartite union controls the world economically through London's Square Mile financial district, militarily through the District of Columbia, with the Vatican its head and Spiritual as well as Temporal seat for the Vicar of Christ on earth, who is the Pope and the Anti Christ.

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies... Rev 13:5

If we are truly as close to the end of all things and the return of Christ as most believers hold, then we should be able to observe the elements of Bible prophecy presently coming to fruition. With the recent exposure of the Malachy Prophecy and the installation of the Jesuit Pope Francis, I have had the honor of coming into agreement with many Evangelical and Futurist leaning Christians that the final Pope will in fact be the prophesied end time Anti Christ. All of the facts presented here, easily verified on the ground, confirm that the time is right for a one world

religious leader and no one is better positioned to fill that role than the Pope of Rome.

Time Magazine drives the point home by the selection of this Pope as: Person of the Year 2013, with these two paragraphs of adulation among many:

“How do you practice humility from the most exalted throne on earth? Rarely has a new player on the world stage captured so much attention so quickly—young and old, faithful and cynical—as has Pope Francis. In his nine months in office, he has placed himself at the very center of the central conversations of our time: about wealth and poverty, fairness and justice, transparency, modernity, globalization, the role of women, the nature of marriage, the temptations of power.

At a time when the limits of leadership are being tested in so many places, along comes a man with no visible army or weapons, no kingdom beyond a tight fist of land in the middle of Rome but with the immense wealth and weight of history behind him, to throw down a challenge. The world is getting smaller; individual voices are getting louder; technology is turning virtue viral, so his pulpit is visible to the ends of the earth. When he kisses the face of a disfigured man or washes the feet of a Muslim woman, the image resonates far beyond the boundaries of the Catholic Church.”



...all the world wondered after the beast. (Rev 13:3)

Former Catholic Priest Richard Bennett has this to say about the latest

Pope of Rome:

“Cardinal Bergoglio, in order to build a public image for himself, once elected, chose the name Pope Francis in honor of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis was known to be a softhearted lover of nature; thus, Pope Francis adroitly implied that he would be similarly unassuming, kind, and harmless. On the other hand, from his first speech and subsequent presentations, he has shown himself as a totalitarian Jesuit. Thus, as the media and many ecumenical Evangelicals fawn over Pope Francis, it is necessary to biblically analyze his speeches and performances.”

In 1545, the Catholic Church convened one of its most famous councils in history, which took place north of Rome in a city called Trent. The Council of Trent continued for three sessions ending in 1563. One of the main purposes of this Council was to plan a counterattack against the Protestant Reformation. Before Trent the Vatican's main method of attack had been largely frontal, the open burning of Bibles and of heretics. However this method only confirmed in the minds of Protestants the conviction that Vatican was indeed the Great Whore that would *"make war with the saints"* (Revelation 13:7). She has learned the lessons of history very well.

– Chapter Six –

Daniel Seventy Weeks Challenge

There are two different interpretations of the Daniel Seventy Weeks Prophecy. One is the Literal or Historical View which holds that the 70 weeks are contiguous and therefore completely fulfilled at the first century. The more popular is the Futurist View of the Left Behind fiction fame, which holds that the 70 weeks are contiguous except for the last, or 70th week which is preceded by an "interval or gap" of an undetermined amount of time. I used to believe in the Futurist Gap View, without really understanding it because I just accepted what I was taught by men who surely understood the bible better than any layman.

But then I started teaching the bible, and have been since 1996. And in my study I came to understand that God would hold me to a very high standard and I could even be punished for false teaching. Suddenly my understanding became a very serious matter, and when I came to the prophetic parts of the scripture and started to search the scripture for the gap to uphold the view of Daniels 70 weeks that I believed. Well I absolutely don't want to be a false teacher, so if the gap or interval was there I certainly needed to find it, but I simply could not find it!

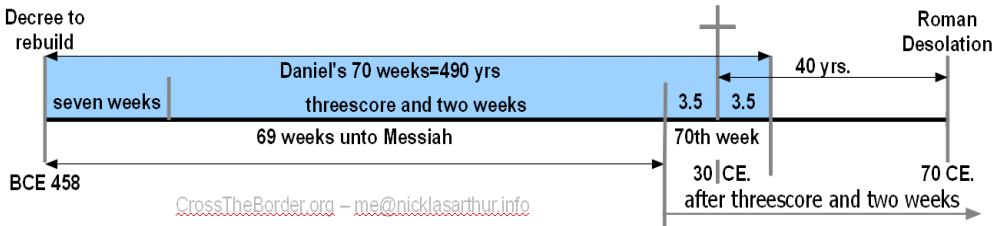
For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: (Rev 22:18)

So I started to investigate the idea that the 70 weeks are contiguous and to my surprise I had to admit that the Literal View was absolutely viable and to this day I have not been able to exclude it by the Scripture alone. I felt I still needed to look at the best Futurist teaching I could find - I certainly don't want to be unpopular and wrong at the same time. So to unravel this mystery I went straight to Chuck Missler, who is supposed to be the best on these topics. Even Chuck Missler admits that upon reading the text, and I quote, "we would naturally think that the seventy weeks are contiguous, one right after the other, and they are," but then digresses, "except for an interval between the sixty-ninth and the seventieth, that's not a conjecture, its express in the text..." he says.

So I re-read the text but could find no gap or interval expressed in any of these verses. Nowhere in any of his prophecy teachings could I find an explanation for this irreconcilable statement. Nor has any other so-called prophecy teacher been able to [Show Me The Gap!](#)

Here is the entire text of the Seventy Weeks Prophecy:

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. (25) Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. (26) And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. (27) 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 he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. Daniel 9:24-27



I challenge any one to show me anything in this illustration that is inconsistent with the four verses which comprise the complete text of the Seventy Weeks Prophecy. If you cannot exclude this view by the text then it must be seriously considered. Next, does history exclude it? To the contrary, history confirms it. The prophecy is completely fulfilled as it unfolded in history, this is one more example of the historical-grammatical interpretation demonstrated in the scripture itself. That's the evidence. This interpretation is totally without conjecture, only what is explicit or

expressed in the text is allowed, something that cannot be claimed for the renderings popularized by voluminous fictional books and feature length movie series such as Left Behind. I have a standing challenge to anyone to show me a gap between the sixty-ninth and seventieth week explicitly stated anywhere in the scripture.

Just how important is this question? It is the cornerstone of the entire Futurist scheme of eschatology, the Achilles Heel if you will. Certainly one can conjure a thousand supporting verses for every fallacy, but that makes them no less false. Tens of thousands of “Christians” make decisions every day based on the Futurist/Left Behind Rapture scheme of things, because it puts things which they should be concerned with today off to a future which is primarily a fantasy. At the same time confining eminent and future dangers to a false “seventieth week” period of time in the nether future which even when that comes they will be pre- or mid-tribulation raptured to safety.

Daniels Seventieth Week as History

He [Andrew] first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah... John 1:41

Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write... John 1:45

Today people are interested in prophecy, Two thousand years ago there were people like us, Andrew, Simon, Philip and Nathanael, also interested in prophecy. Now Imagine living in a time 483 years into Daniels seventy weeks prophecy. You know the history of your people, how the temple and the city were restored exactly as Daniel the prophet foretold. You recognize that it is the end of the sixty-ninth week and know the Messiah is about to step onto the scene! Like Andrew and Philip would you be actively seeking Him? And once you found Him would it ever enter your mind that the seventieth week would not follow the sixty-ninth? The gap theory would not be developed nor perfected for some fifteen to nineteen hundred years in the future.

Andrew, Simon, Philip and Nathaniel lived through what they would have no doubt believed was the seventieth week of Daniel. Lets see how

their version of Daniels seventieth or the last "week" of years determined for Israel plays out.

Daniel prays for his people and for the temple Dan 9:16: *O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people [are become] a reproach to all [that are] about us. (17) Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.*

Suddenly the angel Gabriel appears to him: *...O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. (23) At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew [thee]; for thou [art] greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.*

Note that Daniel is told to understand the matter, continue: (v.24) *Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*

The Six Purposes Of The 70 Weeks

1. to finish the transgression:

The ultimate transgression of the Hebrew people is expressed by Peter:

But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. (Acts 3:14-15)

And then Stephen immediately before being martyred proclaims:

Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the

betrayers and murderers: (Acts 7:51-52)

Thus we see that the *"thy people"* of Daniel 9:24 included the very ones who were responsible for the death of their Messiah. The National transgression is complete.

2. and to make an end of sins:

This does not mean that men will never sin again as some of the futurist camp would argue, for the scripture confirms that men will even sin in the millennium after the "Great Tribulation" of the futurist interpretation, so this argument is against their own unscriptural view as well. Our new testament writers confirm the true meaning:

...but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. (Heb 9:26)

Then again;

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust...(1Pe 3:18)

So He did make an end of sin.

3. to make reconciliation for iniquity:

We find nothing so clear as the following:

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only [so], but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. (Rom 5:10-11)

A second witness;

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto [his] brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things [pertaining] to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. (Heb 2:17)

4. to bring in everlasting righteousness:

...but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation. (Isiah 51:8)

And Peter confirms the Messiah;

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: (1Pe 2:24)

Is there any doubt that He ushered in everlasting righteousness?

5. to seal up the vision and prophecy:

...for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. (Rev 19:10)

Jesus was the Great Prophet of whom Moses and the Prophets foretold. Jesus, His disciples and Paul all prophesied. Since the days of these no new writings of the saints are considered the prophecy of God and added to The Bible. It is sealed up in the works of Christ and the men He chose to complete the Holy Writ.

6. to anoint the most Holy:

Stephen calls Jesus: *"the Holy One and the Just"* (Act 3:14)

and Peter testifies;

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (Act 10:38)

In summary: All six of these purposes were fulfilled during the period immediately following the appearance of the Messiah, the seventieth week of Daniel did immediately follow the sixty-ninth. Should we be surprised? NO - there is nothing in the text to move the final week off to some undetermined future fulfillment. In the words of the Messiah, *"it is finished"* (John 19:30)

continuing:

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

Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. (Dan 9:25)

It is almost universally agreed that the time period of "weeks" in this passage, literally translated would be "sevens" and has nothing to do with the common use of the word today. In much the same way we refer to "a decade" as ten years in our Roman calendar reckoning, so the ancient Hebrew would refer to what is translated "weeks" as a week of years.

So we have the building of the temple and the city taking place in the first seven weeks (49 years), which is a fact of history not in dispute. The following sixty two weeks (434 years) are known as the silent years when Israel did not have a prophet, also not in dispute. Adding these two time periods together we have a 483 year countdown "unto the Messiah the Prince" and the beginning of the final and seventieth week during which He did confirm "the covenant" with many.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. (Dan 9:26)

After the 69th week "shall Messiah be cut off" - there is no other time period given in the prophecy of the 70 weeks for this to take place. That He was "cut off, but not for himself" in the middle of the seven year period immediately following the 69th week places it smack in the middle of the 70th week.

v. 27 *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 he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

Who is the "he" in verse 27? Is he "the messenger of the covenant" foretold of the prophet: ... *and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. (Mal 3:1)*

Or is "he" the antichrist character depicted in the fictional Left Behind

Series? The answer is in the text itself. Immediately antecedent we do have *"the people of the prince that shall come"* but they do not qualify as a he. The prince does not qualify as the term is only descriptive of the people who shall destroy the city and the sanctuary and is in no way a subject or focus of the text, therefore is not a proper noun and cannot qualify to be the antecedent required.

When the entire text of the four verses are considered, the rules of grammar only allow one conclusion: It is the Messiah who is the only he that qualifies. To confirm "the covenant" means that it must already exist - He was *"the messenger of the covenant"* the Messiah. *"...and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease"*

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; (Mat 27:50-51)

He, the Messiah did it, He caused the *"sacrifice and the oblation to cease"* by the sacrifice of Himself.

And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; (Heb 10:11-12)

Yes the priests may have replaced the torn veil and attempted to carry on as before, but God thereby declared an end to the priest, temple sacrifice system. The overspreading of abominations? ...complete with the National rejection of God's Messiah and any attempt to continue with the blood of calves and goats instead. The desolation of the city and the temple were determined. Forty years, and the consummation would come like a flood with the people of the prince to come, the Roman army.

Conclusion: It is therefore well established that the prophecy is completely fulfilled within the 490 years allotted to it. Daniels Seventy Weeks are History. There is no gap, period.

– Chapter Seven –

Matthew 24 Exposed

Matthew chapter twenty-four is perhaps one of the most misunderstood prophetic passages in the Bible. Jesus disciples are showing him the buildings of the temple and Jesus prophesies their destruction:

“See ye not all these things...there shall not be left here one stone upon another...”

Matthew records two questions asked of Jesus' disciples when they reach the Mount of Olives. The first question is differentiated by the phrase, “*these things*” and the author uses this key throughout the text to separate the two answers. I have highlighted the first question and its direct answers in yellow-round box, the second in blue-square box. “These things” also begs the question, what things? The answer is in the previous verse, the “buildings of the temple”. The buildings of the temple were standing when Jesus was there. This does not include the outer wall or retaining stones of the Temple Mount itself. Jesus knew what was going to happen: in 70 AD the Romans burned the Temple and all of the gold overlay melted and seeped between the stones of the Temple itself so that the Roman soldiers turned over every stone of the buildings to extract that gold, completely fulfilling Jesus prophecy to the letter.

Mat 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

Mat 24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Mat 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Question #1: *when shall these things be?* In other words, when shall there *not be left here one stone upon another* of the (antecedent) *buildings of the temple*?

Question #2: *what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*

Jesus and his disciples are leaving the temple mount where Jesus briefly comments on the coming destruction of the buildings there. After they travel the short distance to the mount of Olives they engage in a private conference where the two questions are asked. In verses 15 through 22, Jesus directly answers the first question in relation to events including the annihilation of Judea, the Temple and the Hebrew Nation, culminating in the 70 AD desolation by addressing the disciples directly, “ye therefore shall see...” then he broadens the scope to “them which be in Judaea” with instructions to follow the signs for that generation.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)
 Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
 Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:
 Mat 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.
 Mat 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
 Mat 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
 Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
 Mat 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

You will notice that the text only includes us parenthetically, (*whoso readeth...*). If we were included with those who would see the “*abomination of desolation*”, Then the text would have been stated, “whoso or whosoever shall see”. This is a major distinction of the Authorized King James Version of the bible: The translators worked vigorously to only present a word for word translation from the original Greek, where as most modern versions attempt to interpret the text for you – but whose interpretation are they giving you but their own, and that is decidedly Futurist.

Jesus then in a very conversational mode broaches general instruction for the entire last days era in verses 4-14 and 23-26. In these sections Jesus expresses conditions that are applicable to the entire end times, including the time from his ascension until he returns. These are more of a warning and instructional in quality as an addendum to the subject questions, and not specific to either question, therefore I have not

highlighted those.

Jesus then closes this section (v.22) with a promise that the tribulation of that time, which they would see, would be shortened because it was necessary for the elect to survive to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to the world. Remember that the first century Christians were a sect of the Hebrew religion which was experiencing the wrath of the Roman Empire. This is why Jesus instructed His followers to flee Jerusalem and Judea. Many try to apply v.22 to the days preceding the Return of Christ, but it is not necessary for the elect to survive through His return because we will all be resurrected at that time, not to mention that the Revelation explicitly states that many will suffer beheading for rejecting the Mark of the Beast.

In verses 27-31 the conversation wanders to specifically address some points of the second question about his return and the end of the world, then back to the general in verses 32 and 33. Jesus then wraps up question #1 in verse 34 before he continues to finish the topics of question #2.

Mat 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

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

Mat 24:30 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.

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

Mat 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

One key is in the term “these things” from the Strong’s Greek 5023. When searched for occurrences of the G5023 I find a universal indication to things present, or we could say “these present things” but never is it used to reference things far off or belonging to a future generation. This rule of grammar is followed very closely in this chapter as indicated by the

introduction of “*these things*” in the first question and its inclusion in the answer specific to “*This generation*”, also the exclusion of the phrase in the second question and all of those things which are specifically ascribed to Jesus' return and the end of the world.

Mat 24:36	But of that day and hour knoweth no <i>man</i> , no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.
Mat 24:37	But as the days of Noe <i>were</i> , so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
Mat 24:38	For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,
Mat 24:39	And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
Mat 24:40	Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
Mat 24:41	Two <i>women shall be</i> grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
Mat 24:42	Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

This understanding when applied should clear up all the confusion from the text, at the same time controvert most of the popular futurist eschatology and interpretation of this passage. When applied we should be able to rightly divide this passage of text to gain a clear understanding without conjecture or other added presupposition. Matthew was a first hand witness upon this occasion, the parallel passage in Luke is a hearsay account therefore can only be used to verify Matthew. The Historical Grammatical method requires us to give Matthew's account primary weight in interpretation.

– Chapter Eight –

The Abomination Of Desolation

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: (Matthew 24:15-16)

Jesus is telling “ye” his disciples that they will see the abomination of desolation in the midst of answering the two questions from them. He would have said “*whosoever*” if he were speaking to a future generation. He also expands the warning to “*them which be in Judaea*”, to those who were living at that time. They would see the abomination that he spoke of. He is not telling us that we will see it, but the author only includes us in the parenthetical close (*whoso readeth, let him understand:*) This is an explicit instruction for everyone to look in the book of Daniel to understand exactly what it was Jesus was telling those inhabitants of Judaea that they would see.

So we find the word abomination twice in the Book of Daniel:

(Dan 11:31) And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

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

Daniel 11:31 is a reference to Antiochus Epiphanies among other acts, slaughtering a pig on the alter in the Temple, so here we get a definition: An *abomination that maketh desolate* is a wrong sacrifice in the Temple. In this instance it did not bring about the desolation of the Temple as it was not the Hebrew Nation which was directly responsible for the act nor was it made a “standing” practice.

Daniel 12:11 is the direct reference to what Jesus was was telling those

in Judaea to be on the lookout for. When was this wrong sacrifice set up as a “standing” practice in the Temple? I will show you in the scripture:

Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: (Hebrews 9:6-8)

This (underlined) was the authorized sacrifice for sin until the Messiah came and sacrificed Himself.

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. (Hebrews 9:11-12)

John's witness is that Jesus said, “*it is finished*” before he gave up the ghost. Matthew records:

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; (Matthew 27:50-51)

What was finished? And what does the renting of the veil in the Temple represent? The sacrifice for sin, once for all was finished when Jesus gave up the ghost. The veil being rent in the temple signifies that Jesus was *the way into the holiest of all* so that the *blood of goats and calves* was no longer an acceptable sacrifice for sin. He caused *the sacrifice and the oblation to cease* in the middle of the week just as the Prophet Daniel foretold. He caused *the sacrifice and the oblation to cease* by the sacrifice of himself. If anyone does not understand this... then they do not understand the gospel.

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 he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the

desolate. (Daniel 9:27)

And he confirmed the covenant:

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. (Malachi 3:1)

Now if Jesus was the *messenger of the covenant* as foretold in Malachi, who better to confirm the covenant than the one who was to fulfill it, *even the messenger of the covenant*? When Paul was brought to trial before the Pharisees and the Sadducees he testified to the hope of the resurrection as a primary point of contention between the two religious sects. Jesus told the Sadducees, “*Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*” in answer to their direct challenge of the resurrection of the dead. Without the resurrection any hope in any point of the covenant does not extend beyond the grave, making the resurrection the most important point of any covenant God made with Abraham or Israel. By His sacrifice and his own resurrection from the death of the cross, Jesus confirmed the most important of all the promises of God, thus confirming it as an everlasting covenant.

Nineteenth Century Jewish author, Alfred Edersheim writes in The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah:

“And now a shudder ran through Nature, as its Sun had set. We dare not do more than follow the rapid outlines of the Evangelistic narrative. As the first token, it records the rending of the Temple-Veil in two from the top downward to the bottom; as the second, the quaking of the earth, the rending of the rocks and the opening of the graves..., while the rending of the Veil is recorded first, as being the most significant token to Israel, it may have been connected with the earthquake, although this alone might scarcely account for the tearing of so heavy a Veil from the top to the bottom. Even the latter circumstance has its significance. That some great catastrophe, betokening the impending destruction of the Temple, had occurred in the Sanctuary about this very time, is confirmed by not less than four mutually independent testimonies: those of Tacitus, of Josephus, of the Talmud, and of earliest Christian

tradition. The most important of these are, of course, the Talmud and Josephus. The latter speaks of the mysterious extinction of the middle and chief light in the Golden Candlestick, forty years before the destruction of the Temple; and both he and the Talmud refer to a supernatural opening by themselves of the great Temple-gates that had been previously closed, which was regarded as a portent of the coming destruction of the Temple” (p.610).

The immediate continuation of the animal sacrifice in the temple as a standing practice *was* The Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the Prophet and Jesus. It was an unacceptable or wrong sacrifice in the holy place. The Religious Establishment and National leaders rejected God's final provided sacrifice, the blood of the Messiah.

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

What happened *a thousand two hundred and ninety days* later? Three and a half years later the Seventy weeks of Daniel comes to its end. The extra 30 days are an indication that one of the last three and a half years had an extra month, a second Adar which was inserted seven of nineteen years as instructed at the Exodus.

In Daniel there is also pronounced a blessing on those that come to *the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days*: I believe this is a reference to the Holy Spirit Falling on the Gentiles making of one the entire Ecclesia, Spiritual Israel, a Holy Nation by the seed of faith, the blood of the Messiah, apart from National Israel of the flesh whose determined days as an exclusive set apart nation had reached its end (Dan 9:24).

Matthew Henry writes of the 70 weeks:

“to the hour when Christ died, which was towards evening too, it was exactly 490 years; and I am willing enough to be of that opinion. But others think, because it is said that in the midst of the week (that is, the last of the seventy weeks) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation

to cease, they end three years and a half after the death of Christ, when the Jews having rejected the gospel, the apostles turned to the Gentiles.”

You will notice that Henry never asserts a futurist Antichrist interpretation into the debate, but upholds the Reformation/Historical Grammatical position that the seventy weeks were contiguous and completely fulfilled in the four hundred and ninety years allotted to them. The futurist counter view is based solely upon conjecture and the end result of the counter-reformation work of a Jesuit Priest, Francisco Ribera.

*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture
is of any private interpretation. (2 Peter 1:20)*

– Chapter Nine –

The Restrainer

Just recently, due to the Malachy Prophecy, many people, even many Catholics have accepted the idea that the Last Pope will be the End-Time Anti-Christ. While I find it an interesting phenomena, I don't put much stock in extra-biblical prophecy. What very few of these same people will readily admit is that the Papacy itself is the seat of the Anti-Christ, but it is the next logical step. Perhaps the Reformers were right all along, but I may just agree to agree that the Last Pope will in fact be the Final End-Time Anti-Christ.

Now I have looked at many different ideas as to exactly what or who “the restrainer” is. Search the internet and to the number they all incorporate the pseudo-seventieth week of Daniel or some other form of counter-reformation left behind eschatology. A veritable cornucopia where no answer is wrong, simply choose the one you like the best! I choose to look first to the plain reading of the text...

(2 Thessalonians 2:1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, (2) That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Apparently there arose some speculation that Christ would return at any moment, here Paul puts down the doctrine of an imminent return, at least for that time.

(v.3) Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Here Paul lists: 1. a falling away; 2. that man of sin be revealed. And he reminds them that he told them these things in person, they knew then – there was no debate. The Futurist Scheme put all of these in the future simply because the object of counter-reformation eschatology was to deflect the evidence that the Papacy was and continues to be the seat of the

Anti-Christ. The early church father, Tertullian, quoting Thessalonians, wrote: " Now ye know what detaineth that he might be revealed in his time, for the mystery of iniquity doth already work ; only he who now hinders must hinder until he be taken out of the way. What obstacle is there but the Roman state; the falling away of which, by being scattered into ten kingdoms, shall introduce antichrist", and this he wrote many years in advance. Has there not always been a Holy Spirit interpretation available to God's people, and would not that interpretation be the same today?

(v.4) Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (5) Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

In verse four he describes the man of sin, we can easily understand how the Reformers discerned that this was the Papacy. But the Futurist wants to put this in a yet to be built future Temple because of the phrase, "sitteth in the temple of God." Something similar to their expectation may or may not happen, but what is sure is that the scripture says, "*know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost*" and that we are the body of Christ, a temple made without hands, living stones, and that many have vicariously put the Papacy in the place of God!

(v.6) And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

What withholdeth are the two things listed, that he, that is Christ, might be revealed in his time, completes the answer to the first question and primary subject, "*the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*"

After the summary Paul changes focus in verse seven to the mystery of iniquity and the man of sin calling him "*that Wicked*" whom the Lord will consume at his coming. If the Papacy is indeed the seat of the Anti-Christ, then that which needed to be taken out of the way would have been the reign of the Ceaser's to make place for the throne of the Papacy. The Papacy satisfies every description of the man of sin.

(v.7) For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now

letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

The mystery, the Roman Empire, was already at work, to which the scripture explicitly ascribes its power as being from Satan. The Holy Roman Empire with the Papacy steps it up a notch to put the man of sin in the place of the Biblical God by vicariously taking His place. Many of the Caesars claimed they were gods and even demanded worship, but none of them claimed to be the God of the Bible, even vicariously.

(v.8) And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: (9) Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, (10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Of course the Last Pope, whether the present one or not, as the Last Anti-Christ will suffer the things described here when the true Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ does return. We are still waiting for the facts of history to catch up with the Left Behind Escatological View. Until the temple is rebuilt and some dupe goes into the holy place and calls himself God, I'm hoping you'll agree to agree that what I have presented here is a viable interpretation which cannot be excluded by the scripture or the facts of history.

(v.11-12) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Have you believed unto repentance of your sins? Are you walking in the Kingdom of God, crucifying the deeds of the flesh, having no pleasure in unrighteousness, and will you endure until the end? The truth of the Gospel must genuinely be believed and lived to assure that we are not under this strong delusion.

– Chapter Ten –

America In The Revelation

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

What is a beast? Prophetically speaking this question is absolutely settled by the Scripture itself, a Beast is a Kingdom, Government, or Ruling Power in the Earth. It is not a man, the very use of the word 'Beast' differentiates it from being a man, though a man may be the face and mouth of a beast giving it a personification, but the beast does not become that one person any more that the United States becomes any one particular president. Some of the Prophetic Beasts have only one head signifying that they only had one great king or ruler. Others have multiple heads, horns and crowns signifying multiple concurrent or a succession of rulers over that dominion.

Verse 11 gives us several clues about this Second Beast of Revelation Chapter Thirteen:

1. It comes "*up out of the earth*"

In looking for the interpretation of a symbol we must always look in the context first, secondly in the same book before we look elsewhere in the Bible. The context does not directly interpret this symbol for us but it does let us know that this Second Beast is different from the First Beast which rose up out of the sea, which symbol the text interprets at ch.17 v.15, "*waters... are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues*". So earth being an opposite of waters, we would interpret this symbol as the opposite of a densely populated area. Thus the Second Beast arises out of a sparsely populated area. There is only one other place, at Revelation chapter 12, where "earth" is used in a symbol in that the "earth" *swallowed up the flood...* in the provision of a place in the wilderness, which verifies our interpretation of this symbol as "sparsely populated."

2. The two horns represent two concurrent or successive types of governmental power, which at first is "*like a lamb*" then it "*spake as a*

dragon.”

These two are also opposites, so we perceive that this lamb like government that rises up, not in the (densely populated) “Old World” where the First Beast rose up, but in the “New World” that was sparsely populated at that time. “Like a Lamb” seems to be a direct reference to a government founded upon Godly Principles, even the principles of the Messiah, the Lamb of God. Is there such a government in the earth today? What principle could be more attributable to the Messiah than, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”? Now, we have a government with this very principle stated in its founding document in the words of it's Declaration of Independence, “all men are created equal.” For if we truly believe that all men are created equal then we must *do unto our neighbors as we would have done to ourselves*.

Consider this list of biblical / founding governing principles:

1. You shall love your neighbor as yourself / its law said: All men are created equal
2. Love of Truth / is expressed as Freedom of Speech and Press
3. No compulsory Religious involvement / No compulsory Charity (no socialism, communism or fascism)
4. No Involuntary Servitude / No compulsory Taxes / No Property Tax
5. Thou shall not steal / Property rights / No compulsory Contracts
6. A Just weight and balance / a Gold & Silver Monetary system
7. the Greatest shall be Servant of all / Not Lord it over others / Not self serving in Government
8. Establish facts by 2 or 3 witnesses / innocent until proven guilty / due process
9. Thou shall not murder / the Right to bear arms - to Preserve Life and guarantee all of the above.

All of these founding principles were taken directly from the scriptures.

So we see that the United States of America becomes the prime candidate for the Second Beast of Revelation 13 and honestly we admit that there is not another nation that fully qualifies and it is unlikely that another such could arise. There is more: we also see that America is changing, just as chapter 13 verse 11 predicts of this second government! These lamb like principles are the very foundation of true freedom and liberty and these are hated by the tyrant Satan, who is the described Dragon of the book of the Revelation.

v.11“...and he spake as a dragon”, A nation speaks by its laws, so we



are looking for the metamorphosis of America from Lamb-Like to Dragon-Like in its laws. As in the Kingdom of God one mark of a free nation is that its citizens participate voluntarily and are likewise free to withdraw. In its beginning all of the free states voluntarily joined the union called the United States of America and some even articulated their right to withdraw at their own pleasure, which they did. In the 1860's a separate power created by those free states and domiciled in the District of Columbia, refused to allow those states to remain separated from that union. Forced participation is not a Lamb-Like principle, rather it is a

device of the enemy of freedom, it is tyranny. In the case where some Confederate States did not desire to participate, freedom demanded that they be allowed to remain separate.

But freedom did not survive, both the Northern and the Southern States were compelled into a continued union by their creation, the U period S period Government Corporation (U.S.) domiciled in Washington DC. The maxim: "history is written by the victors" is evidenced by the apotheosis of Abraham Lincoln, and I would go as far as to say that Washington DC won the civil war, and the several States, that is both North and South lost. This is the very meaning of the symbol of the fasces, a bundle of sticks bound with a hatchet, a union by force. At the Washington DC Lincoln Memorial, the Lincoln seat of state bears the fasces on the front of its arms, it silently drives the point home.

This loss of liberty with the Civil War was only the beginning of The Dragon Power's complete takeover of America. The next milestone of the Dragon Power over the Earth Beast of Revelation Chapter 13 was The Federal Reserve Coop of the United States Treasury in 1913. The joining of America in the Old World conflict called World War One demonstrates further the Sea Beast-Dragon dominion over the New World Earth Beast as does the foreign money cartel Federal Reserve power, which via the wealth of the plundered riches of the American people, purposely plunges the nations into a great depression to advance the Satanic conspiracy: the numbering of all of the peoples of the earth.

This universal system began in America with the confiscation of the gold in order to implement Satan's fiat-usury money system and the numbering of the people for the New Deal workfare and Social Security retirement benefits with the end design of controlling all people and all transactions. This cause has now been spread to every nation by treaty while at the same time that every nation has been weaned off of real money, that of intrinsic value, fiat currency rules the age.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Revelation 13:16-17)

Of the First Beast which rises up out of the Old World “*peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues*” we are told *...the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. (Rev 13:2)* The mystery of iniquity.

And he (the Second Beast) exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him,...(Rev 13:12)

At this point we discover that to confirm the identity of the Earth Beast we must know the identity of the Sea Beast. The Revelation reveals that this First Beast is the last great power in the earth. Daniel chapter two tells us what that power is that remains until the Messiah returns in the interpretation of the image with the head of gold which is Mystery Babylon and The Times of the Gentiles. The Iron of the legs which represent Rome becomes mingled with the miry clay in the feet where the image is struck and destroyed at the Return of Christ.

Rome is this First Beast which goes through several phases represented by moving forward from the body to the multiple heads, horns and crowns. Rome being founded as a Civil Republic was different from all the powers that came before it, rises up out of the Old World, a densely populated area, overcomes the saints and rules over kingdoms. ROME is the only power that does meet all of the criteria for the First Beast! The Civil Roman Republic morphed into the Roman Empire and finally the Holy Roman Empire which existed until 1798 when it's head received the wound as it were to death by the sword: the conquest of Napoleon's General Berthier who took the Pope prisoner back to France where he died, dealing a major blow to the Vatican's political power.

It is not insignificant that at the same time this First Beast receives it's deadly head wound that the Second Beast rises in the New World and in time comes to exercise all of the powers of the First Beast before it until it finally, “*causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*” It is all too evident that America is changing just as the Scripture indicates that it would as this Second or Earth Beast. As the Roman Empire was once the visible Police Power of the world, so today America, since WWII has emerged as the Police Power of the world, and *...exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him.*

Rome has so seamlessly adapted its mission to American secularism that we do not think of the United States as a Catholic system. Yet the rosters of government rather decisively show this to be the case.

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– Chapter Eleven –

The Image Of The Beast

Many have expected to see a Restored Roman Empire rise up for the last days leading up to the return of Christ. But this concept does not take into account several attributes of this end time Beast. Rome will never be the cohesive one world dominating empire that it was in a former era, nor should we expect it to be. The Daniel Two description of the Roman Era reveals that it *...shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. (Dan 2:40)*. So we observe that this breaking and bruising continued even with the breaking *in pieces* of its own empire.

Add to this the declaration that Jesus, with a rod of iron, shatters the nations as a potters vessel, this breaking continues until today as we see with the recent dissolution of British Empire, and more recent, the U.S.S.R. and we can easily predict the breaking of the two final great powers, America and China. So the “nation shattering” has almost completely broken all the great dominions of mans governmental authorities into smaller fractions in conformity to the Iron mingled with clay of the Daniel chapter two Image with every part being given a seat at the congregation of nations, the Image of the Beast called The United Nations, which is ruled behind the scenes by The Empire of the City.

The United Nations is the Revelation Chapter 13 Image of the Beast. No the Image of the Beast is not a statue that some Anti-Christ character of Left Behind fiction magically brings to life by the power of Satan. Now that we understand that prophetically speaking Beasts are governments, so we understand that the Image of the First Beast which is created by the Second Beast must be some kind of government and more specifically an authority through which the First Beast may *vicariously* rule the world since she appears to be broken, or *was and is not-yet is*. The democracy of nations in the United Nations is no less an illusion than the democracy by which Presidents are elected in the United States of America today.

We are also told that the Second Beast says “...to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.” (Rev 13:14-15)

The Empire of the City using the wealth of America through its Federal Reserve coop of the U.S. Treasury rebuilds the world after WWII, then establishes the United Nations with its headquarters in New York City. In other words the Second Beast of Revelation 13, which has its head in Washington DC, one of the cities of The Empire, creates the Image of the First Beast, The United Nations, which will eventually require the allegiance of all. This allegiance or “worship” will be obedience to the United Nations implementation and enforcement of the One World Mark of the Beast Monetary System which will require the participation and numbering all people ...*small and great, rich and poor, free and bond.*

Unlike the present Social Security (and its counterpart in every country) which numbering is now for the most part voluntary, it will become mandatory. Most people will transition smoothly into the One World Mark System, however the Elect of God will not be able to do this. Dire consequences, even death, according to the Bible will be the penalty for those who do not accept, receive or choose to withdraw from the New World Social-Economic Order. This will be the final test for those who say they are Christian, and notice the singular use, for none will be saved by denominational affiliation. Is yours the Kingdom of God or will you capitulate and give your allegiance to the final kingdom of men, Mystery Babylon, a kingdom founded primarily upon principles antithetical to the Law of God? Like Daniel in the lions den and the three Hebrew men who would not bow to Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon Image, are you willing to stand in God's Kingdom and endure even to the death if necessary? Anything less could lead to your eternal damnation.

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. (Rev 14:11-12 KJV)

Blueprint for the New World Social-Economic Order

One only need view the following excerpts to understand that the underlying tenets of this encyclical are incontrovertibly socialist, communist, and fascist in nature. These are the core tenets of the developing New World Social-Economic Order and the Biblically described Mark of the Beast Monetary System that is now developing through the United Nation.

Excerpts from the Encyclical Letter Of The Supreme Pontiff:

Caritas In Veritate

Global Governance

In the face of the unrelenting growth of global interdependence, there is a strongly felt need, even in the midst of a global recession, for a reform of the United Nations Organization, and likewise of economic institutions and international finance, so that the concept of the family of nations can acquire real teeth.

Obviously it would have to have the authority to ensure compliance with its decisions from all parties, and also with the coordinated measures adopted in various international forums. Without this, despite the great progress accomplished in various sectors, international law would risk being conditioned by the balance of power among the strongest nations.

Furthermore, such an authority would need to be universally recognized and to be vested with the effective power to ensure security for all, regard for justice, and respect for rights.

It is necessary to correct the malfunctions, some of them serious, that cause new divisions between peoples and within peoples, and also to ensure that the redistribution of wealth does not come about through the redistribution or increase of poverty

In order not to produce a dangerous universal power of a tyrannical nature, the governance of globalization must be marked by

subsidiarity, articulated into several layers and involving different levels that can work together. Globalization certainly requires authority, insofar as it poses the problem of a global common good that needs to be pursued. This authority, however, must be organized in a subsidiary and stratified way, if it is not to infringe upon freedom and if it is to yield effective results in practice.

On this front too, there is a pressing moral need for renewed solidarity, especially in relationships between developing countries and those that are highly industrialized. The technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption, either through an evolution in manufacturing methods or through greater ecological sensitivity among their citizens.

Wealth Redistribution

The processes of globalization, suitably understood and directed, open up the unprecedented possibility of large-scale redistribution of wealth on a world-wide scale; if badly directed, however, they can lead to an increase in poverty and inequality, and could even trigger a global crisis.

What is also needed, though, is a worldwide redistribution of energy resources, so that countries lacking those resources can have access to them.

But it also needs just laws and forms of redistribution governed by politics, and what is more, it needs works redolent of the spirit of gift.

Religiously Guided

They also require the construction of a social order that at last conforms to the moral order, to the interconnection between moral and social spheres, and to the link between politics and the economic and civil spheres, as envisaged by the Charter of the United Nations.

Much in fact depends on the underlying system of morality. On this subject the Church's social doctrine can make a specific contribution

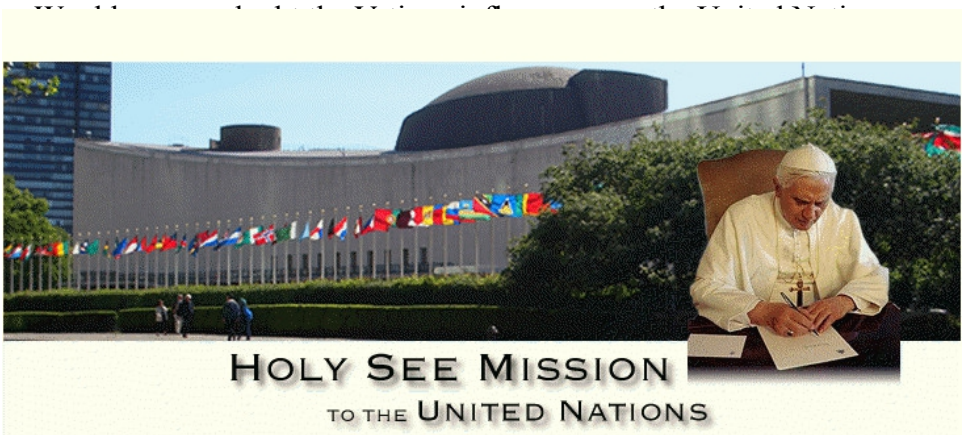
Such an authority would need to be regulated by law, to observe consistently the principles of subsidiarity and solidarity, to seek to establish the common good, and to make a commitment to securing authentic integral human development inspired by the values of charity in truth.

The exclusion of religion from the public square — and, at the other extreme, religious fundamentalism — hinders an encounter between persons and their collaboration for the progress of humanity.

...the duty of believers to unite their efforts with those of all men and women of good will, with the followers of other religions and with non-believers, so that this world of ours may effectively correspond to the divine plan: living as a family under the Creator's watchful eye.

Manage Finance, Disarm People, & Control Food Supply

To manage the global economy; to revive economies hit by the crisis; to avoid any deterioration of the present crisis and the greater imbalances that would result; to bring about integral and timely disarmament, food security and peace; to guarantee the protection of the environment and to regulate migration: for all this, there is urgent need of a true world political authority, as my predecessor Blessed John XXIII indicated some years ago.



Revelation chapter 13:1-8 is an overview of the legs and feet of iron from our Daniel chapter two Mystery Babylon Image. The same Iron portion also corresponds with the the “*and one is*” current with John, of the Revelation 17:8 riddle. Our present reality clearly supports the prophecy that Rome still rules the world as Mystery Babylon, the last power depicted in the Daniel Chapter two Image by the Iron legs which morphs into the iron mingled with clay of the feet and ten toes which are finally struck and the whole "Mystery Babylon - Times of the Gentiles" image is destroyed at the return of the Messiah for His thousand year reign.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (1Th 4:16-18 KJV)

– Chapter Twelve –

The Mark Of The Beast

The September 1988 issue of The Economist magazine had emblazoned on its cover: “Get ready for a world currency”

The title of the article: Get Ready for the Phoenix, begins: “THIRTY years from now, Americans, Japanese, Europeans, and people in many other rich countries, and some relatively poor ones will probably be paying for their shopping with the same currency. Prices will be quoted not in dollars, yen or D-marks but in, let’s say, the phoenix. The phoenix will be favored by companies and shoppers because it will be more convenient than today’s national currencies, which by then will seem a quaint cause of much disruption to economic life in the last twentieth century. At the beginning of 1988 this appears an outlandish prediction.”

The authors “quaint cause of much disruption” which began about 2008 remains a growing and harsh reality that is systematically destroying national economies around the globe. The end game spelled out clearly thirty years in advance, the article continues: “This points to a muddled sequence of emergency followed by a patch-up followed by emergency, stretching out far beyond 2018 – except for two things. As time passes, the damage caused by currency instability is gradually going to mount; and the very trends that will make it mount are making the utopia of monetary union feasible.” The Economist article concludes, “Pencil in the phoenix for around 2018, and welcome it when it comes.”

“The Cashless Society is Almost Here – And With Some Very Sinister Implications”

A November 2012 Patrick Henningsen [article](#) so titled, in the midst of our growing financial crisis begins: “Among the long list of items bundled by consensus reality merchants under the banner of ‘conspiracy theory’, is a world without cash – where technocrats rule over the populace, and everything and anything is exchanged via plastic and RFID chips.” He continues, “What few counted on, however, was how the final push would take place, and why. Some will be surprised by these new

emerging mechanisms, and the political and sinister implications they will ultimately lead to.” And the author posits, “Every revolution needs a good crisis in order to germinate its seed. The cashless revolution is no different. It should be abundantly clear by now that the global financial meltdown has been engineered at every juncture of its unfolding by the very private central banks who expand and contract the money supply. A dollar or euro collapse will trigger a global economic crisis, which is a prime opportunity to introduce the next phase.”

Our author admits: “It’s arguable that we (are) approaching the cusp of that US Dollar collapse, and perhaps a Euro implosion on the back end of it. Risks of hyper inflation are very real here, but if you control the money supply (you) might already have a ready-made solution waiting in the wings, you will not be worrying about the rift, only waiting for the chaos to ensue so as to maximize your own booty from the crisis.” He also reports, Economics professor Miles Kimball from the University of Michigan thinks he knows the answer, and I quote: “In short, for a smooth transition, a reintroduced mark needs to be an electronic mark. I recently made the case for the electronic dollar in a previous Quartz column, “E-Money: How paper currency is holding the US recovery back.”

Patrick then does an adequate job of weaving Bitcoin, (EBT) Electronic Benefit Transfer, and social engineering as the darker side of the technological leap. He concludes the article: “The financial collapse which began in 2007-2008 was merely the opening gambit of the elite criminal class, a mere warm-up for things to come. With the next collapse we may see a centrally controlled global digital currency gaining its final foothold. The cashless society is already here. The question now is – how far will society allow it to penetrate and completely control each and every aspect of their day to day lives?”

The Bible exposes Satan’s intent in the unfolding trans-generational conspiracy implemented primarily by his ignorant and unwitting subordinates upon all the inhabitants of the earth. *By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence... (Eze 28:16)* Chapter 13 of the Book of Revelation tells us that Satan will set up a monetary system thru the final governments of men under his control which will require “...all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that

no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (Rev 13:16-17)

Bible defined:

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. (Rev 13:15-18)

What we learn to identify the Mark Of The Beast (MOTB) is that the Second Beast whom we have identified as America. creates an Image, the United Nations, to rule the world as at one time did the Roman Empire, the First Beast. Now the military arm of the United Nations is headquartered in the District of Columbia, one of the Cities of the Empire. In verse 12 it is stated of the U.S. Government, *"he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him."* (see our chapter on America) America has filled this role as the worlds primary policeman for the last half century through the UN. That America is alluded to as the primary enforcer of the MOTB and the worship of the Image (obedience to the UN power) should not be surprising, rather it is a confirmation of our interpretation.

We also learn that the primary application and lure of the MOTB system is monetary so that no one will be able to buy or sell in the Beast System without it. Therefore we need a biblical understanding of money:

A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight. (Pro 11:1)

A just weight and balance are the LORD'S: (Pro 16:11)

And if thy brother be waxen poor... Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals for increase. (Lev 25:35-37)

"A just weight and balance are the LORD'S," this quote defines a monetary system of honest substance, like gold and silver or any other commodity by weight.

The MOTB monetary system is Satan's money and antithetical to Biblical financial Principles. *"A false balance is abomination to the LORD,"* it is also the foundation of Satan's monetary system - money without commodity or substance. Now what if you had a monetary system where all this money was created by usury out of thin air? When we weigh our present day monetary systems in the light of God's word it becomes easy to determine that the fiat usury money of today is not God's money, but Satan's. It is therefore only logical that the final MOTB system will incorporate these evils at an unprecedented level. The introduction of a totally digital currency will be the pinnacle of these Satanic principles in practice.

Upon the introduction of the final MOTB financial system I believe we will see a creeping enforcement that will quickly outlaw every form of financial exchange outside the Digital Mark System. Because I have practiced living without the New World Social Order Numbering System for twenty plus years now, I have experienced this creeping exclusion from financial system privileges such as banking and borrowing, credit or debit cards, and commercial as well as drivers licensing to name a few. This process will be exacerbated upon the introduction of the final Digital Mark System, even to the exclusion of paying property taxes. As practiced during the inquisitions of history, the property of heretics (those who will then not comply with the New World Social-Economic Order) will again be confiscated, but by the State for non-payment of taxes, same effect.

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of

God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. (Rev 14:9-13)

Most people of the world will transition into the MOTB system without a whimper as they are already idolaters and worshipers of Satan at least in practice if not overtly and they will quickly turn on those who will not comply. Though they may escape the wrath of the 'Powers That Be' they will not escape the wrath of God Who's wrath will have eternal consequences. Those righteous who overcome, or get victory over the beast, image and mark will likely do so at the peril of their mortal lives, which lives they accept as perishing anyway, rather having their eyes set upon the prize of eternal life through Jesus the Messiah and redeemer of mankind.

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon 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. (Rev 20:4)

The primary attribute of those who overcome the MOTB is that “*they that keep the commandments of God...*” The sad fact that the Corporate (in bed with the State) church has taught that the commandments of God were nailed to the cross will leave many of these Corporation church and nominal Christians totally unprepared to recognize or effectively stand against the Mark Of The Beast. They have been told that God's Law was only for the Jews back then and we do not have to carry that heavy burden. The corporate hirelings lead people up to the Kingdom but do not suffer them to enter because they do not go in themselves, they deny the power of the kingdom, the power of any kingdom is found in its law.

Mat 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

666 and The Mark of the Beast, What is it?

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: (17) And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Revelation 13:16-17

The Mark Of The Beast and the Name of the Beast and the Number of His Name (666) are not all the same thing as most people believe. The number of HIS name (666) is for us to Identify the Head of the Beast that received the wound by the sword and did live because it is the *number of a man*, or succinctly the position that is filled by *a man*. I believe that we have successfully identified both of the Revelation 13 Beasts and this wounded Head in our prior chapters. The Mark Of The Beast is to identify the People that Belong to the Beast in this Final Era. The Shocking Truth is that the Bible does not require that this Final Era be confined to a mere seven or three and a half year period of time. It is only shocking because most people, especially Christians have been taken in by the Great Prophecy Delusion and its Seven Year Tribulation Deception.

In 2009 India began its UID program to biometrically ID its 1.2 billion citizens (one sixth of the world population). They hope to have 600 million enrolled by the end of 2014 and to be able to enroll another 1 million per day about the same time. This means, if all goes well that it will take at least two additional years to number the remaining 600 million citizens. A [Wired article](#) proclaims,

“The technological problems may pale compared to the potential civil liberties issues. Anti-Aadhaar protesters showed up at Nilekani’s January speech at the National Institute of Advanced Studies. Several anti-Aadhaar websites have sprung up. And members of parliament and prominent intellectuals have criticized the whole idea. (A Christian sect even denounced it as a cover for introducing the number of the Beast.). Technically, Aadhaar is voluntary. No one is obligated to get scanned into the system. But that’s like saying no American is obligated to get a Social Security number. In practice, once the Aadhaar system really takes hold, it will be extremely difficult for anyone to function without being part of it.

According to [China Daily](#), over 1.1 billion people have already received their new (biometric) ID cards. (as of January 2013)

Many believe the Mark Of The Beast will be a bio-chip implant. However the bio-chip has proven much too insecure and prone to easy theft by cloning to gain acceptance. And the bio-chip can never BE the Mark Of The Beast, it can only tell you what ones identifying number or MARK is. The mode is not the Mark, it is only the means by which your account number is identified. There is a better and more secure technology, and it is already in use. As a matter of fact all of these other modes, (chips, cards and other cyber-connected devices) are dependent upon ancient technology for final verification.

Lets look at exactly what the Scripture says about this Mark of the Beast:

- Rev 13:16 reveals that the second Beast ...causeth all to receive it,
- Ch 19 v.20 says they that receive it are deceived [possibly meaning they are manipulated, or that they do not know the full implications of what they are doing. Many will choose to worship the Image for a personal cause, benefits, career, safety and out of fear.
- Ch 14 v.12 explains that those who do not receive it "keep the commandments of God" and at sometime may forfeit their lives by refusing, recanting or not receiving the Mark of the Beast.
- Ch 15 v.2 talks about ... *them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name...* meaning that many who were deceived may repent and recant the use and participation in the Beast Identification System.

This is contrary to the popular interpretation which teaches that, all who take the mark will be damned by God to be cast into the Lake of Fire - NO EXCEPTIONS. I believe the Enemy has implemented this device to breed DENIAL - But I serve a God who is BIG on forgiveness, His word also says that "ALL LIARS WILL HAVE THEIR PART IN THE LAKE OF FIRE." But we also understand, though we have all lied at some time, God's forgiveness makes an exception for all who will repent. True repentance of the Mark of the Beast will be no different though in time it may cost you everything, including your life. And I must warn anyone who receives the MOTB intentionally, believing they will be able to repent

later, it is unlikely they will ever come to that repentance.

Now I told you that there is a better and more secure technology already in use than the bio-chip and It seems that both India and China agree. That ancient technology created by God is the individuals unique biology and the frontal lobe of the brain, the memory, what the Bible refers to as your forehead. And if you are like most people you have already received some form of Government [BEAST] identification number or [MARK]. And You can recite it at this very moment! With all of this biometric data collection going on one thing remains in common among the nations implementing biometric ID systems: every individual is issued a unique identifying account number. If the target date for the MOTB is in fact 2018, the question remains, will the worlds population be numbered in time. Almost everyone I know in the good ole USA is already numbered. The biometric data is simply for verification of any individuals account number. The MOTB will always require some form of biometric verification, the most secure of which is your memory. Believing that it must be a bio-chip implant is a red herring as is the "Sunday worship is the Mark of the Beast" teaching along with the rapture seven year tribulation deception. All of these make you feel safe now and ignore the fact that you already have a mark which will completely qualify when the time comes to transition to the final MOTB phase. We only need to move beyond the deceptions which maintain our denial.

A false balance [is] abomination to the LORD:(Pro 11:1) A just weight and balance [are] the LORD'S Pro 16:11: These scriptures describe two different types of money. Which one do you think will accompany the Mark of the Beast system? The false balance combined with usury, both which God hates, precisely describes the new monetary system that has now overtaken the entire world. Does one not need a certain identification number to participate in this new monetary creation process through usury credit? In other words, don't you need a certain government issued identification number in order to qualify for a loan from your local bank? Does one not mortgage their life and labor for this privilege? And who has the power to create this money out of thin air? Just who do you become indebted to? The Bible tells exactly who, "*the dragon gave him his power...*" it also tells us that the "*borrower is a slave to the lender.*"

The Beast "causes all" to receive the mark, but there are those who will

recant or not receive the Mark or withdraw even to the point of death. To "buy or sell" means that this will be a system of monetary identification, but because there are those who will not receive the MOTB we may conclude that there will also be an "underground" economy. So there are and will continue to be two different monetary systems in these final years. The "underground" one will be based on trade in substance, a just weight and balance. In a LAWFUL MONETARY SYSTEM no one needs an identification to participate, you simply need valuable consideration or substance to carry out your trade. But a USURY MONETARY SYSTEM requires some sort of identification to participate in creating money out of debt because slaves (the borrower is a slave to the lender) must be tracked and the whereabouts of their assets accounted for. Slaves must report to their masters!

You are not going to like this part - I know I don't! In America do you fill out a 1040 inquisition form? MOST have an ID (a mark) that identifies them by number as belonging to the government (a beast). It is a number which allows them to buy, sell and trade-work, open bank accounts, and get credit in the Beast Monetary system. Did you sign up for one of these numbers? Or did someone volunteer you? Wake up, repent, *"Come out of her my people and I will receive you."* This is not a joke. Many are walking away from the SSN in the USA, the SIN in Canada, the NENo. in Europe, etc. The Beast has its numbering Mark System for every county now, walking away will be the only option for the Elect of God. WAKE UP, REPENT, THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND.

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. (Rev 18:4)

The love of Mammon is the root of all evil. Mammon is unjust gain and a false balance-which the Lord hates, all money created by the FED / IMF has a diminishing value for this very purpose and the purpose of enslaving the masses through usury. It is no wonder that the New World Social-Economic Order is now enlisting the masses by operation of planned financial crisis into a socialist benefit system now using exclusively Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) to manipulate their victims into the precarious position of irrevocable dependence. When the final transformation to the MOTB system occurs these people will be easily

integrated and enslaved to the New World Social-Economic Order, the real Matrix of the Mother of Harlots.

The Elect of God, those who obey His commandments know that the acceptance of socialist benefits is an unjust gain and it bothers their conscience. It is the love of mammon to accept that unjust gain rather than obey the commandment and rely solely upon the provision of God, even at the danger of want, the just shall walk by faith. Some will be called to repentance and will not be able to continue to participate, especially upon the final transition into the MOTB monetary system. Many will be required to even walk away from their homes, hard earned wealth, investments and other pseudo investments such as Social Security when that time comes. The choice to maintain riches and security for now but forfeit the gospel prize is no choice at all for the elect.

The Global Great Depression

There is now a great financial crisis continuing to develop over the entire world, this has happened before, it was called the Great Depression, the first trial run of Satan's Monetary System implemented in 1913 America by the Federal Reserve coop of the United States Treasury in order to bring about the numbering of every American and to use the wealth of this great nation to build the foundation for the New World Social-Economic Order.

This current Global Great Depression is as much by design as the first Great Depression was and perhaps will follow a similar pattern - a prolonged financial crisis followed by a World Crisis or War to condition the masses to accept a New Social Order and a One World Monetary System which will require the allegiance of "*...all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark...*" Rev 13:16-17

The demise of the Beast's first World Reserve Currency, the U.S. Federal Reserve Dollar, only serves the purpose of making way for the New and Final Form of Satan's Monetary System as foretold by the Bible. The blame for this demise and current financial crisis will be placed on the scapegoat of American Capitalism and resultant Greed, however all

safeguards have purposely been legislated away precisely to bring about the present crisis. Behind the scenes it is the same power, the power that comes from the Dragon which will control the coming Mark of the Beast Monetary System, but this time it will be worldwide and enforced! The Social Security System in America has been the pattern for the new social-economic order which has now spread to every nation. When the time comes to pledge allegiance to the New World Social Order for many the transition will be seamless, but for the Elect of God it may require their very lives, also foretold of Bible prophecy.



For ye have need of patience, that,
after ye have done the will of God, ye
might receive the promise. For yet a
little while, and he that shall come
will come, and will not tarry. Now
the just shall live by faith: but if any
man draw back, my soul shall have no
pleasure in him. But we are not of
them who draw back unto perdition;
but of them that believe to the saving
of the soul.

(Heb 10:36-39 KJV)

They Keep the Commandments of God

The Revelation names the prominent attribute of “*them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark*” as they that *keep the commandments of God*.

...keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Rev 12:17)

again ...*here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. (Rev 14:12)*

Following I have listed Old & New Testament Commandments prohibiting participation in the social-commu-fascism of the New World Social-Economic Order by citizens of His Kingdom.

-Exodus 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, ...nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's. I cannot voluntarily ascribe to a system that uses the gun of the state or threat of violence to rob my neighbor and thereby enrich my self or provide for my financial security. Charity requires that the one who is giving is doing so voluntarily and hopefully with a cheerful heart.

-Proverbs 1:10 My son, if unbelievers entice thee, consent thou not. (11) If they say, Come with us, ... Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: (15) My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: This prohibits all participation in any insurance scheme, including Social Security, which does not wholly exclude participation by unbelievers. Another example is mandatory auto insurance, which I have found is not really so mandatory.

When the State of California began to require that I apply for socialist benefits (which is against the Law of God) so that I could obtain a Social Security number without which they would not continue to issue me a Drivers License, I felt like the three Hebrew men who were about to lose their license to live if they would not violate the Law of God by committing idolatry. But what I have found is that having a Drivers License is not mandatory and a Social Security number is not required of anyone unless they want the benefits of socialism. Would I violate the Law of God simply to keep the benefit of having a Drivers License? Should Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego simply bowed down like everyone else in order to continue living?

The New Testament expression of the very same principle is found at:

-2 Corinthians 6:14-17 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? (15)

And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? (16) And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (17) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you...

Daniel and the three Hebrew men were slaves owned by the King of Babylon. They simply drew the line where their owner required them to violate the Law of God. That is where I have drawn my line, that is where the line must be drawn for the MOTB system or any government at any time. Where will you draw the line, will you be one who keeps the commandments of God, will you be a Daniel?

-Romans 13:8-10 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. (9) For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if [there be] any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (10) Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love [is] the fulfilling of the law.

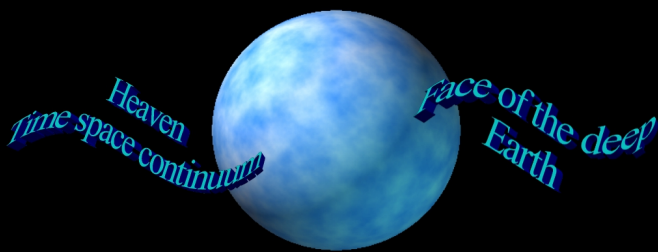
When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus replied with, love God and love thy neighbor, with an addendum, “*On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*” Meaning that the Old Testament to which he referred falls, or fails without without a love of God and neighbor. The hypocrites who did not love God or their neighbor kept the letter of the law and thought themselves justified thereby, but they failed to keep the spirit of the law. In the same way the forced charity of the New World Social-Economic Order, what the Anti-Christ calls CHARITY IN TRUTH is contrary to the spirit of the law. If we do not love in the way ascribed by the word of God then our love is primarily an illusion.

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him [GOD] which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

When the MOTB inquisitions begin a nominal Christian will justify receiving the mark even believing God will forgive them because they capitulated in order to save their children or feed their family. Jesus had some pretty hard words for these people, *“He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.”* The fact is this, if you capitulate to the MOTB in order to save your loved ones you are more likely to condemn them and yourself to the punishment of hell than not. It is unlikely that any who knowingly and willingly receive the MOTB for any reason will ever have an opportunity to repent.

Rev 14:9-10 ...If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [its] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, (10) The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God...

WHAT YEAR IS IT ?



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In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Genesis 1.1
*All scripture from the Authorized King James Version

– Chapter Thirteen –

What Year Is It?

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

Did You Know that God told National Israel exactly what year the Messiah would come the first time? Through the Prophet Daniel he gave them a 483 year countdown to the year that He would show up on the scene. A total of 69 weeks of years (69×7) from the going forth of the decree to rebuild and restore the city Jerusalem.

But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. (Mark 13:32)

Many will argue that we cannot know the day and hour of His return, but the scripture does not say that we cannot know the year. I have found God's Word to be very exacting. God has hidden a time line in His Word in plain sight and now reveals it to His saints, Daniel says, knowledge will be increased and the wise will understand. Just as He warned National Israel, I believe He has revealed to His Spiritual Israel the year of His return, and I'm going to expose it here so that any one with elementary Bible study skills can follow and verify the findings for themselves:

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Genesis 1:1

The very term, “In the beginning” declares that Time was also part of the creation, it was the beginning of time as we know it.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. Genesis 1:2-3

Likewise when He created Light, He created the night-day time cycle. When God said “Let there be light” there was only one thing to see in the vast expanse of the Time Space Continuum: That was the face of the deep, the Earth, void of form, a beautiful water blue marble, alone in an

immense universe. Many have a hard time imagining light without the sun, but God is able, and I believe He did it just as He said in His Word.

What year is it? Few would ponder such a question, but rather quickly answer such with the Common Era or Roman date without a second thought. The question presupposes a beginning which must be ascertained before there can be an answer. This work is composed from the perspective that God created our universe in a literal six days just as The Bible recounts and that The Bible has veiled in it a time line from which we can discover the approximate year from the date of creation.

Why is this question important? Because we believe that The Bible is God's Word and there is incontrovertible evidence that its prophetic utterance is unparalleled in accuracy, it reveals to mankind exactly what is hidden from view beyond the horizon of time. This future is not hidden from the Almighty Creator Who holds all things including all history, past, present and future within His view. He has revealed these future things to authenticate this very Bible as His Word to mankind. This author is not alone in the belief that the scripture indicates an allotted time for the era in which we live that parallels the days of creation, except that the era is made up of thousand year days with a fast approaching seventh day or Sabbath Millennium also known as the Thousand Year Reign of Christ which is immediately preceded by His coming.

Is it the year of the Lord Pontifex Maximus 2015 C.E. (Common Era) according to the ROMAN Gregorian Calendar? Or is it the year 5960 S.C. (Since Creation) according to God's Word the Bible? For two thousand years, since the introduction of the Julian Calendar, Rome has ruled the worlds dating chronicle of history by it's calendar as foretold by the prophet Daniel. *And he shall ... think to change times and laws: (Daniel 7:25)* Of course the "he" is the final world dominating authority depicted by the iron legs to the broken iron mixed with clay in the toes of the Daniel Two Image and the seven headed ten horned first beast of Revelation chapter thirteen. I believe the Creator receives more glory when we use His date of creation, and I have this confidence: That we will not be using the ROMAN calendar during the Millennial Reign of Christ.

It is widely accepted that the Millennial Reign of Christ will be the Sabbath or Seventh Millennium from the Creation. Is the Seventh

Millennium imminent? With all of the “end of the world, Left Behind, and Great Tribulation–Rapture” fervor of the last hundred or so years it would be wise to find a contiguous lineage of time from the Bible itself that we can synchronize with the Common Era Calendar. This clear Biblical chronology indicates that we have about 40 years left before the seventh millennium begins.

THE GENEALOGIES

Verse	Years +	Totals	Verse	Years +	Totals
Gen 1.27	Day 6	year one	Gen 8.13	1	1657
Gen 5.3	130	130	Gen 11.10	2	1659
Gen 5.6	105	235	Gen 11.12	35	1694
Gen 5.9	90	325	Gen 11.14	30	1724
Gen 5.12	70	395	Gen 11.16	34	1758
Gen 5.15	65	460	Gen 11.18	30	1788
Gen 5.18	162	622	Gen 11.20	32	1820
Gen 5.21	65	687	Gen 11.22	30	1850
Gen 5.25	187	874	Gen 11.24	29	1879
Gen 5.28	182	1056	Gen 11.26	70	1949
Gen 7.6	600	1656	Gen 21.5	100	2049

The Genealogies

The first column of our chart of course starts with the creation of Adam on day six, and when Adam was in his 130th year he had a son named Seth who had the next son to join this exclusive lineage in his 105th year. The totals are simply added until we get to the bottom of column one and the man who was saved from the world wide deluge, Noah, because he was *perfect in his generations*, meaning that he was a product of the seed line of faith from Adam which would lead to the promised Messiah. Noah was 600 years old when the flood came upon the earth. The second column picks up the genealogy of faith two years after the flood waters abated when Noah's grandson is born to Shem, for whom the Semitic (Shemitic) peoples are named. The genealogy is continued to the Messiah in the beginning of the book of Matthew. That Genealogy however is not dated therefore not helpful for our purposes here. The second column ends with the birth of Isaac to Abraham at 100 years of age and the year 2049 from the Genesis One Creation.

This Genealogy Era of bible chronology is probably the least disputed in its conclusion beyond 1 or 2 years and the debate over averaging. It is my belief the Bible Genealogies were counted inclusively, meaning that if Adam was 129 years and six months old when he begat Seth it was recorded as 130 years. Unlike the modern practice of counting ages exclusively, with inclusive counting the totals are self averaging. I have been asked about this and even thought it a concern when I began this project. Perhaps to better wrap your mind around this concept we would say that Seth was born in the 130th year of Adams life. But finally, or first of all we are handling the Word of God and maybe should accept the total as presented.

There are a few other debates such as the Genesis Gap theory and whether the genealogy starts after sin entered etc., but these spring from conjecture rather than the plain reading of the text so they are not worthy of the serious bible students time.

Birth of Isaac to Exodus Riddle

This era is where I got stumped early on in my investigation so many years ago and put the research on the back burner, But in my continued Bible teaching ministry I kept coming across clues that I had to bookmark in my mind which seemed to be pieces of a puzzle that when taken all together would yield a complete picture of the era between Isaac and the Exodus from Egypt. I believe that if I show you all of the pieces you will also agree that God perhaps concealed this era in a riddle but provided more than enough evidence to yield a sure conclusion. So let's examine all of the pieces and see what happens when we put them all together.

#1 *Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. Gal 3:16-17*

Here Paul dates the time from *the promises*, recorded at Genesis 12:1-3 until the Law in the Exodus as 430 years. Paul seems to state this as it were common knowledge among the Pharisees of which he was one.

#2 *And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land [that is] not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; Gen 15:13*

This period seems to contradict the first clue, but take notice that this prophecy concerns *Abraham's seed*. His seed starting with Isaac, would be strangers and captives, cannot mean that the total captivity in Egypt was 400 years, for both Isaac and Jacob were strangers in land that was not theirs, then Jacobs family finally entered Egypt as free men. Because I don't believe that God's word contradicts itself I must consider a more exact reading of the text, and thereby conclude that all of the circumstances listed would happen to Abraham's seed and culminate with a period of servitude over a total four hundred year period.

Was the period of time that Israel dwelt in Egypt actually 430 or even 400 years as commonly believed? No! Was the period of their servitude 400 years? No!

#3 They were not forced into servitude until a Pharaoh "*which knew not Joseph*" arose. The Bible confirms the Egyptian sojourn could not have even approached 350 years: *Gen 46:8 ...And these [are] the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, ...(v.11) And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath,...* So after arriving in Egypt, Kohath had a son named Amram and lived 133 years (Exo. 6:18). In turn, Amram had a son named Moses and lived 137 years (Exo. 6:20). And Moses was 80 years old when the Exodus took place (Exo. 7:7)

Moses grandfather, Kohath was born before Jacobs family entered Egypt, and he died there at 133. His son and Moses father, Amram was born in Egypt, begat Moses, and later died at 137 before the Exodus which took place when Moses was 80. When simply added these total 350 years. Because we are not given exact details we know there are undetermined overlaps, therefore we know the actual years spent in Egypt would be much less than the 350 year total.

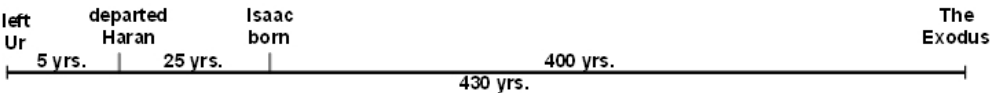
#4 *So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. (Genesis 12:4)*

Another seemingly contradictory piece. How does the fact that Abram departed Haran at 75, had Isaac at age 100 reconcile the difference between the 400 and 430 year periods given? It does not! Again, more exact reading is required as I found in my search for more clues. I remembered that God called Abram out of Ur of the Chaldees, so while he left Haran at seventy-five, he must have left Ur before that. Consider the following search for Ur in the book of Genesis:

Gen 11:28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in **Ur** of the Chaldees.

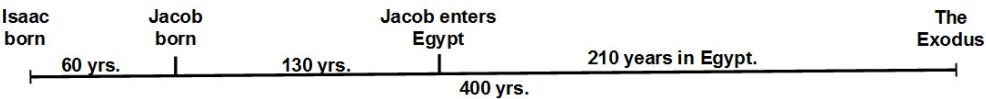
Gen 11:31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from **Ur** of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

Gen 15:7 And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of **Ur** of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.



Haran, Abraham's brother, who was Lots father died in Ur. Abram left *Ur of the Chaldees* with his father, Terah and their households including his nephew Lot and moved to Canaan where they named their new hometown after the dearly departed Haran. Abraham left his Father and family in Haran five years later with his nephew Lot. “*So Abram departed*” Ur five years before he departed Haran, and thirty years before Isaac was born. So he would have been seventy when he received the promises in Ur, and departed Haran five years later at age seventy-five.

#5 One more piece: Isaac is born to Abraham at age one-hundred; Jacob is born to Isaac at age sixty (Gen 25.26); Jacob enters Egypt at age one-hundred-thirty (Gen 47.9). At *Genesis 47.9 Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.*



I believe that Jacob was actually bragging about his longevity as the

Egyptians were not living that long, but God had another purpose for including this boast in His Word! When we take these clues and graph them out we come up with an incontrovertible conclusion: The time period from the Birth of Isaac to the Egyptian Exodus totaled four hundred years.

Exodus Wander and Judges to Solomon's 4th Year

This is one of the simplest eras of our chronology as it is all given to us in one verse: *And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD. (1Kings 6:1)*

THE KINGS OF ISRAEL / JUDAH

Verse	Years +	Totals	Verse	Years +	Totals
Isaac to Exodus	400	2449	2Kings 14.2 - Amaziah reigned...	29	3135
1Kings 6.1 - to 4 th year of Solomon's reign	480	2929	2Kings 15.2 - Azariah reigned...	52	3187
1Kings 11.42 - Solomon reigned 40 yrs.	36	2965	2Kings 15.33 - Jotham reigned...	16	3203
1Kings 14.21 - Rehoboam reigned...	17	2982	2Kings 16.2 - Ahaz reigned...	16	3219
1Kings 14.31 - Abijam reigned...	3	2985	2Kings 18.1 - Hezekiah reigned...	29	3248
1Kings 15.9 - Asa reigned...	41	3026	2Kings 21.1 - Manasseh reigned...	55	3303
1Kings 22.42 - Jehoshaphat reigned...	25	3051	2Kings 21.19 - Amon reigned...	2	3305
1Kings 8.17 - Jehoram reigned...	8	3059	2Kings 22.1 - Josiah reigned...	31	3336
2Kings 18.26 - Ahaziah reigned...	1	3060	2Kings 23.36 - Jehoiakim reigned...	11	3347
2Kings 11.3 - Athaliah reigned...	6	3066	2Ch 36:9 - Jehoiachin reigned...	1	3348
2Kings 12.1 - Jehoash reigned...	40	3106	2Kings 25.2 - Zedekiah... to Babylon	11	3359

The Kings of Israel – Judah

We have come to the fourth year of the reign of Solomon where He begins to build the Temple and the year 2929 SC (Since Creation). The chronicle records that Solomon reigned forty years, subtracting the four prior counted years we start by adding his remaining thirty-six. Thereafter we simply add the reigns of the successive kings which are also counted inclusively, so they too are self averaging as we previously concluded for the genealogies. One only needs to be careful when going through the books of the Kings not to include the Northern Kingdom, but to

exclusively follow the reigns of the kings of Judah to come to an accurate count at the Babylonian desolation. The Babylonian Desolation of Jerusalem and the Temple occur about BCE 586 and the year 3359 Since Creation. From this point we begin to synchronize with our Common Era Roman Calendar. The more points that we can synchronize together the more sure will be our result. Before we move on I would like to take a little time to discuss the Common Era Calendars.

The Roman Julian Calendar

The Roman calendar introduced by Julius Caesar was the prototype of the calendar that we use today. “The existing calendar was a lunar one with extra months slipped in from time to time in an attempt to adjust it. In Caesar's time this calendar is three months out in relation to the seasons. On the advice of Sosigenes, a learned astronomer from Alexandria, Caesar adds ninety days to the year 46 [BCE] and starts a new calendar on 1 January 45 BC. Sosigenes advises Caesar that the length of the solar year is 365 days and six hours. The natural solution is to add a day every fourth year, introducing the concept of the leap year. The extra day is added to February, the shortest of the Roman months.” historyworld.net

We note two points from this bit of history:

1. Rome separated the months from the moon cycles.
2. The establishment of the Roman Common Era calendar had nothing to do with the birth of Christ.

The annual dating that we continue to use today was introduced at Rome about 525 by the monk Dionysius Exiguus as Anno Domini (A.D.) while working on his “Easter Tables to date from the incarnation of Christ”, however modern scholars and even the Roman Catholic Church acknowledge that the birth of Jesus was a few years earlier than the date he determined to be 1 AD. No correction was ever attempted.

The Roman Gregorian Calendar

“By the 16th century the seemingly minor error in the Julian calendar (estimating the solar year to be 11 minutes and 14 seconds shorter than it

actually is) has accumulated to a ten day discrepancy between the calendar and reality.

...Pope Gregory XIII employs a German Jesuit and astronomer, Christopher Clavius, to find a solution. Calculating that the error amounts to three days in 400 years, Clavius suggests an ingenious adjustment.

...Gregory puts the proposal into immediate effect in the papal states, announcing that the day after October 4 in 1582 will be October 15 - thus saving the lost ten days.” historyworld.net

Another leap day formula is added on a hundred year scale to correct this error. However, this minor ten day error and correction does verify the accuracy of the year count of the Julian Calendar to that date.

An additional and arbitrary change introduced with the Vatican's Gregorian Calendar was the change from the biblically established New Year in the Spring to the present New Year of Janus. This is self evident by the numbered names of the months, September, October, November, and December which are respectively defined seventh-month, eighth-month, ninth-month and tenth-month, meaning that the eleventh and twelfth-month used to follow December, the tenth-month.

And he shall ... think to change times and laws: (Dan 7:25)

As to the flap over the AD vs. CE terminology, I do not consider the Vatican's Gregorian Calendar to be the denomination of the years of Jesus the Messiah. The calendar and sabbath given to the Hebrew Nation at the Exodus has been phased out with the two Roman Calendar introductions. My Jesus is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, and Johns Gospel records that all things were made by Him and through Him. And I am sure that when Jesus returns, that we will not be using the Vatican's Roman Gregorian Calendar.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:1-3)

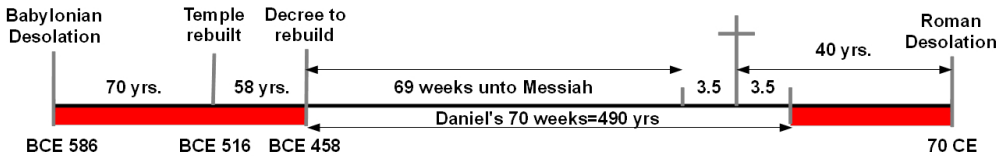
For more information on the biblical calendar see the post [What Moonth Is](#)

[It?](#) at my website CrossTheBorder.org.

The Jewish Calendar

Before I began my research into the calendar I of course looked at The Usher Chronology, the Jewish Calendar, and the work of another man named Michael Rood. The Usher Chronology already has us into the seventh millennium, as does the Rood calendar. The Usher Chronology some how adds an extra 60 years to the age of Terah when Abram was born and Mr. Rood seemingly just aligns the year 2000 CE. with the year 6000 AM. without explanation that I can find.

THE JEWISH CALENDAR OMISSIONS



The Jewish Calendar has the date 5773 AM (anno mundi: Latin, the year of the earth). for the CE. year 2012-2013. One of the problems with the Jewish Calendar is how Daniels Seventy Weeks are calculated. They do agree that Daniels 70 weeks total 490 years, so that's not the problem. The problem is where they fix the starting and ending point of those 490 years. The wise Rabbi's fix the starting point with the Babylonian Desolation of the First Temple, they then fix the ending point with the Roman Desolation of the Second Temple. "Desolation to Desolation." But in the real world that time period was actually about 165 years longer than the 490 years of Daniel's seventy weeks.

The red areas mark the Jewish Calendar omissions including the seventy years Babylonian desolation of the Temple until its rebuilding, fifty-eight years later the decree came forth from Artaxerxes to restore and rebuild the city Jerusalem and the prophesied beginning of the final seventy weeks determined upon the Jewish *people and upon the holy city*. Simply adding the 165.5 year omissions charted above puts a corrected Jewish Calendar within several years of my calculation for the current year Since Creation. I did not feel compelled to further investigate the Jewish Calendar due to this seemingly intentional error, but that is another story.

THE CREATION-ROMAN CALENDAR SYNCHRONY

Historical Bible Event	Years +	SC	Roman Date
The Babylonian Desolation 2 Kings 25.9		SC=Since Creation 3359	ROMAN Dating BCE-586
Ezra 6.15 Temple Rebuilt, 70 years Desolation End, (2300 days complete)	70	3429	BCE-516
Dan 9.24 70 weeks prophecy starts with the decree of Artaxerxes in the 7 th year of his reign (Ezra 7), reign began 465 BCE	*58	3487	BCE-458

The Creation-Roman Calendar Synchrony

At the first row above we have followed an explicit Bible Chronology to the year 3359 and the Babylonian Desolation of the city and the Temple which are historically dated BCE-586. At the time of this writing I have already completed and published my [WHAT YEAR IS IT](#) Video on my CrossTheBorder.org website, and for the first time simply entered the above three BCE dates in an internet search. It is that easy for anyone to verify the dates that we are using to synchronize the ancient biblical chronology with the present Roman dating system. BCE dating is a recent invention created only for the purpose of historical dating to the Roman Calendar. There was never in reality any such year as a BCE year before about 525 AD when the common era year dating system was invented.

Countdown to the Messiah

Daniel 9:24 gives the Hebrew Nation a 483 year countdown to the year that the Messiah would arrive on the scene (column 2 row 3 of our next table). Luke records that Jesus began to be about 30 years old when he was revealed as the Messiah at the Jordan River baptism.

Mat 2.1 Birth of Messiah		3941	-4
Roman Common Era Calendar Begins		3945	0/1
Dan 9.24 69 weeks unto Messiah... Mat 3 Baptism/Anointing of Messiah... Luke 3.23 Jesus thirtieth year.	483	3970	25-26
Dan 9:27 Priest Temple Sacrifice system cease midst of the week; Mat 27 Crucifixion/Resurrection; Abomination set up in the holy place/ animal sacrifice...	3.5		29-30
Dan 9:24 70 Weeks Determined complete; Acts 7:59 Stoning of Stephen; Acts 10: Gospel goes to Gentile Nations	3.5	3977	
Roman Desolation of Jerusalem and Temple; 40 years Time of Jacobs Trouble concludes.			69-70

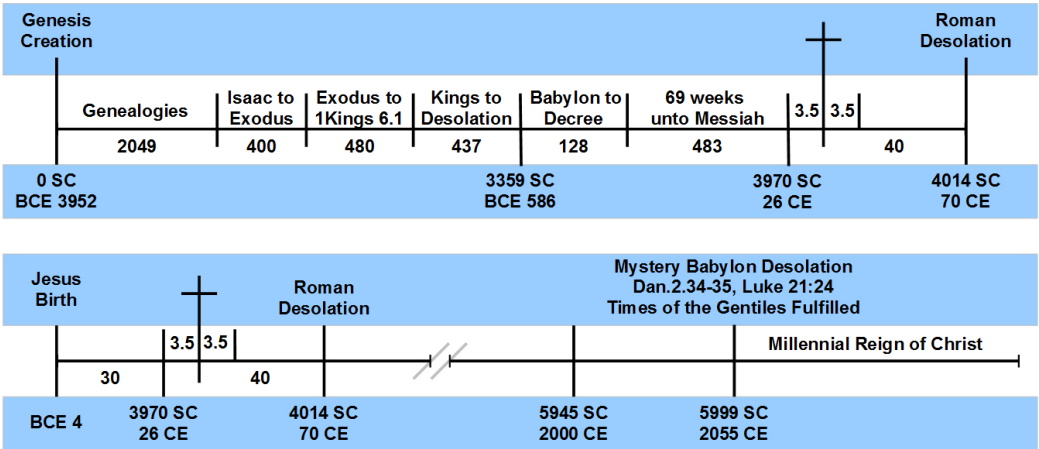
Three and a half years later the Messiah is crucified, by no coincidence

it is forty years before the total Desolation of the Temple and the Nation by the Roman army, *the people of the prince that shall come*, as foretold by Daniel and Jesus. If any period of time deserves the title, “Time of Jacob’s Trouble” it would be this forty years. And if those days had not been shortened no flesh (Jacob) would have been saved, but for the Elect's sake (those obedient Hebrew's who would spread the gospel) those days of persecution were shortened to prevent the annihilation of even the elect. Many try to apply this verse to the days preceding the return of Messiah but this is not logical because the elect will all be resurrected at that time so those days will not need to be shortened for their sake. Because first century Christians were a sect of the Jews it was necessary for the Elect to survive the desolation of the Hebrew Nation at the end of that century.

Summary Charts

Putting all of these points of synchrony together with the former bible eras yields our summary charts bringing us to a conclusion of the present year Since Creation. 2015 equals 5960. We have approximately until the year 2055 before the present era is completed.

SUMMARY CHARTS



2015 = 5960

– Chapter Fourteen –

As It Was In The Days Of Noah

The Truth is not so profitable as adding brick and mortar to the Wall of False Prophecy. Facts can be told in a few paragraphs and the evidence shown with few exhibits, but very profitable volumes can be constructed of conjecture, and irresistible imaginations may be invented and sold as fiction or truth to a world that is easily deceived.

Nephilim Truth

I had recently received this question in response to some comments I made on the Nephilim Theory:

Nicklas, ...you said ... about the nephilim, that angels having those kinds of relations with women contradicts some things Jesus said. My question is that Genesis 6:2 and 6:4 when read plainly, seem support the "hybrid theory", so is there something I'm not understanding here? I've subscribed and have been listening for a few months now and love hearing all the things you have to say, so please any comments at all would be much appreciated. Dan

Dan, yes, those verses taken out of context do seem to support the hybrid theory only after the presumption has been accepted that the 'sons of god' are demons or fallen angels. There is however nothing express or explicit in the text or in the entire bible to support that presumption. First of all when we read the opening seven verses of Genesis chapter six we must determine what the subject of the text is:

"And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."

The subject: God is explaining the reason for the Flood judgment.

If it is presumed that '*the sons of god*' in the text are demons or fallen angels then we must conclude that God is judging mankind for what those demons have done. Would God judge Mankind for what demons have done? This violates everything the Bible teaches us about our heavenly

Father's character. Without this conjecture there are no hybrids involved in God's announcement of the Flood judgment in the context.

The first question we must determine is, who does the bible say that the “sons of god” are? There are only eleven verses in the entire Bible where the phrase is used. And I have to admit that the 'sons of god' may possibly refer to several beings created by God including angels, demons, men, even Satan, and finally those individuals regenerated in the Blood of the Messiah by faith, yes even us. But the majority of those occurrences are definitively references to men. Therefore, we must always look at the context, without presupposition, to determine who the 'sons of god' are in each separate instance.

In other words, it must be expressed in the context of each occurrence. The only qualifying antecedent to the 'sons of God' in chapter six is “men” who *began to multiply on the face of the earth...* and neither is the “*sons of god*” a qualifying antecedent to anything other than men. Only by rejecting the plain text of the Bible and turning to extra biblical writings as an authority do we come to the alternate but popular conclusion. This is akin in prophecy as turning to new age authors to understand biblical doctrine and practice.

The only word in the subject text from which some infer the popular hybrid conjecture is the word that is translated “*giants*” from the Hebrew: H5303, from which we derive the word “nephilim”. There is only one other place in the Bible where this word is used, and there it is simply used in reference to men who are tall in stature, and that after the Flood. Giants and tyrants can also be synonymous for example, Goliath was a giant who used his great stature to bully others, he was a tyrant.

So whether the giants in the subject text were actually great in stature or only tyrants or both remains inconclusive. But it is not express nor explicit in the text that these giants were hybrid demon-humans. At this point many want to turn to the opinion of ancient Rabbi's and other extra Biblical sources, to which I answer, if men can be deceived today, they were certainly subject to deception in times past. So let us first thoroughly exhaust the Word of God before we consider investigating extra biblical textual matter, perhaps we need look no further.

The next hypothesis we must investigate is the question of whether

demons or fallen angels can procreate with women? What does the Bible say? In the beginning of Genesis we find this phrase repeated through out the creation account, "*after his kind*", regarding the self-replicating plants and all of the "*living creatures*" which procreate. So here we have a witness that God established some reproductive rules or natural law for His creation. Does the witness of creation itself verify this? While there seems to be a few exceptions (such as the jackass) even they would be consistent enough to be regarded as within this law established by our Creator.

If this established law were not in place we could reasonably expect the earth to be literally swimming in a genetic soup at this point in history. But we are not! Are there any instances that we can examine today where women have procreated with other animals? No. If it were true, it would absolutely be a common place occurrence by now, it would be in your local news, perhaps so prevalent as to not even be news worthy. But this is not the reality. If women cannot procreate with the other living creatures of the earth, is it any more reasonable to believe that women can procreate with beings from the spiritual plane of angels and demons? What does the Word have to say about that?

The Bible indicates that all angels, demons, and other created beings on the spiritual plane are individually created by God and do not procreate. Jesus himself verifies this explicitly at *Mat 22:29-30* *Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err; not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*

If the angels procreated sexually in heaven, would they do this in fornication or marriage? Seems to me that angelic orgies would not be in keeping with our Heavenly Father's character. Because they do not marry we can safely conclude that angels do not sexually procreate with each other at all nor could they conjugate with the "*daughters of men*" in any way. Therefore, the alleged fallen angels of the popular nephilim theory would need a creative power only attributed to God's Holy Spirit when he created the seed of our Messiah in the womb of Mary the young virgin. Nowhere does the Word endow angels with this type of creation power.

At this point many would attempt to assert the science of cloning and

genetic engineering into the debate, but these do not directly address the biblical and historical elements of this discussion. I'll leave those points to the scientists, conspiracy theorists and science fiction enthusiasts.

Conclusion:

Because of these facts, the scriptural and natural evidence available, I have no choice but to conclude that the Giants of scripture, the Nephilim, where only men who were great in stature or renowned as powerful tyrants or both, but they certainly were not physically procreated demon/human hybrids. The scripture simply does not support this type of imagination! So when Jesus said *“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (Mat 24:37-39 KJV)*, he was not referring to some nightmarish demon/human hybrid secret breeding project or science fiction zombie apocalypse invasion.

The Days of Noah?

Genesis chapter six is a record of the state of mankind on the earth about the year 1556 from the creation when Noah was 500 years old:

- men began to multiply on the face of the earth
- they took them wives of all which they chose
- there were giants... , men of renown.
- the wickedness of man was great
- the earth was filled with violence.
- Noah walked with God.
- judgment is decreed

It was because of the pre-flood longevity of mankind that the birth to death ratio was not what it is today. The population would have increased exponentially so that there were many densely populated areas as there are now. The Creator addressed this issue, *And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. (Gen 6:3)*, setting a limit of 120 years for the life of man, which is by our experience about the limit that may be reached by very few even today.

Violence would have been such that many would experience peril as a normal expectation of life. Tyrants would rule through gangs, private militia and brute force much like that in many unstable or war torn regions of the world today. Evidence the additional decree of the capital punishment statute immediately after the flood, *...at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. (Gen 9:5-6)*

Jesus adds: *"they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."* This confirms that the following description was as applicable to the days of Noah as it is of the days in which we live:

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (2Ti 3:1-5)

The fact being evident that the tyrants of today are certainly not physical giants, and I digress, neither has anyone proven the existence of hybrid or lizard people. Perhaps rather than allowing our expectations to be fueled by fiction based upon the imaginations of popular prophecy authors and engaging talk show guests we should look around at the real world for a clue of what the days of Noah really looked like. If what we see actually matches up with what we read in the Bible record, then we

can determine that we are in reality living in the final days.

Consequently, if the sons of god excludes demon/human hybrids then it may be more reasonable to interpret the text: when “*the sons of god... took them wives of all which they chose*” they must have been men who were *disobedient to parents* (another description of men in the last days), that they choose their own wives without godly approval, much as is the practice today. I believe that this is a reference to the idolatry of beauty and the beginning perhaps of the goddess type worship of the physical form.

The world today is plagued with the same idolatry as in Noah's day which resulted in the corruption of all flesh and brought about the flood judgment. What amazes me is just how quickly we see this corruption enveloping the nation, even the entire world as this age comes to a close. In the nation where I live today this corruption has been normalized thru public school sex education, popular television, movies and song. The idolatry of Rome-ance has raised the love between, first man and woman, now add that between homosexuals and lesbians, above the commandment to love the Lord thy God and walk in His ways.

It is also unmistakably apparent that the U.S. government is becoming more tyrannical as the days pass. As America declines and perhaps experiences natural as well as man made disaster including potential military or terrorist attack, even invasion or civil unrest, the deteriorating nation will become more attuned to the future depicted by TV series such as Jericho or NBC's Revolution. The prospect of America becoming filled with segmented violence as many other parts of the world already have or are experiencing is a possibility which must be accepted by any sober Christian. Despite the dire prospects and evident decline of America, many will be eating and drinking and giving in marriage until the very end when sudden destruction will come upon them and take them totally unaware, every warning of the prophets foolishly unheeded.

...there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Jesus

– Chapter Fifteen –

God's Chosen People

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him [that was born] after the Spirit, even so [it is] now. (Gal 4:28-29)

Sixty-nine weeks had past from the seventy weeks prophecy of Daniel. John the Baptist was baptizing in the River Jordan. Another prophet had arrived on the scene, one Yahushua, Jesus of Nazareth, who many came to believe is The Messiah. Not because he fulfilled the popular prophecy of a Messiah that would conquer Israel's enemies propelling Israel to its rightful status of world dominion, but because the miracles and signs caused the faithful to re-examine the popular eschatology and see the truth of Israel's coming demise. He came to save them from their sins and foretold the desolation of the Temple, the City and the Nation.

Jeremiah was thrown into prison because his prophecies did not line up with popular eschatology, but he and few others told the truth. The Popular Prophecy Teachers of Jesus day could show you a hundred scriptures to support their fallacy, "the ruling and reigning messiah conquering the entire earth", but that did not negate the fact that they held to a false pre-supposition. So it was in Jeremiah's time as in Jesus' - so it is today. If it is popular it is probably wrong. What first century Israelite wanted to hear that the seventy weeks determined for Israel as a special set apart nation to God was nearing its end, with certain desolation of the Temple, City, and Nation to follow? This Prophet told them that He would be delivered up and killed, that not one stone of the Temple would be left upon another, that they would be persecuted and have to flee the land or get swallowed up by the flood to come. Even His own disciples could not shake the prophetic delusion, bewildered at his death, only understanding and accepting the truth with His resurrection having their eyes opened by His Holy Spirit.

And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee

to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter therein. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. (Luke 21:20-22)

For those in Israel Seventy Weeks of Years had passed, Jesus was risen from the dead and then ascended to sit at the right hand of The Father. The disciples were witnessing in Israel and the Gospel was now going to the Nations via Paul and those who followed. The New Testament was being written and distributed one letter at a time. In Judea the followers of Yahushua the Messiah were preparing to flee as they had been warned by Him of the ...*wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.* Luke 21:24 This was the unpopular prophecy which only the faithful remnant would accept, and some only with much convincing by the Word and their present reality. How merciful our God was to continue work in Israel forty years to allow as many to escape the wrath to come.

Now there were two camps in Israel, The Obedient who would heed the words of the Messiah and sell their lands and make preparations to flee and take as many with them as would be saved, and they would take the Gospel to the world. ...*all that believed were together; and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods... And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (Act 2:44-47)* If, by the word of the Messiah, they did not flee, there were only two alternatives for those that stayed behind, they would ...*fall by the edge of the sword... or ...be led away captive into all nations...* This was the fate of The Disobedient. One camp followed the Messiah, one camp rejected Him. Which camp were God's Chosen People? As Ruth was grafted into Israel, and Rahab even making it into the lineage of the Messiah so our God has always made provision for those of other nations to be grafted into His Holy Nation. When I say His Holy Nation I am not talking about a Nation of flesh and blood, for it is written, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. But this was something new, this faithful remnant was being dispersed into all nations taking the gospel with them to call upon as many as would be saved.

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not,

And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. (Gal 3:16) Has God forgotten who are His people? Is the seed of Abraham by faith any less Yahudi (the people of God) than those who may or may not be the actual descendants of Israel simply because they are called Jews? If today the posterity of the disobedient and other proselytes who practice the religion of Judaism and accept not the Messiah are called His Chosen People, how much more those who practice the Faith of the Great Patriarchs having been washed and purchased by the blood of the Lamb of God, Yahushua Jesus the Messiah?

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. (Gen 12:3) If God Himself spoke this to Abraham before there was even an Israel or a "Jew", how is this less applicable to me than one who rejects His Messiah but labels himself a Jew? *For he is not a Jew (Yahudi - the people of God), which is one outwardly; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God. (Rom 2:28-29)* This not only applies to those who merely call themselves Jews, it applies as well to those who are only Christians outwardly and have not the circumcision that is of the heart, in the spirit.

Matthew 21:43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.

The Grace of God

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (Isa 1:18)

Grace is not you changing for God, but it is the power of God changing you. But what does it take to receive this life changing grace? God does call us to change only one thing, and that one thing is our mind. To "change your mind" is the very meaning of the word "repent." Repent is not a bad word, unless of course you don't want to change your mind.

Now every sane person wants to live forever, everybody wants to go to

heaven when they die, and everybody wants God's favor in time of calamity, grief or suffering. About these no one needs to change their mind, but exactly what does God require that we change our mind about? The demons acknowledge Him, *"I know thou art the Son of God..."* They believe and tremble! So that can't be it either.

In the world 'repent' is a bad word. Simply because there are people who want to continue in their sin and they refuse to change their minds about it. Most people do not like wars, natural disasters, or suffering, but these are the judgments or results for the acts that those same people refuse to change their minds about!

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. (John 1:17)

The Grace that came by our Messiah, not only was it proactive, but it was retroactive. After all He is called "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Yes this "grace and truth" has always been available to man. Adam and Eve received the death sentence, *"you shall surely die"* and they received grace, an opportunity to repent and accept the redemption that would be purchased by the blood of the coming redeemer. They looked forward, we look back, but the same God and Father with His Holy Spirit is always present.

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law. (Romans 3:31)

It is very popular today to teach that this grace which only comes by faith did away with the Law of God. As if Grace and the Law were opposites like dark and light or yin and yang, however this false dichotomy only works to change our liberty into licentiousness. So, exactly how does Grace by Faith establish the Law?

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: (Hebrews 8:10)

No longer is His Law relegated to cold stone tablets or dead letters on deteriorating parchment, but it is now living in us, inscribed upon the

tablet of our heart. Jesus said, " I did not come to do away with the law..." He actually raised the standard:

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. (Matthew 5:27-28)

He said a similar thing about hatred and murder. It is not enough to simply refrain from the act rather it is expedient to change your mind about any desire which is not pleasing to our Heavenly Father. He is the God who has always judged the thoughts and intents of the heart.

When we repent, that is, change our mind about His Law and come into agreement with His Holy Spirit that His Law is holy and just and for our own good, we desire to learn obedience because it is inscribed in the new creation that we are. We are that new creation ...*created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we might walk in them...*(Eph 2.10)

You must be born again to enter the kingdom... Repent for the kingdom is at hand... be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...(Rom 12.2) When His Holy Spirit convicts and we truly change our mind then He will change our life by teaching us obedience. When we recognize that desire in ourselves to live our lives in a way that is always pleasing to our Heavenly Father, we hold the assurance that we have crossed the border into His Kingdom and are seated in heavenly places in Messiah Jesus.

May the grace of God be with us all.

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