

Those who have insight



Eschatology untwisted

Daniel 12

3 [Those who have insight will shine brightly ...](#)

10 [... but those who have insight will understand.](#)

For those who have asked to stay,
God's speed on your journey.

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Introduction

You are probably unique. I suspect that most people won't find this this data. God may be molding you for an incredible mission? Perhaps you have loved ones that you're concerned will be left behind and you need to know more about the end time events. I hope that this data and study strategy will help you assemble your own end time picture so that you can better assist your loved ones, both now, and when the time comes, at the end.

Unfortunately, many of the "experts" we see on TV or who write books, try to create the end time picture using a compilation of other people's work. It seems to me that their picture lacks the input of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is waiting for you to ask for His insight. Ask Him. If you desire God, I suspect that you'll get the needed insight. His Son cleared the way for all who genuinely desire to gain the insights to better love those whom He sends to us.

Ask Him.

My hope is that you come up with your own understanding of the end times and how it will go down. Part of the reason for this information is to allow you to discover portions of the end time that are apparently hidden from most. The portions that are hidden are apparently hidden for good reasons? They probably shouldn't be disseminated widely. You'll recognize why as you discover them. Some of the end times events I discuss here are recently discovered and findable on the internet. For those portions, I have no issue with simply explaining how they are arrived at and disclose the data for you to review. For the portions not yet discovered by others, I ask you to use the data found here ... and then discover them for yourself.

When I did my study, I found it helpful to try and set aside any false pride I had and admit that I was relatively ignorant of the end time. You might ask the Father to help you do the same. Warning! If you sincerely ask, He will "help". When He does, that will clear your vision and enable you to see His plan even better. It's also helpful to temporarily set aside what you've heard, and study it for yourself ... as if for the first time. You can do it.

Ask Him.

I'm not very bright. I wish I was ... but I'm not. I'm not holy. Not even close. I've never heard God speak. Never had dreams that are from God ... that I know of. I simply needed to better understand His end time scheme so that I could better love, better serve, the "neighbors" He's sent my way. So, I set out to study the passages on my own. I asked for His help when parts of the study hit roadblocks. He eventually provided "I could have had a V-8" answers each time. I suspect that if you desire Him and His righteousness, He will do the same for you. It's not that hard to understand when He helps.

For those of you who've heard a fair amount about end times (eschatology) and are starting your own personal research, I hope that what you see here spurs you on to dig into the scriptures and formulate your own conclusions

so that you no longer need to rely on the “experts”, the professionals, who do it for the money. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me, I’d be honored to give you my two cents and let you sort it out as you see fit.

For those of you who know very little about eschatology, perhaps you’ve begun to notice what’s going on in our world and it’s caused an interest? I hope that the Holy Spirit uses this data to help you begin to form your own understanding of God’s end time picture. You may have been told that it’s not really possible to understand biblical prophecy, especially when it comes to the book of Revelation. Well, that would be incorrect. Let me encourage you. You can understand it. While it’s true that prophetic material can be initially perplexing, you have the Holy Spirit to guide you into understanding. I submit that once you get a foothold, a starting point, the rest is actually not that difficult, not that mysterious. To prove my point, I wrote two silly prophecies that appear hard to figure out, that is unless you’re told that the writings are about modern events, and you happen to be an astute college football fan, preferably from Alabama or Ohio.

The beasts and the man who sits on them.

The first beast is like a mighty bird flying about waging war wherever it wishes. The second beast is a mighty cat, large and with many stripes and it devours whomever it wishes. The two beasts are one in the same. On the beast are two sides, each side having eleven facets. One side wages war and the other side defends against war. I tell you a mystery, the beast has a name, and its name is AU. The man sits on one side of the beast. He is part of ten and is himself an eleventh. He wages war against anyone who challenges the beast. With his great height and keen eyes and strong arm he throws his opponents into a tizzy. With his powerful legs, he eludes all who pursue him. With the goal in mind, he sets his strategy. A champion of champions, swirled in controversy, even the highest award will be granted to him.

Questions:

1. What year did this event occur? – 2010
2. In what division does the beast reside? – SEC
3. Who are the Beasts? - Auburn University. It has two mascots, War Eagles & Tigers. Auburn fans know that.
4. Who is the man? – Cam Newton

The beasts of “God’s team”

The first beast has his early start with great speed. Many chased him in circles and straight lines. As he matures, he will become feared for his power. He is constantly hungry and asks only to be fed. He hails from “The”. In a single season, he will accumulate great distances. His people will give him a three letter title of achievement. A

champion of National proportion he will be. He will trade his crown of leaves for a crown with a single lone star. He carries an orb for those who ride horses and herd cattle in the remote southwest. His name is from the holy book of ancients. The number of his name is 21. The second beast enters the field of battle simultaneously with the first beast. He will replace a broken Romeo. He is a leader of ten and is himself an eleventh. His maneuvers are very offensive. The number of his name is a keypad and it is 325.

1. Where is the beast's theatre of play located? – Texas. When I was a kid, the Dallas Cowboys used to be known as "God's team".
2. Who is the first Beast? – Zeke
3. Who is the second Beast? – Dak

As you can see, once you begin to know something for sure about these silly prophecies, or the real ones, many other parts become clearer. It's not that hard. Give it a try. You can do it with God's help. As well, if you have the opportunity to view the movie **Vantage Point**, it'll help you better grasp "how" portions of the story in the book of Revelation are told.

If you haven't figured it out already, portions of the book of Daniel and the Olivet discourse become keys to understanding the book of Revelation. Revelation then fills in gaps in the prior combined prophetic materials. I thank God that He gave John the data. I could never have put the complete picture together without it.

My search

In 2012, I saw an on-line article about the US selling Saudi Arabia 84 F-15's. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-16358068>

I wondered why the US would sell an Arab country the very technology that could be used against it? I recognized that I was clearly ignorant of why this would occur, and what the likely near future would be. I spoke with a friend who worked at Lockheed-Martin who told me that the US regularly sells aircraft to the wealthy Arab nations. At that time, the F-22 was already known to be superior and in mock fights had simultaneously defeated five F-15's, none of which even saw the 22 before they were out of the mock battle. So, I supposed that even if the Arabs decided to use the 15's against us, we had the upper hand. But I wondered if things in the middle east were coming to a conclusion? Were we headed for the so-called battle of Armageddon of which I knew very little? The proverbial "I knew just enough to be dangerous" fully applied in my case.

I decided that it was time for me to do a full-blown end times study. I'd had a very good background in eschatology from the wonderful folks at Xenos Christian Fellowship. They teach a very well thought through general timeline ... but I didn't know the specifics? They also had given me very good information on proper hermeneutical and prophetic interpretation. Finally, I had viewed the movie I mentioned above - Vantage Point. That movie, the way the story was told, unlocked the capacity to not get tripped up when it came to interpreting portions of the book of Revelation.

God designed my very limited brain to function more like an engineer than an artist, so I went to Lowe's and purchased a \$13 – 4'x 8' sheet of 1/4" whiteboard and hung it on my office wall at home. For the next three months, I systematically wrote out all the pertinent eschatological references. My theory was that the OT and NT references had to agree, so I began to draw lines from one passage to another that seemed to be describing similar eschatological events. Sometimes it was like matching two sides of the same coin.

Then I started asking questions like "how can this be true ... and this as well"? As I was able to use the biblical references to answer the initial round of questions, a beginning thesis emerged by which to measure the answers to the remaining unanswered questions. That thesis was then constantly tweaked as the initial questions got answered and more difficult questions were subsequently discovered.

As a recovering Deist, (someone who thinks God is not active in human history anymore), I have to conclude that many of the difficult questions were ultimately answered by the Holy Spirit assisting my exceedingly slow, feeble brain. In a few instances, no amount of data could have been combined to force a "logic" based answer. Yet the ultimate answers were without exception simple and logical. Apparently, God did exactly as He said He would. I asked. He provided. The glory is God's.

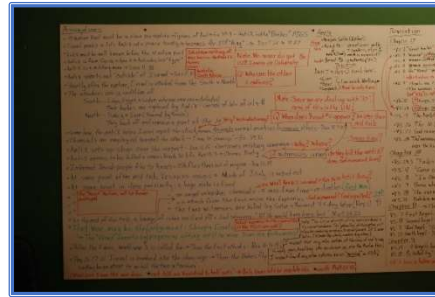
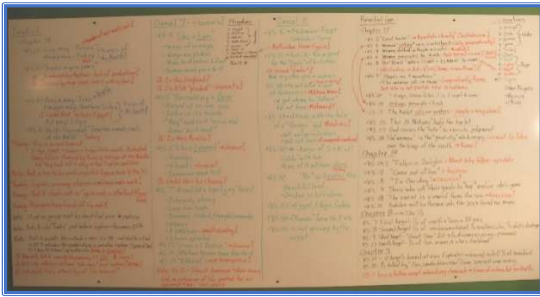
With a starting point of a typical hyper myopic North American in abject ignorance of what's going on in the rest of the world (myopic American is probably redundant), I decided to do quite a bit of non-biblical research on the history of Europe, the EU, NATO, Russian naval bases and alliances, military capacities of the US, Russia, and the EU, the history of, the topography of, major cities in, and airports of the nation of Israel, worldwide tectonic plates, worldwide volcanic activities, and current geopolitical situations. That research data helped me answer the majority of the remaining questions that scripture alone was initially unclear or silent on.

In my secular line of work, commercial real estate development, I had four advantages over many who would look at the same scriptures and history:

1. When we are **done** building a structure that contains multiple condos, we send out a person to take field measurements to verify the actual space that each condo occupies. This is called an "as-built survey". If the plan calls for a unit to have 1,000 square feet but the survey shows 1,001 square feet, then we use 1,001 as the legal size. Can't "measure" until after it's complete. Hint, hint.
2. I was aware of the wall street acronym "PIGS". Portugal, Italy, Greece, Spain. All on the southern border of Europe. All part of the original Roman empire. All foreign markets that Wall Street tends to stay away from since they are all socialistic and at times virtually insolvent. Recognizing the geopolitical situations of Iran, Turkey, and Syria again made clearer what was veiled in prophecy up to our time in history. Recognizing how ISIS and the Muslim Brotherhood have been metastasizing even into North Africa again gave me insight.
3. Another bit of data that most may not know is the real estate concept of giving a 30 day notice to **vacate** a premises so that it can be re-tenanted. Although leases may have 60 or 90 days specifically mentioned, 30 days is the minimum customary time. That 30 day notice helped me complete the Daniel 12 time line question of 1,260, 1,290, and 1,335 days. As that timeline was being wrestled to the ground, it answered other questions that neither scripture alone nor extra biblical research could answer.
4. Finally, those relevant "times" of: Time Times and Half a Time, 42 months, three and a half days, 1,260 days, 1,290 days, and 1,335 days, gathered from both OT and NT passages were initially not fully clear until I decided to graph them. Since I've worked in construction management with something called critical path schedules, I simply took all the known biblical timed activities and put them into the same type of "schedule". The result was effectively a critical path schedule of events beginning with the known activity of the abomination of desolation and the ending activity of the start of the Millennium.

Well, I ran out of room on the white board for all this data, so I photographed it, erased most of it, and started a new board. I kept the portion that showed the remaining unsolved passages from Revelation, and I used the other portion to write out a rudimentary thesis, list questions, and list some of the biblical "symbols" with the thought

that most of the symbols could be solidly identified. Again, reasoning that the OT symbols had to agree with the NT symbols, the picture began to emerge of how these symbols helped tell the eschatological story.

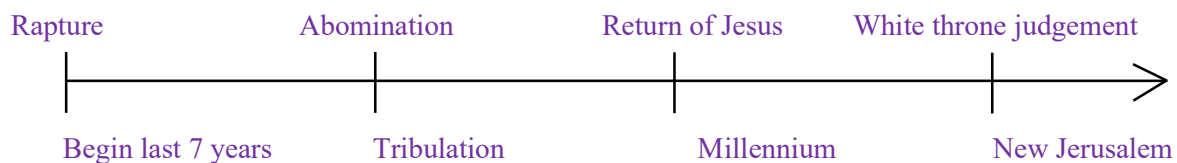


So, I had three “parts” that each helped solve the puzzles of the others:

1. The actual prophecies.
2. The identifiable symbols in the prophecies.
3. The timeline from the abomination on.

The more I solved any one of the three, the more the rest were solved and so on until the thesis was completed and plausible. As more geopolitical events unfold, the thesis gets minorly tweaked, but still has the same flow of events originally surmised.

When I started my study, I viewed the combined data like a 1,000 piece puzzle ... with no picture to look at? Obviously, the framework (basic timeline events) had to be assembled first. Rather than a rectangular shape, this puzzle is linear. It's my thought that most pre-tribulation thinkers have the “framework” right.



1. At some point in the future God will **rapture**, bring to Himself, the deceased in Christ, and the living followers of His Son. I suspect that the rapture occurs at or near the **beginning of the seven last years** of the prophetic time clock.
2. Halfway through that seven-year period, the twice daily sacrifices in the new temple are stopped and the **Abomination of Desolation** occurs. The 3 ½ year **Tribulation** begins.
3. At the end of that Tribulation period, **Jesus returns** to earth and defeats the forces opposed to His new followers. Jesus then judges the remaining living, the sheep and goat judgement, which clears out all who are not following after Him.

4. He then starts a 1,000 year period, the **Millennium**, where He's on the earth ruling over those who remain. Satan is prohibited from interfering in the affairs of mankind. At the end of that Millennium, Satan is once again allowed to influence men and he leads yet another insurrection which Jesus puts down.
5. Satan is then cast into Hell and the **great white throne judgement** occurs where God resurrects all those who did not desire Him from Adam on, and cast them into the lake of fire, the second death, hell.
6. Then the current existence as we know it is changed. God creates a new earth and a "**New Jerusalem**".

With that as the framework, I was able to put puzzle pieces together into small sub sections like you would in a normal puzzle, a tree, or a brook, or a farmhouse, or birds in the air. They can be assembled without initially knowing precisely where in the picture (timeline) they ultimately reside. I can tell you that most "experts" today have the brook where the sky should be, and the birds where the farmhouse should be. Their picture looks, well, weird, and becomes largely unexplainable unless several contortions are attempted.

As I mentioned before, I was fortunate to have the HS help me take those clusters and find a more correct location for them in the picture. The end result was simple and clear. That does seem to be God's way. I found that once the puzzle clusters were plausibly placed, when I went back and reviewed Matthew 24 and 25, it read like a reader's digest version of the larger picture in front of me. Of course! Jesus had seen the entirety of the picture. This was His executive summary to us. Try it for yourself and see.

Finally, for 30 plus years, I've understood that the word "Antichrist" was one in the same with the word "beast" used in the book of Revelation. It may be, but I'm no longer **confident** of that? John is the only author to use the word "antichrist" and only in his epistles. His use of it is perhaps not as clear as I originally thought? Judge for yourself.

1John 2:18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.

1John 2:22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

1John 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

2John 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

I think John is equating the deceivers of his day as acting like the future "**prince who is to come**" and "**man of lawlessness**", what we currently call the Antichrist. But like Paul, James, and Peter, John thought that entity was going to arrive in their lifetime? Since John is writing this so late, most likely after Peter, James and Paul were dead, but before the Revelation God gave him, I'm confused as to whether John was confused? If John was

confused, God sure did make it clear to him in the Revelation. But take note that God never used the word Antichrist in the Revelation. Where did John get that word? What did it mean to him? I don't know?

Paul used the phrase “[man of lawlessness](#)”. Daniel used the phrase “[the Prince who is to come](#)”. Since you may be like me and have understood the word “[Antichrist](#)” to mean the “[beast](#)” of the book of Revelation and the “[Prince that is to come](#)” of the book of Daniel and the “[man of lawlessness](#)” from 2 Thessalonians, I will use the word “Antichrist” to mean that. It may not be correct, but for this discussion, I'll use it that way.

Here's a list of passages that I used for my end times study:

1. Isaiah chapters 11 and 65
2. Jeremiah chapters 30-31
3. Ezekiel chapters 38-39
4. Daniel chapters 2 and 7-12
5. Joel the entire book
6. Zechariah chapter 5:5-11 and chapter 14
7. Matthew chapters 24-25
8. Acts 1:6-12
9. I Corinthians chapter 15:51-52
10. I Thessalonians chapter 4:15-18
11. Revelation the entire book

Here's a list of characters that I could identify.

In general, the ones in black are identified by the text itself or are knowable via good commentaries. The ones in [red](#) are left to us. If you choose, you can fill in your own answers beside each one of them as you recognize what they represent.

Zechariah

1. 5:5-11- [she](#) –

Daniel

2. 2:38 - Head of gold –
3. 2:39 - Chest and arms of silver –

4. 2:39 - Belly and thighs of bronze –
5. 2:40 - Legs of steel –
6. 2:41-43 Feet of steel and clay –
7. 2:45 - Uncut stone -
8. 7:2 - Great sea -
9. 7:4 - Lion -
10. 7:5 - Bear -
11. 7:6 - Leopard -
12. 7:7 - Dreadful beast with 10 horns -
13. 7:24 - Horns –
14. 7:24 - Kings -
15. 8:3 - Ram with two horns –
16. 8:5 - Male goat (shaggy goat) with a broken horn then 4 horns –
17. 8:9 - Small horn out of a big horn –
18. 8:14 - 2,300 evenings and mornings –
19. 9:26 - People of the prince who is to come -
20. 9:26 - The prince who is to come -
21. 9:27 - One who makes desolate –
22. 11:40 - King of the south -
23. 11:40 - King of the north -
24. 12:7 - Time, times, and half a time –
25. 12:11 - 1,290 days –
26. 12:12 - 1,335 days –

Matthew

27. 24:26 - Wilderness -

28. 25:32 - Sheep –

29. 25:32 - Goats –

Revelation

30. 3:9 - synagogue of Satan –

31. 5:6 - lamb -

32. 6:2 - **white horse #1** -

33. 7:1-8 & 14:1-5 - **144,000** –

34. 8:13 - **Eagle flying in mid heaven** –

35. 9:11 - beast from the abyss -

36. 11:3-12 **two witnesses** –

37. 12:1 - **woman #1** -

38. 12:3 - **red dragon – 7 heads, 10 horns** –

39. 12:3 & 13:1 - **Heads** –

40. 12:3 & 13:1 - **Horns** -

41. 12:5 - male child -

42. 12:6 - **wilderness** -

43. 12:7 - dragon = serpent of old -

44. 12:14 - **great eagle** –

45. 12:14 - time, times, and half a time –

46. 12:17 - offspring of woman #1 who keep the testimony of Jesus -

47. 13:1-8 - **beast #1 - from the sea with 10 horns and 7 heads** –

48. 13:5 - 42 months -

49. 13:11 - **Beast #2 – from the earth with 2 horns** –

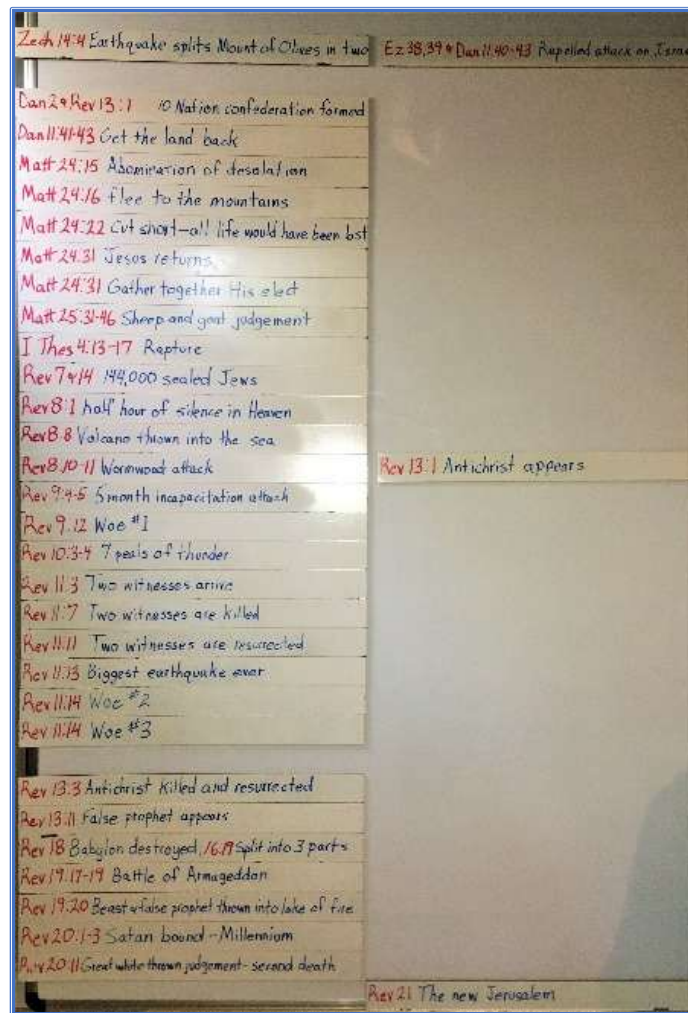
50. 14:3 - **A new song** –

51. 14:8 & 16:19 & 17:5 & 18:2-21 - **Babylon** –

52. 16:13 & 19:20 & 20:10 - False prophet -
53. 16:19 & 17:18 & 18:10-21 - The great city -
54. 17:1-5 & 19:2 - Great harlot –
55. 17:3 - Scarlet beast with 7 heads and 10 horns -
56. 17:3-9 & 17:18 - Woman #2 –
57. 17:9 - 7 heads = 7 mountains -
58. 17:10 - 7 kings, 5 fallen, 1 is, 1 has not yet come –
59. 17:11 - Beast is an 8th and one of the 7 -
60. 17:12 - 10 horns = 10 kings -
61. 17:18 - Woman = great City -
62. 19:7 - Bride #1 -
63. 19:11 - White horse #2 -
64. 19:14 - Armies in heaven –
65. 19:17 - The great supper of God -
66. 20:5-6 - First resurrection –
67. 20:6 & 14 & 21:8 - Second death –
68. 20:11 - Great white throne –
69. 21:2 & 9 & 22:17 - Bride #2 –

When I teach this material in person, I break it down into 9 or more sessions. For the beginning session, I have 33 magnetic slats with the end time events written on them. I use a large magnetic white board where I place those 33 slats on the left side in the order that we come across them in the bible.

As each session goes on, I have the pupil take any of the 33 slats they choose and place them on the right side in the order they surmise will happen in the end time. As the sessions go on, the pupil rearranges some of them to fit new data or a better understanding gained that session. As we get closer to the last session, I start asking them specific questions about their placements that cause them to re-think why they had them in that order. They either decide to leave it there or realize that it should be placed elsewhere. By the end, they have their own thesis of events. Their own, not mine. This is what I desire for you.



Below is an electronic version of the magnetic whiteboard. If you wish, you can create your own and move them around as you see fit.

<u>Events</u>	<u>Thesis</u>
1 Ez 38, 39 & Dan 11:40-43 Repelled attack on Israel	1 -
2 Dan 2 & Rev 13:1 10 nation confederation formed	2 -
3 Dan 11:41-43 get the land back	3 -
4 Zech 14:4 Earthquake splits Mount of Olives in two	4 -
5 Matt 24:15 Abomination of desolation	5 -
6 Matt 24:16 flee to the mountains	6 -
7 Matt 24: 22 Cut short – all life would have been lost	7 -
8 Matt 24:29-30 Jesus returns	8 -

9	Matt 24:31 Gather together His elect	9	-
10	Matt 25:31-46 sheep and goat judgement	10	-
11	I Thes 4:13-17 Rapture	11	-
12	Rev 7 and 14 144,000 sealed Jews	12	-
13	Rev 8:1 half hour of silence in Heaven	13	-
14	Rev 8:8 Volcano thrown into the sea	14	-
15	Rev 8:10-11 Wormwood attack	15	-
16	Rev 9:4-5 5 month incapacitation attack	16	-
17	Rev 9:12 Woe #1	17	-
18	Rev 10:3-4 7 peals of thunder	18	-
19	Rev 11:3 Two witnesses arrive	19	-
20	Rev 11:7 Two witness are killed	20	-
21	Rev 11:11 Two witnesses are resurrected	21	-
22	Rev 11:13 Biggest Earthquake ever	22	-
23	Rev 11:14 Woe #2	23	-
24	Rev 11:14 Woe #3	24	-
25	Rev 13:1 Antichrist appears	25	-
26	Rev 13:3 Antichrist killed and resurrected	26	-
27	Rev 13:11 False prophet appears	27	-
28	Rev 18 Babylon destroyed 16:19 split in three parts	28	-
29	Rev 19:17-19 Battle of Armageddon	29	-
30	Rev 19:20 Beast, false prophet cast into lake of fire	30	-
31	Rev 20:1-3 Satan bound – Millennium	31	-
32	Rev 20:11 Great White Throne judg. - second death	32	-
33	Rev 21 The new Jerusalem	33	-

If you decide to go ahead and do your own study, I recommend that you read the entire book of Daniel. If you have a study bible, take advantage of the history around the book and the plight of the Jewish people and the specific circumstances of the writings of the events Daniel records. I recognize that the commentators might give you their thinking that may be a little off, but you'll have that data to compare to as the study moves on.

Then read the Olivet discourse in Matthew 24-25. Again, it would be good to read the commentaries even if they end up being different than your final conclusions.

Then read the entire book of Revelation in one sitting. Don't get bogged down with the details. Just peruse the shelves to know generally where the merchandise is displayed. Take note of the use of the word "like". John is seeing things from the future that he has difficulty describing, so he says it's "like". After you accomplish those readings, you can start your study with a fresh input of data that the Holy Spirit will have provided.

Hermeneutics

If you want to give the study a go, the first order of business is to make sure we understand the basics of interpreting any ancient document. Obviously, “context” is critical. Beyond that, we need to interpret the text relative to the culture it was written to, not to our twenty first century culture. What did it mean to the hearers of that day? We also need to interpret it literally unless the text tells us not to. Finally, we need to interpret it critically. Our interpretation needs to make rational sense. With those basic “Hermeneutical” rules, the majority of the Bible can be understood.

When we get to prophetic portions of the bible, we have additional hermeneutical considerations. When our Father gives one of His prophets a vision of the future, we need to do the best we can to understand what the prophet is seeing, and what may be initially hidden. With prophetic material, we sometimes run into a “**dual reference**”. The prophet may be seeing something that is soon to occur without initially recognizing a hidden second similar event to occur later. The obvious example is the vision of the Messiah. We know that His arrival in about 33 AD fulfilled many OT prophecies. What none knew at that time was that it foreshadowed a second coming, the one that you and I are eager to see. Here is the classic passage that gives us a hint that we’re looking at a “dual reference”.

Luke 4:17-21 17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, 18”**THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, 19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.**” 20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down ; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

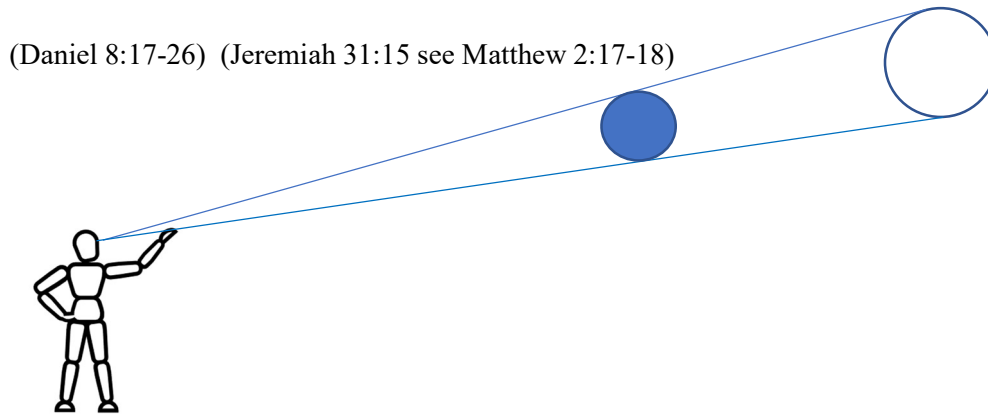
Isaiah 61:1-6 1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted ; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted , To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners ; 2 To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God ; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. 4 Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, They will raise up the former devastations ; And they will repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations. 5 Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, And foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers. 6 But you will be called the priests of the LORD ; You will be spoken of as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, And in their riches you will boast.

Jesus was quoting the Isaiah passage. The clue is that He stopped in the middle of a sentence and proclaimed that portion had been fulfilled. We can look back and recognize that there was about a 2,000 year “gap” between the word “Lord” and the word “And” in the Isaiah prophecy.

Another known dual reference is the conquest of Antiochus Epiphanes (175-164 BC) as mentioned in Daniel 11:21-35. He desecrated the Temple by erecting a statue of Zeus and offered a sacrifice of pigs. This was foreshadowing of what the so-called Antichrist will be like. According to Jesus, when the Jews [in theater] see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place, they should flee.

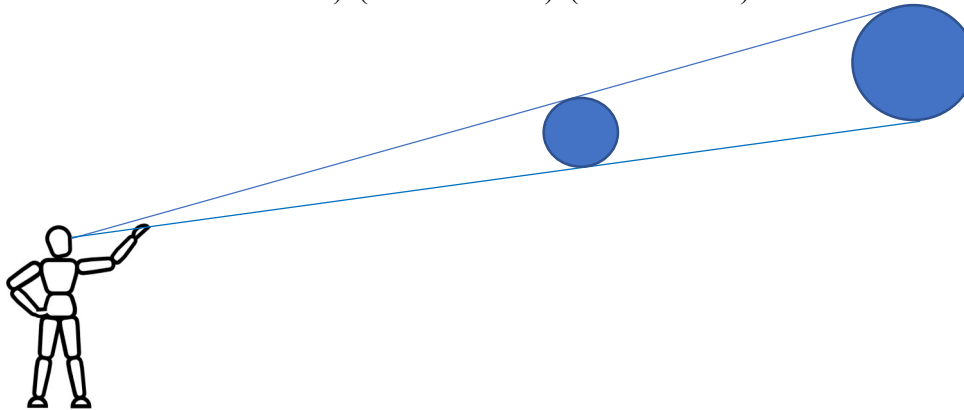
The diagrams below show the four main types of dual references. These are from the wonderful folks at Xenos.

Type The seer's eye are fixed on the closer of the two events exclusively. Details of the first prophecy are completely satisfied by the earlier event or person. Yet, there is also a subsequent event or person foreshadowed by the prediction.

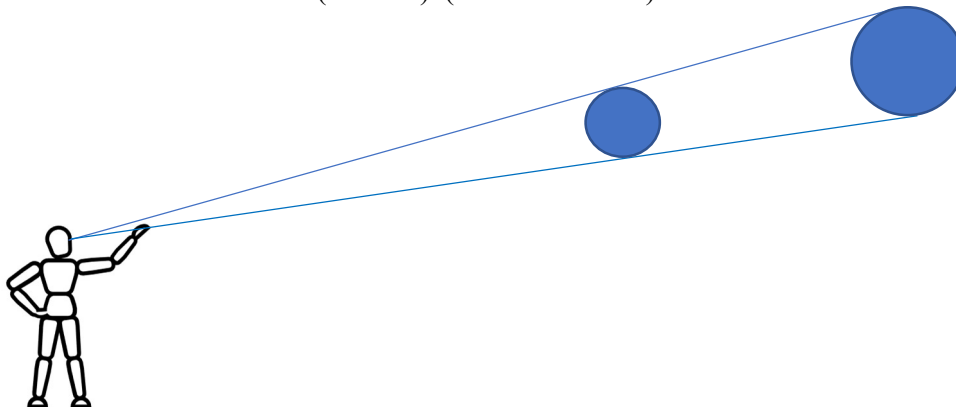


Gap As in “prophetic gap”. The prophet predicts one event or person, followed without notice by a reference to a later event or person. Neither description will fit the other.

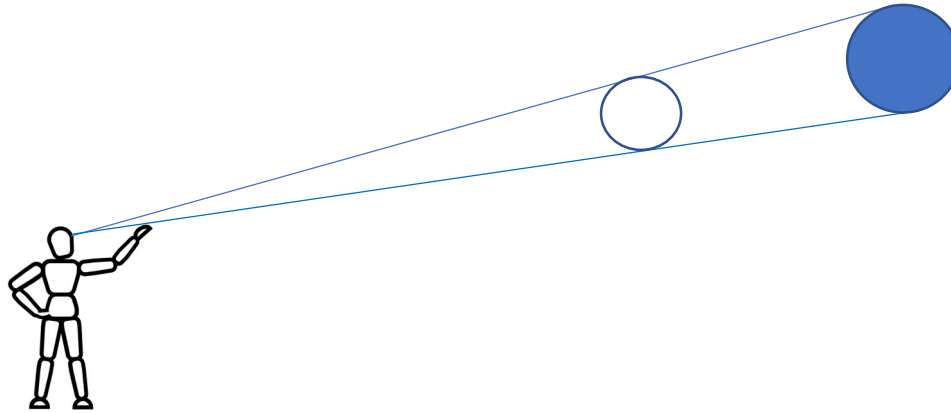
(Isiah 61:1-2 see Luke 4:17-21) (Daniel 2:40-44) (Daniel 7:7-12)



Type-Gap The prediction of the first event or person is typical of the later event but the prediction of the later does not fit the earlier at all. (Isiah 13) (Daniel 11:20-45)



Unforeseen Partial The focus is on the later event. Later it is revealed that there is also an earlier event which, although unseen, is a real, but incomplete fulfillment of the prophecy. Frequently, the unforeseen event concerns the Church age. (Joel 2:28-32 see Acts 2:16-21) (Jeremiah 31:31-34 see Hebrews 8:8-13, 10:16-18)



I mentioned earlier that we also need to consider one more prophetic hermeneutic. Since God is outside of time, He can obviously tell a story using simultaneous “vantage points”. To date, few in the Christian community have acknowledged that. If we can recognize when our Father is doling out the prophecy in that way, we’ll do significantly better than the vast majority of well meaning folks who insist that all prophecy must be “linear”.

As it relates to the book of Revelation, we need to recognize that sometimes two different characters may have the same descriptors. Examples of this are mentions of: a “**woman**”, a “**rider on a white horse**”, and a “**bride**”.

You will also read about three separate “**woes**”. They are events, not sorrows. At some points you will read the repetition of “woe, woe”. Recognize that the phrase may be describing the event of the “second woe”. Get it?

Tribulation

You've probably heard mention that there is a 7 year period ahead of us known as the great tribulation. That's half accurate. The seven years are the last seven in our Father's prophetic time clock. I suspect that the first half, 3 ½ years, are most likely a great time for the nation of Israel. The second half is the tribulation. The basis for the seven years comes from Daniel chapter 9. It's fascinating when you study it and recognize how incredible our Father is in knowing the future. Let me try to give you the story.

After God brought the Jewish Nation out of Egypt and as they were about to settle in the promised land, He gave them information on how things would go if they pursued Him ... and what would happen if they didn't.

Here is God speaking through Moses. Obey Me and let the land rest.

Exodus 23:10-11 10 "You shall sow your land for six years and gather in its yield, 11 but on the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the needy of your people may eat; and whatever they leave the beast of the field may eat. You are to do the same with your vineyard *and* your olive grove.

Then God said it again as He was giving Moses the Law.

Leviticus 25:1-4 1 The LORD then spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai, saying, 2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you come into the land which I shall give you, then the land shall have a sabbath to the LORD. 3 'Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard and gather in its crop, 4 but during the seventh year the land shall have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD ; you shall not sow your field nor prune your vineyard.

If you obey Me, I will protect you.

Leviticus 26:1-13 1 'You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves an image or a sacred pillar, nor shall you place a figured stone in your land to bow down to it; for I am the LORD your God. 2 You shall keep My sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary; I am the LORD. 3 If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments so as to carry them out, 4 then I shall give you rains in their season, so that the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit. 5 Indeed, your threshing will last for you until grape gathering, and grape gathering will last until sowing time. You will thus eat your food to the full and live securely in your land. 6 I shall also grant peace in the land, so that you may lie down with no one making you tremble. I shall also eliminate harmful beasts from the land, and no sword will pass through your land. 7 But you will chase your enemies and they will fall before you by the sword; 8 five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall before you by the sword. 9 So I will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will confirm My covenant with you. 10 You will eat the old supply and clear out the old because of the new. 11 Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you. 12 I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people. 13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you would not be their slaves, and I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

Military protection and food security. What an incredible deal! How could they reject that? But they eventually did.

Of interest is the underlined portions of verse 11 and 12? Is this a metaphoric "dwelt among you" and "walk among you"? Perhaps ... but what if it isn't? If Israel had continued to pursue God, would He have returned to this earth?

What an incredible thought! What an incredible change of circumstance for His Son!

Back to the text. If you **do not** obey Me ...

Leviticus 26:14-17 14 **But if you do not obey Me** and do not carry out all these commandments, 15 if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant, 16 I, in turn, will do this to you: I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that will waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you will sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies will eat it up. 17 I will set My face against you so that you will be struck down before your enemies; and those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one is pursuing you.

We know that they unfortunately did not obey Him. God had warned them in advance, then as they were rejecting Him, He let them know that He was in fact going to bring the action He foretold. He brought the Babylonian exile and captivity upon them.

Jeremiah 25:1-11 1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), 2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 3 “From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years the word of the LORD has come to me, and **I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened.** 4 And the LORD has sent to you all His servants the prophets **again and again, but you have not listened** nor inclined your ear to hear, 5 saying, ‘Turn now everyone from his evil way and from the evil of your deeds, and dwell on the land which the LORD has given to you and your forefathers forever and ever; 6 and do not go after other gods to serve them and to worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm.’ 7 Yet **you have not listened to Me,**” declares the LORD, “in order that you might provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm. 8 “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Because you have not obeyed My words, 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will send to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them and make them a horror and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. 10 Moreover, I will take from them the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. 11 **This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.**

Jeremiah 29:10 “For thus says the LORD, ‘When **seventy years** have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.

God decided to use the land sabbaths that were ignored for 490 years (70 sabbaths) as the length of time that they would be in captivity in Babylon (70 years). In 605 BC Nebuchadnezzar concurred Jerusalem and destroyed the magnificent temple that Solomon built for God, the “first temple”.

Here’s something that’s been overlooked. Unfortunately, while they were captives and as they were returning to the land, they failed to fully repent. Apparently, God knew that would be the case. As we continue in the very same passage from Leviticus 26, God tells the Jews that if they rejected Him, then after the prescribed consequence, they still rejected Him, a more significant consequence would come upon them. He says that “**after these things**” (the exile in Babylon) if they still did not obey, He will punish them seven times more. Read it for yourself and see what you think?

Leviticus 26:18-43 18 If also after these things you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. 19 I will also break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze. 20 Your strength will be spent uselessly, for your land will not yield its produce and the trees of the land will not yield their fruit.

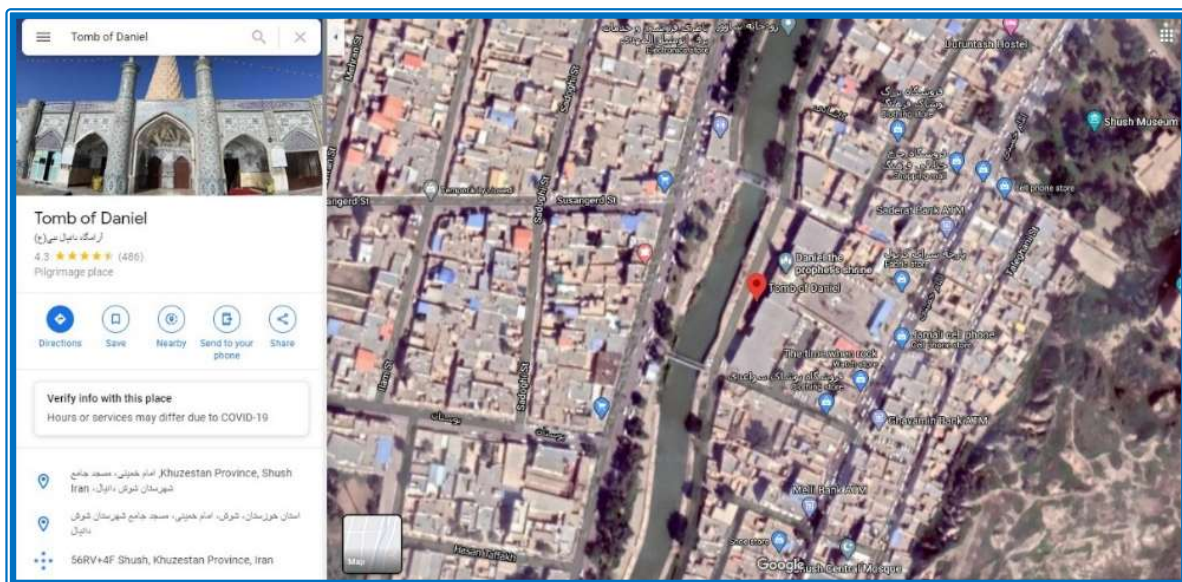
21 If then, you act with hostility against Me and are unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you seven times according to your sins. 22 I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which will bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted.

23 And if by these things you are not turned to Me, but act with hostility against Me, 24 then I will act with hostility against you; and I, even I, will strike you seven times for your sins. 25 I will also bring upon you a sword which will execute vengeance for the covenant; and when you gather together into your cities, I will send pestilence among you, so that you shall be delivered into enemy hands. 26 When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied.

27 Yet if in spite of this you do not obey Me, but act with hostility against Me, 28 then I will act with wrathful hostility against you, and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins.

So, God did exactly what He said He would if “after these things” they didn’t desire Him. He added a punishment 7 times the magnitude of the original 70 years. (70 years times 7 = 490 years) exactly the time period that they had ignored God in the first place! God then used the prophet Daniel to inform Israel of this added time.

Daniel may have been grieved and perplexed, but he evidently accepted it. While some Jews did go back home and Zerubbabel did eventually rebuild the second Temple (albeit nowhere near to the specifications God lined out to Ezekiel as seen in chapters 40-48), I note that Daniel never did go back? He continued his work for the King, some of which was in an area that we know today as Iran. Imagine that? The idea of a Jew in Iran seemed odd to me, but my wife mentioned that before the Shaw was ousted in 1979, there were lots of Jews in Iran. They had evidently been populating Iran since the Babylonian exile. Most subsequently fled. When I researched Daniel’s comment in chapter 8 about being by the Ulai canal in Susa, now called Shush, I found an aerial shot in Iran where the resting place “Tomb” of Daniel is purported to be.



Fascinating that one of the most prominent members of the Jewish race is entombed in a County where the leadership desires to wipe out all Jews. I wonder if the proliferation of Jews in that area was aided by the King's top man residing there? Was Daniel a Jewish "evangelist"?

Back to the text. Daniel chapter 9 is one of the most fascinating predictions in the scriptures. Three years before the end of the 70 year consequence was complete, Daniel recognizes that they are getting close to the end of their captivity.

Daniel 9:2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was revealed as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, **seventy years**.

Daniel then pours his heart out to God and confesses his sin and the sin of his people and asks God to return them to their favored status and to the land so that they can live in harmony with God again.

Daniel 9:15-19 **15** "And now, O Lord our God, who have brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day—we have sinned, we have been wicked. **16** O Lord, in accordance with all Your righteous acts, let now Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people have become a reproach to all those around us. **17** So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplications, and for Your sake, O Lord, let Your face shine on Your desolate sanctuary. **18** O my God, incline Your ear and hear! Open Your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by Your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion. **19** O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and take action! For Your own sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

It appears to me that God's reply was in essence "no". God then let Daniel know that 490 more years of difficulty would await Israel ... because they had not finished "transgressing" - She did not repent. As a part of that edict, God lays out the entire final prophetic time clock. A clock that includes a "prophetic gap" where the clock pauses for an unknown period of time, (the church age), and resumes on God's command. Here is the prophecy God gave Daniel.

Daniel 9:24-27 **24** "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to **finish the transgression**, to make an end of sin, to **make atonement for iniquity**, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and **to anoint the most holy place**. **25** "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the **Prince** there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks ; it will be built again, with **plaza and moat**, even in times of distress. **26** "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the **prince who is to come** will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. **27** "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

The context of the "weeks" is the land sabbaths = 7 years. So each week prophesied equaled 7 years. From God's perspective, Israel had shunned Him, had **transgressed**, and in this prophecy, God lets Daniel know that He is going to dole out 70 weeks = 490 more years to give Israel time to **finish the transgression**, and to **make atonement for** [their] **iniquity**.

Then God switches perspective and discusses the arrival of a [Prince](#)? Our modern translations couple that with the word Messiah. We like that thought. But in fact, the word is not Messiah, it's "anointed one". Every other time the Hebrew word was used in the Old Testament it's translated correctly "anointed one". Our translators have taken it upon themselves to insert something that was never there. Any modern-day Jewish scholar would point this out ... and they would be correct. The word "Messiah" never occurs in the OT. None the less, I recognize that Jesus was and is the Messiah, my savior and my Lord. Perhaps arriving the first time as a Prince, He will arrive the second time as the King. The first time as the suffering servant, the second time as the conquering King.

As for the timing of the arrival of the [Messiah] Prince, it was to be 7 weeks and 62 weeks = 69 weeks of 7 years each year containing 360 days (the Jewish year) = 173,880 total days. The key to the start of the prophetic clock is the decree to restore and rebuild the defensive walls of Jerusalem – "with plaza and mote".

Wouldn't ya know, we have that decree!

Nehemiah 2:1-8 **1** And it came about in the month [Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes](#), that wine was before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. **2** So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart." Then I was very much afraid. **3** I said to the king, "Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?" **4** Then the king said to me, "What would you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. **5** I said to the king, "If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it." **6** Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, "How long will your journey be, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time. **7** And I said to the king, "If it please the king, let letters be given me for the governors of the provinces beyond the River, that they may allow me to pass through until I come to Judah, **8** and a letter to Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams [for the gates of the fortress](#) which is by the temple, [for the wall of the city](#) and for the house to which I will go." And the king granted them to me because the good hand of my God was on me.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, Artaxerxes Longimanus' 20th year was 444 BC.

Start on Nisan 1, 444 BC = March 8. Advance 173,880 days to Nisan 10, 33 AD, the day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The day that the people were to select their "Passover lamb". This is the predicted entrance of the Prince, the Lamb of God ... the one we know as Jesus. Even though He had been teaching for three and a half years, this ride into Jerusalem on a donkey was the queue to the Jews that He was the one.

Zechariah 9:9 [Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion ! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem ! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.](#)

Exodus 12:2-3 **2** "This month [Nison] shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year for you. **3** "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, '[On the tenth of this month](#) they are, each one, to take a lamb for themselves, according to the fathers' households, a lamb for each household.

Take note that all but one time when Jesus performed a miracle, He told them not to tell anyone. His time had not yet come.

Matthew 8:1-4 1 When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him. 2 And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." 3 Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing ; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus said to him, "**See that you tell no one**"; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Matthew 16:15-20 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am ?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church ; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven ; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." 20 Then He warned the disciples that they should **tell no one** that He was the Christ.

Luke 8:51-56 51 When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother. 52 Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, "Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep." 53 And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died. 54 He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Child, arise !" 55 And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately ; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat. 56 Her parents were amazed ; but He instructed them to **tell no one** what had happened.

But when the time came, Jesus does not tell folks to keep it to themselves. If they had failed to recognize Him, the very rocks would have cried out. God caused a donkey to talk. He can make rocks cry out.

Luke 19:35-39 35 They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road. 37 As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, 38 shouting : "**BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD** ; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest !" 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, **the stones will cry out!**"

Looking back, we now understand that the rejection of Jesus as the Messiah caused a pause, a gap in the prophetic clock. God temporarily discontinued using the Jewish nation as His primary message giver, and started using the gentiles, the church. The "gap" is known as the church age. The remaining prophetic week (7 years) is yet to occur and when it does, God will once again focus on the Nation of Israel to accomplish His prophetic will.

As we continue reading in the Daniel 9 passage, we see that God indicates there would be a second destruction of the City and the Temple.

Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the **prince who is to come** will destroy the city and the sanctuary. **And its end will come with a flood;**

This one is tricky. Most think that this occurred in 70AD. The Romans evidently burned the temple and because they knew there was melted gold in the rubble, they dismantled every stone and threw it down over the wall, exactly as Jesus prophesied would happen.

Luke 19:44 and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, **because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.**"

We know that the Romans at least ordered the destruction. Some say that the actual work was carried out by Arab mercenaries? In any event, the “[Prince who is to come](#)” refers to what we call the Antichrist, the leader of the reconstituted Roman Empire. The next statement in the prophecy is “[And its end will come with a flood](#)”. This intrigues me? As you do your own study, you’ll come across a similar surmised reference to a “flood”. Perhaps this portion of the prophecy is Jumping forward and referring to the end time and the third temple? Do we have the same 2,000 year prophetic gap between the word “[Sanctuary](#)” and the word “[And](#)”? To date, the temple has been built ... and destroyed twice. Yet in the Revelation, John is given a measuring rod and told to “measure” the temple, a third temple yet to be constructed.

A Jewish group called the Temple Institute is preparing for that very thing. They have the building plans, the temple implements, and are trying to get the needed red heifer referred to in the Old Testament Ceremonial Law. They are very close. The Muslim Dome of the Rock, the third holiest Muslim site, is currently on the temple mount. Even though it’s in Israel, Jordan has control of the temple site. While Jews are allowed on portions of the site, they are not allowed to pray there. Saudi Arabia, who controls Mecca and Medina, the first two holiest Muslim sites, is evidently trying to replace Jordan as the caretaker of the site.

Interesting that the UAE recently completed construction of a massive three building temple structure in their country, one for each of the three religions in the middle east, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Clearly an effort to normalize relations between the three Abrahamic “religions” is underway. <https://www.cnn.com/style/article/uae-abrahamic-family-house-david-adjaye-intl/index.html>

As you well know, the sentiment in a portion of the region is changing. The signing of the Abrahamic Accords started that process. That effort seems to be separating those who desire peace, even if it’s to facilitate economic activity, from those who are in a blind rage to wipe out the Jews. Support for the so called Palestinians in the West Bank by their traditional big brothers seems to be modifying. The talk of a two state solution is still heard, but the actions to bring it about seem to be waning? It seems to me that the rage of the Palestinians is their worst enemy. If they could have remained civilized, Saudi and the UAE may have been able to achieve the stated solution. But the recent attack from Gaza and Iran puts the big brothers in an untenable position. They can’t in good conscience push for a “two state solution” when they in fact know that the Palestinians only desire a single state solution. Even though support from the traditional big brothers may be waning, Iran and Turkey seem to be filling that void? That shift towards Turkey and Iran would seem to be evidencing a portion of the Ezekiel 38 alignments?

The attack on Israel from Hamas in the Gaze strip area was astounding ... and horrifying. In this day and age, I would never have thought that as large a group of people as was assembled could act in the beyond barbaric manner as they did. I thought humanity was beyond that. I was wrong yet again.

Amir Tsarfati stated that he thinks that Hamas was supposed to wait for a coordinated attack from all sides and all entities opposed to Israel. I think he’s right. For some reason, Hamas jumped the gun. If all of the entities

supported by Iran had attacked simultaneously, they may well have been able vanquish Israel. Perhaps that will be the Ezekiel 38 and Daniel 11 Attack?

Dan 11:40 “At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow *them* and pass through.

Perhaps that jumping of the gun has alerted Israel to what could have happened so that when it does, they’re better prepared. As Amir points out, no one wants the so called Palestinians. Evidently Egypt won’t have them. Jordan won’t have them. Saudi Arabia won’t have them. Lebanon won’t have them. They have nowhere to go. With the advent of the Board of Peace that Trump is assembling and the plans of a new modern city in Gaza, where will the survivors of the conflict go while the demolition and then construction occurs? Since Egypt has been constructing a new government capital city on the East side of the Nile, perhaps a portion of the displaced people can be housed there. It will be interesting to see what happens? In any event, if those peoples are settled in territory currently controlled by Egypt, they most likely will be at odds with the governing laws of Egypt. I have wondered whether Morsi will be able to stay in power? Will there be a revolt by the Brotherhood? If that does happen, then a rescue by the antichrist from that threat would be astounding. I can see how the antichrist would be in a position to rectify the issue by taking military control of that territory as illuded to in Daniel 11.

Dan 11:43 “But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels.

I suspect that as Israel finishes routing out Hamas and the theocracy in Iran is left behind, the religious Jews will again try to do their annual sacrifice on the temple mount. I can envision a scenario by which that may happen? Since Trump has little to no need to do things to facilitate a possible third term, he can do as he pleases with most of our foreign policy. I would suspect that one thing he will do after turning over Iran to the people of Iran is work on enlarging the Abrahamic Accords. If he has forward progress there, the religious Jews may take that opportunity to make their sacrifice on the Temple Mount. I suspect that will occur in the Spring of 2026? If that does happen, I can imagine that the pressure on the new Iran, “Turkiye” and it’s proxies to respond will be uncontrollable ... and they will give the green light for the coordinated attack. I suspect that when that coordinated attack is launched on Israel, the military of the antichrist will help put it down. I see the possibility that at that point, Jordan could avoid being militarily controlled by the antichrist by agreeing to give up control of the temple mount to Saudi Arabia.

Dan 11:41 “He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many *countries* will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.

I would expect to see an announcement of intent to construct the third temple shortly thereafter.

The last section of the Daniel 9 passage deals mainly with the last half of the 7 years, the actual tribulation period.

And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. 27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Now you know where the concept of the last 7 prophetic years comes from.

To me, it's fascinating that even at the time of the writing of Leviticus, God knew of the 70 years of captivity and the 490 additional year consequence and corresponding prophetic years, seven times seventy. God's patience and forgiveness of His people is astounding!

Also fascinating was Jesus' answer to Peter's generous offer of being willing to forgive his brother "seven times". Jesus nails it at "seventy times seven" = 490! (Matthew 18:21-22). I would think someone around Jesus would have pulled out a calculator and the Old Testament and made the connection? Jesus wasn't driving at a number.

He was pointing out God's capacity to forgive us. Should we not do the same!

I bet Peter got it.

5 kingdoms

Next, we need to look at the Daniel chapter 2 prophecy of the 5 kingdoms. You may be somewhat familiar with it? Daniel is given the supernatural ability to know and interpret the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. The interpretation reveals that there would be 5 future kingdoms. Here is a representation of the statue that the king saw.



The first kingdom is Babylon represented by the head of Gold. The second kingdom we know was the Medo Persian empire represented by the chest and arms of silver, a less precious, more common, and stronger metal than gold. The third kingdom we know was Greece represented by the belly and thighs of bronze, a less precious, more common, and stronger metal than silver. The fourth kingdom we know was the Roman empire represented by the legs of iron, a less precious, more common, and stronger metal than bronze. Between that kingdom and the fifth kingdom, we have the prophetic gap, the church age. The fifth and last kingdom is yet to come. Its description is initially puzzling. Feet and toes of iron and clay? Some strong, some brittle?

Daniel 2:41- 43 41 “In that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; but it will have in it the toughness of iron, inasmuch as you saw the iron mixed with common clay. 42 “As the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle. 43 “And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.

The inference is that the future 5th kingdom will be a reconstituted Roman kingdom. But it will be “brittle”.

At this point I would like to mention that the **geography** of this 5th kingdom is what the book of Revelation is discussing. Just as we have the military term “theater of war”, so here, we need to recognize that this future 5th kingdom is the general “theater” of action being described in the book of Revelation. All of the professionals make a silly mistake on this point. They’ve talked themselves into the idea that there will be a one world religion, a one world government, a one world economic system. They fail to take into account the passage in Dan 11:44 which clearly indicates that there are large portions of the planet that the so called antichrist can’t militarily overcome.

Daniel 11:44 “But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many.

As well, they read right over the passage in Revelation 12:17 which clearly shows that the system run by the dragon cannot “persecute” some peoples and can only go off and “make war” with them.

Revelation 12:17 So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

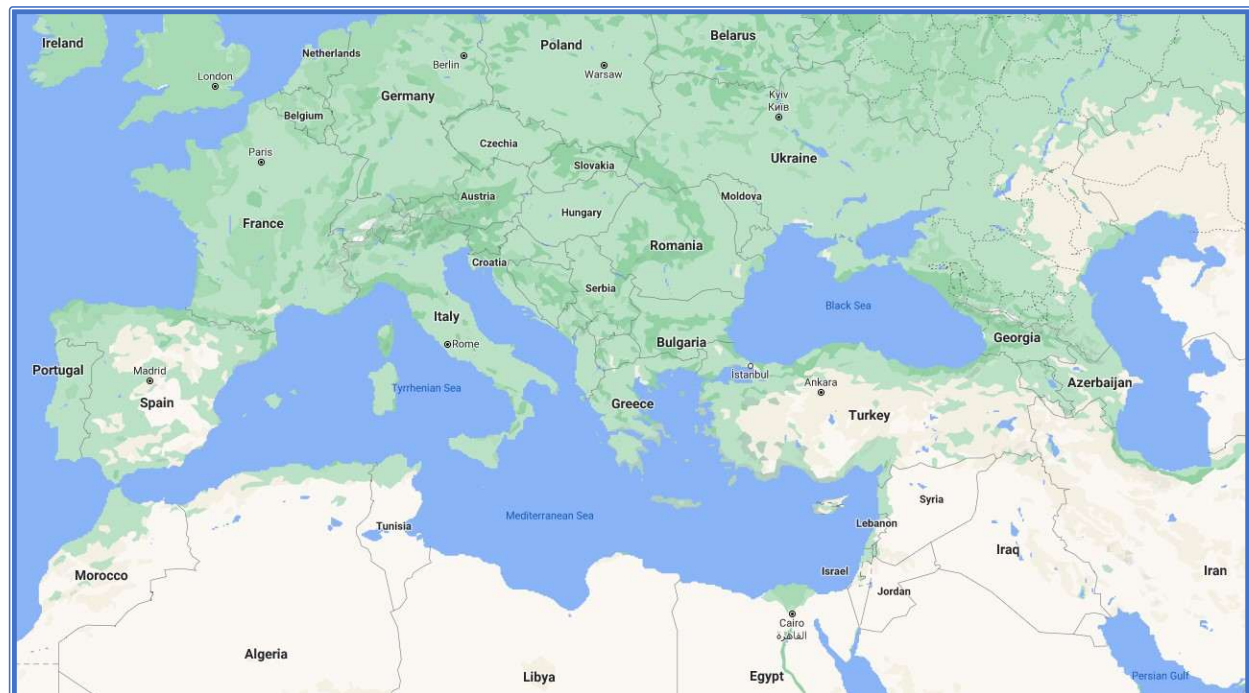
And finally, the fact that at the midpoint, the in theater Jews flee to the “wilderness” where they are protected for the entire three and a half years of the “tribulation”, shows that the antichrist simply does not have control of the “entire planet”. This is why I mention that we need to keep in mind that the Antichrist has control of the “theater”, the general area of the 4th kingdom, the old Roman empire ... and nothing else. The “whole world” as far as John could have known ... in his time.

Rev 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

The four horsemen “them” are given authority to harm ¼ of the earth = the “theater”. That’s it. Not the whole world. Knowing that the final kingdom will be a reconstitution of, or at least similar to, the 4th kingdom of Rome, we can look at how that might occur today? Iron and Clay? They mix, but they don’t “adhere”? Here’s a map showing the extents of the old Roman empire as it existed then.



Consider that same geography on a map today? What do we see? What are the modern countries? What people groups populate those Countries?



Finally, if we take a look at that same geographic area via satellite, what do we see? Perhaps the “clay” portion comes into view? We now see what God has always seen.



See how easy that was? You can do this! You now know more than the vast majority of the “professionals”. From at least 50 years ago, the professionals thought the EU was going to stop at ten countries and become the end time beast. Woops? In 1986 the EU blew past 10 on its way to 28. Then it lost an especially important one in BREXIT on 1/31/2020. Keep that fact in mind. It will be helpful later. Today, the professionals are scratching their heads trying to figure out what European Countries will make up the 10 nations?

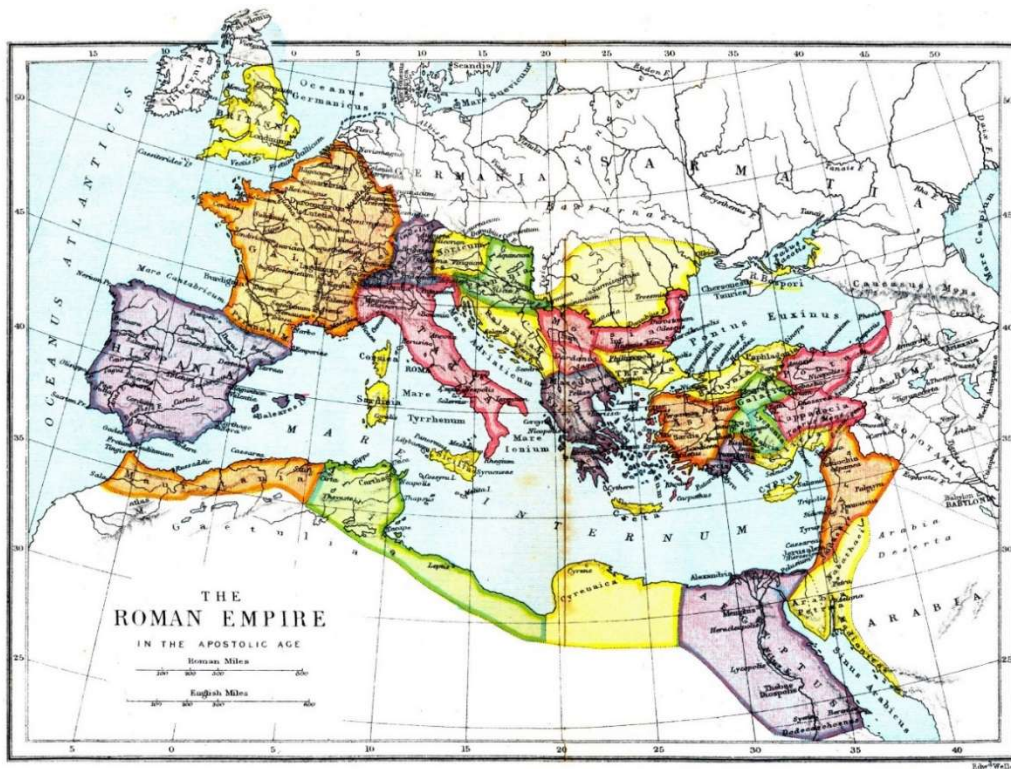
You know better.

Just to confirm what you think you know, take a look at Daniel chapter 11:40-43. That chapter describes the military actions of the entity known as the Antichrist. It appears that close to the beginning of the last 7 prophetic years, the nation of Israel is attacked by countries to the north of it and to the south of it. We also see this in the Ezekiel 38 passage, the other side of that particular coin, that puzzle cluster. According to the Daniel 11 passage, the attack is put down, but the Antichrist, who according to the text helps with the counterattack, goes beyond and overruns three countries. He then takes some significant degree of control of those countries and even gives away control of some of their land. Look at the names of the three counties. Do they look European to you? They confirm what you just learned.

While we're discussing "kingdoms", it would be a good time to discuss the professional's idea of the Daniel 7 vision.

Daniel 7:4-7 4 The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man; a human mind also was given to it. 5 And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus they said to it, 'Arise, devour much meat!' 6 After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it. 7 After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Most think that the first beast is Babylon, the second is Medo-Persia, and the third is Greece. I don't see how that can possibly be true though? I say that because verse 26 indicates that the fourth beast is ultimately "annihilated and destroyed forever". Look again at the map below of the Roman empire.



The prophecy in Daniel 2 of the statue indicates that each successive empire concurs the previous and substantially occupies their lands. Babylon was concurred by the Medes and Persians. The Medes and Persians were concurred by Greece. Greece was concurred by the Romans. The final empire, which we think will consist primarily of the old Roman empire, will be "annihilated". The entity(s) that control those lands at the time Jesus puts down the final attack on His young church will be out of power "forever". I realize that the final 10 nation empire may not have the exact same lands and borders as the Roman empire did at the time the Revelation was given to John, but the descriptors of those entities seem to indicate it will be substantially the same. Thanks to BREXIT, a notable exception will be the UK.

If the first three beasts (Empires) which were concurred by the Roman empire, which will become part of the modern day 10 nation confederation, are going to be done away with, then how do we deal with verse 12?

12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.

Since those three beasts are not “destroyed” and in fact only have their “dominion” taken away and “an extension of life is granted to them for an appointed time” i.e. the 1,000 years of the Millennium, they can’t be the first three kingdoms of Daniel 2?

I think that this passage is referring to three (actually 4) pivotal “kingdoms” that exist during the last seven prophetic years. The first beast, the lion with its wings plucked, is plausibly England.



The original royal crest of Edward III



The crest of the UK today

The hidden one is the plucked wings, “eagles wings” to be exact. A description of our Revolutionary war?



Perhaps a prophetic photo?

I think that the second beast could be Russia, a bear with three ribs in its mouth. Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia?



The third beast is harder to identify. My guess is that it's China.



Four smaller stars representing four people groups.



An early version of the Chinese flag.

We read the word “beasts” and we may think something from a Steven King novel. Our modern word would better be “animal”. Instinctual. Lacking the capacity for “self control”. Kill or be killed way of life. With that in mind, the first three “beasts” are entities that are out of the theater of economic and military influence of the Antichrist. Because he can’t persecute them, he can only engage them in war. Fascinating that only the first “beast” becomes non beast like. A human mind given to it. England, as it clawed its way out of slavery. The first to do it. England distinguishes herself not only as a Kingdom that refuses to partner with the 10 nation confederation, (BREXIT), but also as one who leaps from the natural beast like state of mankind towards the God like reasoning and behavior of our Father.

Finally, while we are still on “Kingdoms” you need to know the two world kingdoms that preceded Babylon: Egypt and Assyria. This verse is why I mention those kingdoms.

Revelation 17:9-11 **9** “Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, **10** and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while. **11** “The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.

Five kings have fallen from the world powers of:

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Medo-Persia
5. Greece

One “is” at the time of the writing of Revelation:

6. Rome

One is yet to come:

7. Reconstituted Roman empire for the first 3 ½ years, perhaps assembled by the antichrist but not run by him.
8. Antichrist – One of the 7 but for the first 3 ½ years not in full control. As a “type”, Antiochus “was” and “is not” - at the time of the writing.

This generation

The professionals focus on the “signs” and tell us that we must be close, that this “generation” is the one that will be raptured. Much speculation on how long a “[generation](#)” is?

Matthew 24:34 Truly I say to you, this [generation](#) will not pass away until all these things take place.

Here’s one of the clusters of puzzle pieces that’s not placed in the correct location in the picture. The thinking is that the generation that “sees all these end time signs” is the generation that will be raptured. However, the passage doesn’t directly say that those who see these things will be “raptured”. That can plausibly be surmised by recognizing the context of the language prior to verse 34, but the other obvious interpretive option is that the focus is not on the signs, but on mankind not passing away due to the severity of the tribulation to come.

Regardless, many have speculated that the key “sign” is the date that Israel became a nation, 1948. So that “[generation](#)”, however one defines generation, “[will not pass away](#)” and will be raptured. Since many of that “[generation](#)” have passed on, others have taken to understand that it’s the date that Israel took back Jerusalem as its capital, 1967. Perhaps that “[generation](#)” is the one that will be raptured? How does one then define a generation? Is it the average length of a life? Is it the interval between types of generations like Gen X and Millennials? Is it a biblical 40 years? Is it a biblical 80 years? Who knows?

As it turns out, that’s not what the passage is referring to at all. Once you have the opportunity to see the whole prophetic picture put together, you’ll easily recognize that the passage isn’t referring to the time of the rapture, but rather to the time of the second coming. The events, the “[all these things](#)”, are predominantly post midpoint of the last seven prophetic years. Go back a few verses

Matthew 24:13-14 13 But [the one who endures](#) to the [end](#), he will be saved. 14 [This gospel](#) of [the kingdom](#) shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the [end](#) will come.

Several interesting things to look at here. The current thinking is that we need to, quickly as possible, preach the gospel to the entire world, not because we love them, but rather so that the rapture can take us home! Maranatha! This makes a great fund raising opportunity for the false preachers. Give us your money! Let us do the work of evangelizing while you sit on the couch and wait for the rapture. The fool sends in his money and the thief becomes wealthy.

Take a look at the word “[gospel](#)”. It’s been morphed to mean “good news”. The root of the word gospel is very difficult to find, and at best nebulous. It would have been slightly redundant for the apostles to use the word gospel to mean good news. We would have the phrase, the good news of the good news? Apparently, at the word’s inception, it usually meant bad news. A “gospel” was evidently an edict given to concurring peoples telling them the new rules to live by. A new way of life within the concurring people’s customs and laws. But the edict that Jesus gave us after His “concurring” shows us the new way to live is not just “good news”, it’s great news! No longer under ceremonial law, we live under grace now.

Most of the time when we read the word “gospel” it’s followed by the words “of Jesus” or “of God”. Those make sense in that they’re proclaiming a new way of living according to Jesus or His Father. But when the word “gospel” is followed by words that are not the entity with the right to proclaim it, what do we have?

Of the four times the word “gospel” is followed by the words “of the kingdom” it’s only spoken by Jesus Himself. Jesus, who reads the words from Isaiah and then in the middle of a thought puts the scroll down and proclaims the portion He read as fulfilled.

Is Jesus doing something similar here? Is the gospel “of the Kingdom” a new gospel, a **second** “gospel”, a new way to live for the time of the last seven prophetic years?

Another issue is the word “end”. The “end” is not the rapture, it’s the return of Jesus. The end isn’t referring to a time period, it’s referring to a moment in time.

Something else that pops out at me is the word “This”? **14** This gospel of the kingdom ... Wouldn’t you think the word should be “The”? If “This” is correct, then what is the “This gospel” that Jesus refers to? Look at verse 13 again.

13 But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

What does that mean? Have you ever noticed that at the end of each of the seven letters to the churches in the book of Revelation, the admonition is to “overcome”? And then there’s that great passage in Revelation describing how those left behind after the rapture overcome the Antichrist.

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

The connection is obvious. Jesus is telling his disciples, and by extension us, that He will not return until the new gospel of “overcome”, is messaged to the entire world. A world that will finally be paying acute attention to the situation. Therefore, the “generation” that will not “pass away” is the end time generation. That last seven year time period. Jesus is telling them that the Antichrist will not win. He will not successfully annihilate all life. His Father will not allow it.

I get the sense that Daniel had this very concern in his day. Daniel hears the question:

Daniel 12:6 How long will it be until the end of these wonders?

Then he hears the answer:

Daniel 12:7 As soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people.

Then Daniel asks the right question:

Daniel 12:8 My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?

It seems his concern is that his people are going to be wiped out. The answer to Daniel may have seemed nonsensical to him:

Daniel 12:12 [How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days.](#)

At least he knows someone survives. 600 years later, Jesus makes it clearer that all life will not be lost.

Matthew 24:22 [Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.](#)

In Revelation we're told of a third and final "eternal gospel":

Revelation 14:6 [And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;](#)

This final "gospel" will evidently go from the time of Jesus' return, on into eternity future. Knowing these distinctions, we no longer need to hurry the process of preaching "the gospel" so that we can go home. Jesus may come soon to "harvest" the true Church, those who are "known" by His Father. Regardless, we can continue to be about the work of introducing Him to the world ... because we love them, not because it gets us home sooner.

Rapture

The professionals think that billions of “churched” people will be raptured, not to mention every single child under the age of accountability, whatever age that is? I think that’s wishful thinking and not very well thought through. The old saying that sitting in church no more makes us right with God than sitting in the garage makes us a Ford applies here. So the question is, who is really “[saved](#)” and who are just pew sitters? Doctors “save” people?

At the time of the cross, Jesus “saved” all mankind. He caused us to be reborn and no longer spiritually dead, the fate our federal head Adam passed down to us. So, the more accurate question is, “[who will inherit eternal life](#)”? The key here is recognizing the difference between knowing God ... and being “[known](#)” by God.

At any given moment in time, how many are “[known](#)” by God? I focus on the term “[known](#)” as the opposite of “[I never knew you](#)”.

Matthew 7:23 “And then I will declare to them, ‘[I never knew you](#); DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’

Matthew 25:12 But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, [I do not know you](#).’

1 Corinthians 8:3 but if anyone loves God, he is [known](#) by Him.

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully [known](#).

Galatians 4:9 that you have come to know God, or rather to be [known](#) by God.

Seems evident that the goal is to be “[known](#)” by our Father. Unfortunately, many think that they are known? These are the churched who will unfortunately be left behind. The ones who’ve purchased fire insurance but don’t have a vital relationship with the Father. At least not yet. I have yet to convince a single one of these individuals that they’re fooling themselves into thinking that they’re good to go with God. So, I love them, I’m patient with them, I give them biblical data and they glaze over ... for now. But soon, these incredible individuals will wake up and serve God in a most appropriate way. There’s great hope for them all. The effort of loving them will not go to waste. All in God’s time.

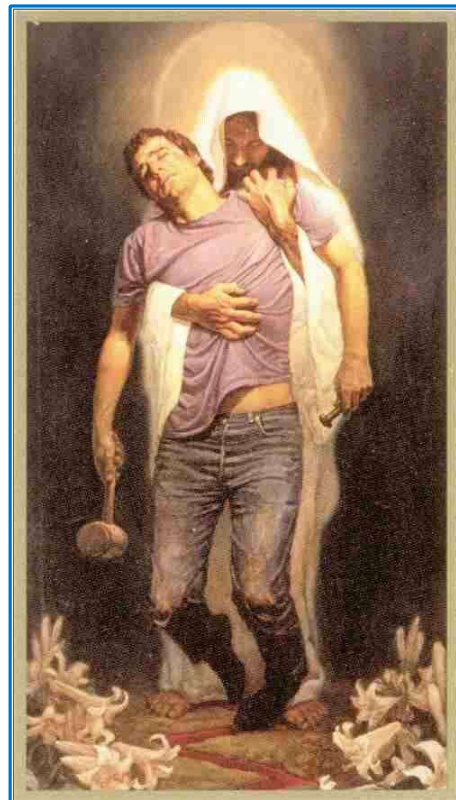
Here’s the analogy I use to help explain the difference between knowing God, and being known by God:

Imagine that my wife throws me out of the house, and I need a place to stay temporarily. I head to Washington DC and knock on the door of the Whitehouse. My friend Donald answers, and I say, “hey Donald, I’m out of a place to stay and I wonder if you could put me up in the Lincoln bedroom for a short time until I can get back on my feet”. He might well say “who are you”? I would of course reply, “what do you mean who am I? I voted for you. I made a campaign donation. I attended your rally. I watched all your debates. I read your policy papers, and I’m a fellow real estate developer”! To which he would most likely say, “I’m sorry but I don’t know you”. I know him, but he of course would not know me. I never put myself in a position to be “[known](#)” by him.

This is what we do with God. We know “of” Him. Some of us know a lot about Him, but we never put ourselves out there to be known by him. We keep him in our box. We read a lot about Him. We study his writings. We read books written by people who think they know Him. We’re churched. We serve on boards. We pay our tithe. We attend every Sunday and Wednesday. We sing in the choir. Many of us teach Sunday school. Some even pastor the congregation.

So how do we become known by Him? Simple. When we recognize what His Son did for us. When we grapple with our depth of sin. When we recognize His corresponding grace, we tend to “desire” Him.

I recognize that if I had been there at the time of the cross, chances are I would have acted just as the crowds did. Jesus was evidently not going to assume the kingship and free me from the Romans. Give me Brabus, crucify Him! In fact, of all the disciples, I would have been far and away most like Judas and tried to force Jesus’ hand. I would have sold Him out because I of course know more than Him. Do it my way or else Jesus! Beyond that, I can see myself acting as the self-righteous Pharisees did. My default setting is “do as I say and not as I do”. By nature, I am an utter hypocrite. Not to mention the concept of, make sure you keep all the rules, but especially the ones I came up with to show you how smart I am. I would have condemned Jesus to the cross just as surely as they did. If that wasn’t bad enough, I recognize that I would have made a great Roman. By nature, I’m brutal and animalistic. I would have gladly nailed him to that cross. No matter how I look at the matter, I recognize I would have failed God miserably, and yet when I hated Him the most ... Jesus asked His Father to forgive me. That I would then “desire” a God like that is so clear.



From God's point of view, at any given **moment in time** there may not be a large % of individuals who are **known** by Him. But in time, ultimately many may become **known** by Him. This came clear to me as I watched my father-in-law, Lester, who at 95 fell and broke his hip and had to quit building furniture out in the shop! He was then put on 4 liters of oxygen and confined to a 50' hose for the rest of his life. He'd been a faithful church goer for almost 60 years. He served on the maintenance committee and paid his tithe, but any time we tried to discuss biblical matters, he'd change the subject.

Once the confinement hit, he began to be more receptive to biblical issues. He began to realize that his end was getting nearer. He'd been the more mobile of the two, his wife being a year younger, but she was not eating much at all so, my wife and I moved into their basement to care for them both. We kept a baby monitor in their bedroom and down in our basement bedroom so at night if they had a problem, we could know and react. One night as they went to bed, we heard him asking his wife if he was good enough to go to Heaven? We knew that was our opening. Shortly after that, he allowed us to begin studying the bible with him. At the start, he didn't know the difference between the OT and the NT. We gave him a quick overview of history starting with Adam and up to Jesus. We then studied John, Galatians, Ephesians, Romans, and believe it or not Revelation. Sometimes, at his request, we studied every night. In that two year window, he went from knowing "of God" to **known** by God. The external indicators were clear. He had become a new man, exactly as Paul indicates. He died in his sleep at the age of 97. We stayed to continue care for his wife who passed just 60 days short of 100. Had the rapture occurred any time during that 60 years of church attendance, Lester would have been left behind. But ultimately, God knew that Lester would come to Him and be **known** by Him.

I have another analogy that few I've shared it with accept. As with my father-in-law, we all seem to be "in process". Eventually, the process is complete, and we're "**known**" by God. But if we sample that process at a moment in time, we may not be fully ready ... at that sampled moment. God has remaining training for us to endure. The ingredients are out on the counter to make a cake, but it's not a cake yet. The ingredients are mixed in the bowl, but it's not in the oven yet. It's in the oven but not fully baked yet. God seems to only take home fully baked cakes. The rest need more time. But God is patient not wishing for any to perish ...

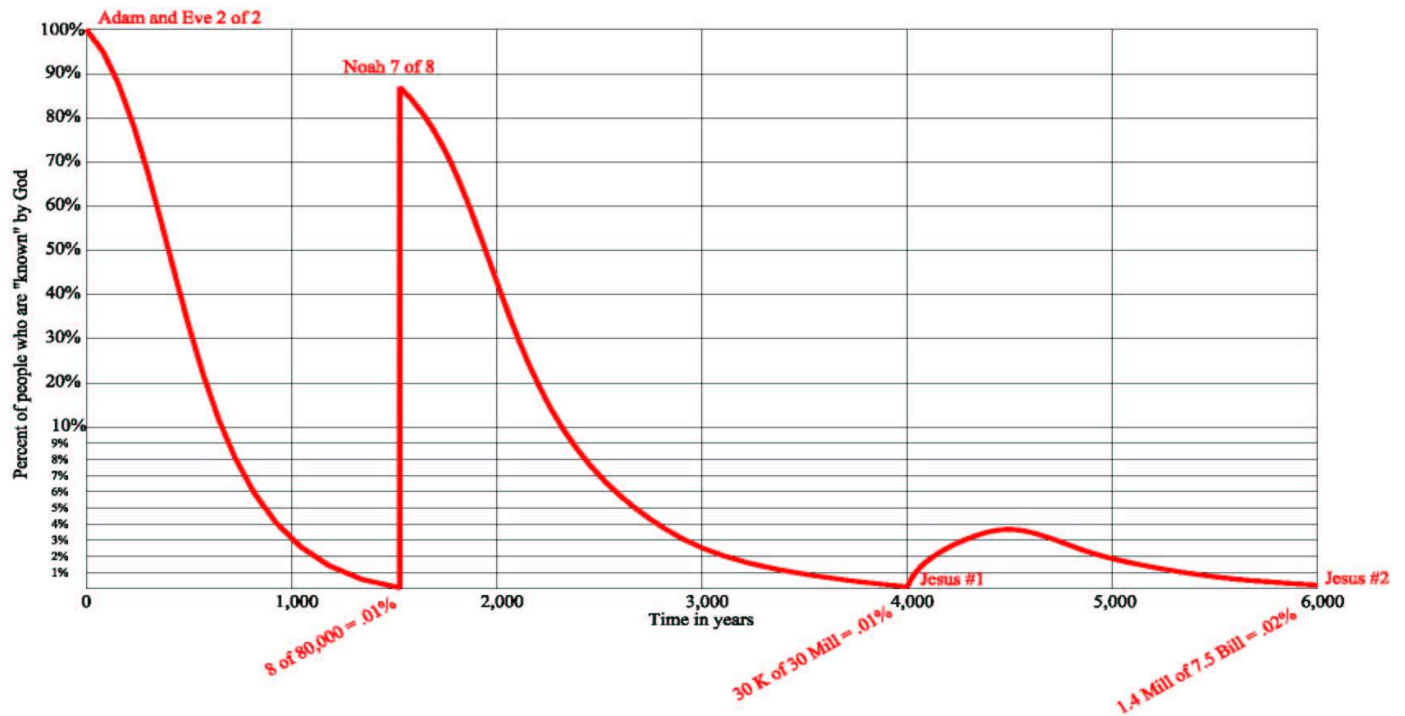
I realize you may not like that analogy. Consider this. If the rapture had occurred at the moment Jesus died on the cross, Paul would have been "left behind". But God knew. Paul was one of God's "black box" projects. Not even Satan knew. Jesus may have even locked eyes with Paul while they were both in Jerusalem ... but not a word was spoken to any of the 12. Only Jesus and His Father knew. A year after the murder of Jesus, Paul is "**known**". 30 years later, Paul is completing the writing of almost half of our new testament. God misses nothing. His timing is different than ours ... but He misses nothing.

And what about the children? Our immature thinking is that all children are "saved" until they get to some mystical age of accountability? Perhaps that's a different age for each child depending on maturity level? I realize you won't like this either, but I suspect when it comes to the rapture, the children stay. They need time to become **known** by

Him. Like a child, God desires that we “come to Him”. The analogy I use is a parent encouraging the pre-toddler who has pulled themselves up to a standing position via the sofa table or couch and has decided to let go and is attempting to walk to the parent. With an eager face and outstretched arms, we motion with our fingers to “come to me”! This is our Father with us. Come to Me He says. In My arms you are safe.

Indeed!

Recognizing these issues, I put together a graph for myself. It started out with the first two people who were **known** by God, Adam and Eve. At that point 100% of the humans were **known** by God. As they had children who strayed, the % that were **known** by Him went down. By the time we get to Noah there were approximately 80,000 people alive. Out of that, God saved 8 individuals. That’s .01%. In reality, only 7 out of the 8 were **known**, so we start post flood with 87.5%. As time moves forward, the number again goes down to the time of Jesus. It’s estimated at that time there were 30 million people. If we generously assume that 30,000 were **known** by the time Jesus ascended to His Father, that’s again .01%. I can only suspect that as the church grew, the percentage of those who were **known** outpaced the population growth, at least in that region of the world, so that the percentage increased. But as time marched on and the church was institutionalized, the percentage of the **known** in a continually growing world population decreased. The growth of the number of **known** couldn’t keep pace with the population growth.



Consider this, we’re told in Revelation that Jesus will “**reap**” and “**harvest**” the earth = the “**known**” at that time.

Revelation 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Put in your sickle and **reap**, for the hour to reap has come, because the **harvest** of the earth is ripe.”

We’re also told in Revelation that the “first fruits” (perhaps of that “harvest”) are the 144,000.

Revelation 14:4 These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

We know from the old testament that “first fruits” = tithe = 10%. Do the math to find a possible number of those raptured:

Raptured amount times 10% = 144,000 (first fruits)

Raptured amount = $(144,000 / .1) - 144,000$

Raptured amount less the 144,000 = about 1.3 million

If this is the case, it would be about .02% of our current world population. 1.4 mill/7.5 bill. I recognize that’s a shocker. Apparently, true followers of Jesus never reached parity with population growth? I was devastated when I first recognized this possibility. It would however leave a sizable number of churchied, half baked, future true followers of Jesus. Do you suppose they will repent and be seriously inclined to push in the clutch and shift into overdrive? The second biggest rope a dope in history!

Advantage God!

As a businessman and entrepreneur, I had long struggled with the macroeconomic issue of taking even 10% of the work force out at any time. Mortgages would be defaulted on. Businesses would struggle to operate their just in time lines. Demand for products and services would plummet. Based on the economic “card house” that we’ve constructed, it would lead to a quick world-wide economic collapse.

Some would say “right, and it’s so severe that it causes famine”! But I suspect that the famine alluded to in Revelation is not due to this. I suspect that it’s man made and regional, not global. The small number of 1.3 mill is unfortunately quite possible. About 150,000 people die globally every day. This would be like 9 days in one. Difficult, but economically survivable. If the small number of 1.3 mill is true, the significance of such a small number is enlightening.

When I picture the rapture event, I keep thinking about Jesus’ question to the folks who witnessed Him heal the 10 lepers? From a distance, the lepers called out to Jesus and asked Him to have mercy. What a position to be in? They knew they weren’t supposed get to close to Him. Little did they know that their leprosy would have no negative effect on Him? So they kept their distance ... as they were expected to. They were suffering physically, and emotionally. They didn’t ask to be healed, but simply for some “mercy”. I can identify with that. Please Lord, just ease the pain enough so that I can function. Please Lord, give me enough strength so that I can continue on. Please Lord, restore just enough dignity so that I can provide for my family.

Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priests. While on the way, they were healed of their leprosy, perhaps something more than they had asked for? Imagine their jubilation! They could return to society now. They

could hold a job and have dignity again. They could work and support their families again. Life could begin again. The death sentence was gone. All things are new.

90% of them evidently continued towards Jerusalem. 10% stopped, turned around, and returned to Jesus to thank Him and to “glorify God”. Jesus then asks the onlookers “Were there not ten cleansed. But the nine - where are they?”

Indeed. That’s the question. The focus isn’t on the 10% that acted as expected, but on the 90% that didn’t.

After “falling on his face” and giving “glory to God”, the one who returned is told to “stand up and go” I suspect as in “go to the priests”. Imagine the position of the priests? This Samaritan was legitimately cleansed! What about that? The man had physical evidence that God had performed a miracle, and the ruling class couldn’t deny it. He was healed.

I suspect that the 10 lepers are akin to the small number of the [known](#), the true “followers” of Jesus today. Just like the lepers, they’re “outcasts” from churchianity ... and they know it. Asking the healed lepers to “return to the priests” is akin to having true followers go to back to the church, the ones arrogantly in control, and prove that God was in fact with them ... and not the ruling class.

A daunting task.

The Samaritan who returned to Jesus before making that heroic effort to show himself to the self-sufficient, self-serving, bigoted, ruling class, may be foreshadowing the 144,000, the 10% of the “[known](#)”. While those who love this Jesus and are [known](#) by His Father will be raptured, (God bless them all), the 144,000 will stay (return) to glorify God, to present themselves to the self-sufficient, self-serving, bigoted, ruling class. The same gratitude that drove the Samaritan back to Jesus, will drive these men to stay and serve the left behind.

So many church folk today just want to go home. I don’t blame them. Some are even “[known](#)” by our Father. But I wonder if those who are [known](#) are like the 90% of the lepers? Are they so focused on their own healing that they fail to think about returning to Jesus to “glorify God”? If they become the raptured ones, think about their plight once at home with the Father? They have initial joy! But if the Father allows them to watch the proceedings from Heaven, they’ll see their loved ones struggle, perhaps even suffer? A possibility that will have alluded them while they were saying “maranatha” to each other.

Again I say, God bless them all.

Today, when a loved one dies, we comfort each other by saying that they’re now in the presence of God. It’s a lovely thought. But when I consider Paul’s comment:

1Thesalonians 4:15 [5 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 6 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.](#)

It seems like our lovely thought's not accurate? Evidently, those who are "in Christ" are "asleep". Perhaps they're not aware of time passing? From their point of view, after they lose cognizance of this existence, the next thing they realize is that they're being drawn in mass to Heaven ... and to the Father. Super cool!

Since the group mentioned by Paul at the time of the rapture are those who are "the dead in Christ", and since John saw "elders" in Heaven who were there before the rapture, there's apparently a division of "position" at the time of the cross. Those from Adam to the cross, or perhaps the resurrection, were taken to Heaven perhaps with Jesus as He ascended? Evidently, Jesus "led captive" a group described as "a host of captives". The Old Testament "known".

Ephesians 4:8 Therefore it says, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES ..."

Jesus also uses the concept of "asleep" in His description the deceased Lazarus.

John 11:11 11 This He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep." 12 The disciples then said to Him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep. 14 So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,

Since Lazarus died before the cross, he "slept". Unfortunately, Lazarus experienced dying twice.

It occurred to me that Heaven may not have been populated with the majority of "known" humans until the cross? If true, by the time John saw them in the Revelation, those from Adam to the thief who died next to Jesus, had only been there around 60 years. Think what they've been experiencing and learning for the last 2,000 years? Wow! Then at the Rapture, those "known" deceased from the cross to that moment in time, enter Heaven along with a unique group who never experienced death. They have only 7 years of experiencing Heaven before they're evidently called back to the earth to reign with Jesus.

Revelation 19:7-8 7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Revelation 19:14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

Evidently "following Him" back to the earth to begin His rule.

What a bummer for those who never experienced death? They will have had to endure the nonsense of man's rule for their natural lifetime. Then they get the reward of experiencing perfection in Heaven for a short time. Then back to the earth after it's been virtually ruined by men and the "second woe".

Perhaps from Heaven, they'll watch the 10% who offered to stay and serve the left behind? They'll see the opportunities they passed up. Imagine their position? They'll probably wish that they'd offered to stay? For seven years they may watch all things unfold? I suspect they'll be eager to get back to serving here on earth? When Jesus returns with them in tow, imagine their drive and desire and understanding. What an awesome force those raptured peoples will be.

Ezekiel 38 attack

Many folks think the Ezekiel 38 passage describes the battle of Armageddon. Probably not? It may well have complex dual references, but it appears that the main focus is on an earlier battle. The reference to burning the fuel from the battle implements for seven years is the ultimate clue in Ezekiel 39:9. Daniel 11 also describes a battle that must be early on and before the midpoint involving a pincer attack on Israel from the king of the north and the king of the south. These may be the remnant kingdoms of Alexander's two generals, Ptolemy and Seleucid, who wared back and forth from Syria to Egypt for many generations. One possibility is that at the end time, the king of the north and the king of the south will in a fit of rage attempt to concur Israel because the Jews will have been green lighted to make their annual Nison 15 sacrifice on the temple mount?

Interestingly enough, the Daniel 11 passage seems to indicate that the Antichrist helps fend off the attackers. The passage indicates that he then continues beyond that scope and overtakes Egypt, Libya, Sudan/Ethiopia, and unnamed other counties. The most interesting part is that the Antichrist evidently parcels off portions of his spoil [“for a price”](#). The price is perhaps loyalty to him and/or to blot out the Muslim Brotherhood in that given territory. Could it be that the spoils transferred to Israel are some of the territories that Israel needs to get closer to completing the entire geographic area that God initially promised to Abraham, and then more specifically to Jacob? Perhaps by the time Jesus finishes the sheep and goat judgement, the remainder of the land will be obtained? Think about that?



The first half

I have long wondered how the people living in Israel could not instantly understand that this entity that we know as the Antichrist is harmful to them? I recently read a book from a Jewish author who lives in Jerusalem. The book is called the Teacher and the Preacher. The author makes an attempt to show the differences in views of the religious Jew (the Teacher) and the western Christian (the Preacher). Unfortunately, he makes several straw man arguments from the point of view of the Preacher then easily destroys them via the wisdom of the Teacher. What surprised me most though, was his understanding of the Messiah. We know it was in fact Jesus. For rational reasons, the Teacher says no. As the Teacher then describes what the average religious Jew is looking for, I was horrified. They're not looking for God incarnate. They're looking for a man. A king ... not a redeemer. From the Teacher's viewpoint, no redeemer is needed. It hit me that the religious Jew is looking for exactly what the Antichrist will portray himself as. The non religious Jew will surely also welcome him when the Antichrist's militarily defends Israel and perhaps gives Israel some of the land that has always been desired as theirs.

The trap will be perfect!

Israel will thrive. The Muslim threat will be eliminated ... forever. No more west bank. It's all theirs. No more attacks from Gazza. No more threat from Lebanon, Syria, or Iran. Problem permanently solved. No more animosity from Europe. The new 10 nation entity is a great neighbor. Saudi Arabi is as reliably with them as the UAE is today.

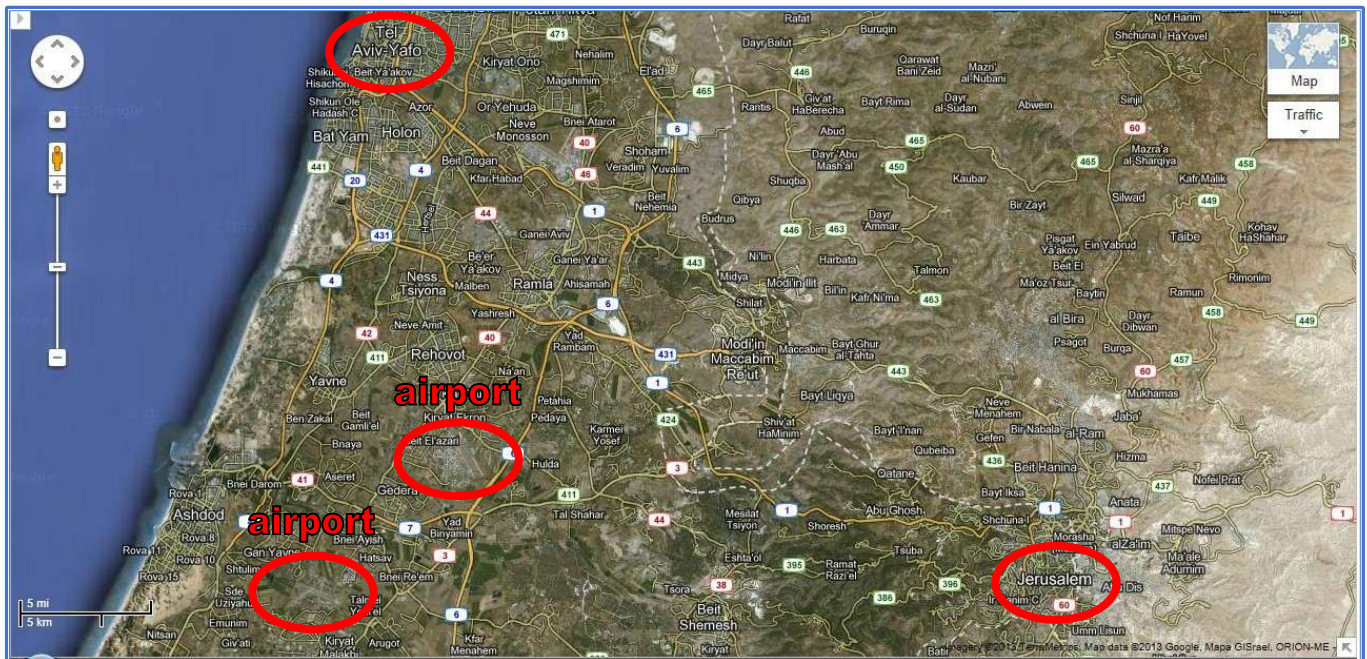
All is good ... until it's not.

Base camp

We're told in **Daniel 11:45** [He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain;](#)

Having never been to Israel, I looked on Google earth to find out what's between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea? The Dead Sea is about 1,400 foot below sea level. Jerusalem is about 2,400 feet above sea level. Tremendous slope from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, so a base camp on that kind of slope is unlikely. The Mediterranean, oddly enough, is at sea level. It appears that the passage is telling us that we should look at a line from the dead sea to Jerusalem then continue moving west toward the Mediterranean, and somewhere between the city and the sea, is where we should look. As I looked at the map, starting at Jerusalem and traveling west down the mountain towards the Sea, I saw two airports. The first real place where anything could be built on a flat area. Of course! A military operation needs an airport. Perfect spot for his HQ. The people of Israel not only don't object, they must welcome him being there at their military airport. He's their hero. Their leader. Their everything.

However, with the advent of the Board of Peace, I wonder if it's more likely that the governing body of the Board will in fact have its "Corporate headquarters" at that location? Think of it like a "construction trailer" that needs to be placed in a location that won't get in the way of building the structure – Gaza. Perhaps Trump will be the first CEO of the Board, but if in time he has elderly health issues, will some other "champion of peace" take his place prior to the midpoint of the 7 years?



Two Witnesses

Deuteronomy 19:15 “A single witness shall not rise up against a man on account of any iniquity or any sin which he has committed; on the evidence of **two or three witnesses** a matter shall be confirmed.

Matthew 18:16 “But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF **TWO OR THREE WITNESSES** EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.

2Corinthians 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. EVERY FACT IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE TESTIMONY OF **TWO OR THREE WITNESSES**.

1Timothy 5:19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of **two or three witnesses**.

Hebrews 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of* **two or three witnesses**.

Get the point?

Interesting how God knew from the beginning what would need to occur towards the end. Can you now see what their mission will be.

It's not hard to figure out who the two “witnesses” are. The biblical descriptors are a dead giveaway. When they come in and what they do is a little more challenging. Recognize that at the time they are resurrected, a great earthquake occurs in Revelation.

Revelation 11:11-13 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. 13 And in that hour there was a **great earthquake**, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

We need to place that earthquake on the timeline by comparing the descriptors.

Revelation 16:18-21 18 And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a **great earthquake**, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty. 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

With the ones in Matthew:

Matthew 24:29-30 But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and **the powers of the heavens will be shaken**. “And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

The descriptors here indicate the same earthquake and volcanic ash cloud described in Revelation. The two witnesses return to God at the same time that Jesus returns to earth. So on the time line, if we go to the end of the 1,260 days of tribulation, when Jesus returns, and back up the 3.5 days that the two witnesses are lying in the street dead, then back up the 1,260 days that they prophecy, we end up with their arrival 3.5 days before the midpoint of the seven years.

We are told in Revelation:

Revelation 11:5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

What catches my attention is the use of the word “he” rather than the word “they”? I suspect that the word “he” refers to the Antichrist who will have stopped the daily sacrifice in the newly rebuilt temple. The two witnesses arrive, confront the antichrist who attempts to harm them, and then he is killed by them.

To me, it’s fascinating that if the Jews want clarity over their sage’s twisted, convoluted views on “Moses” (the law), God gives them the source. He’s literally right in front of them. Once they hear it from the definitive source, the message of Elijah is all the more relevant ... repent. “Remember what happened the last time I told you to repent? This time, heed my warning.” These men are evidence of God’s continued grace for Israel.

Flee to the mountains?

Can't help but notice the 3.5 days the two witnesses are dead, the 3 days and 3 nights (3.5 days) that Jesus was in the grave, and the surmised 3.5 days that the Antichrist is dead. Quite clearly, Satan resurrects his man, his christ, the Antichrist. When Satan resurrects him, the text seems to indicate that Satan grants the Antichrist some supernatural power(s). At the very least, he's returned with a god awful temper. I suspect it's then that he declares himself to be like a god and finishes the "[Abomination of desolation](#)" that Jesus warned about.

His anger turns to the in-theater Jews who are beginning to understand their incredible error and are leaving. He tries to stop them and fails. We're told that he then goes off to make war with the rest of the offspring of woman #1 (the Jewish nation) who follow Jesus = the Christians not in theater. Since he can only "[make war](#)" and not "persecute" as he had been in theater, these he makes war with are outside of his economic control. For the next 1,260 days, some of the greatest human misery in all of history occurs.

The in-theater Jews had been told that when they see the Abomination to flee to the mountains? Not having been there, I wondered where are those mountains? Jerusalem is the mountain? The only taller mountains are evidently to the east in Jordan. Since the Antichrist will have his camp west of Jerusalem, perhaps at the one of the airports there, fleeing west to the Tel Aviv airport would be risky. Traveling east and crossing the Jordan river to Amman is better. As best I can tell, there are only two bridges that currently cross the Jordan north of the city of Jerusalem. There are two new crossings proposed in Trump's "Deal of the Century" plan. The point is that the easy way to stop the exodus is to flood the Jordan by for example, blowing an upstream dam. Perhaps this is the reference in Revelation

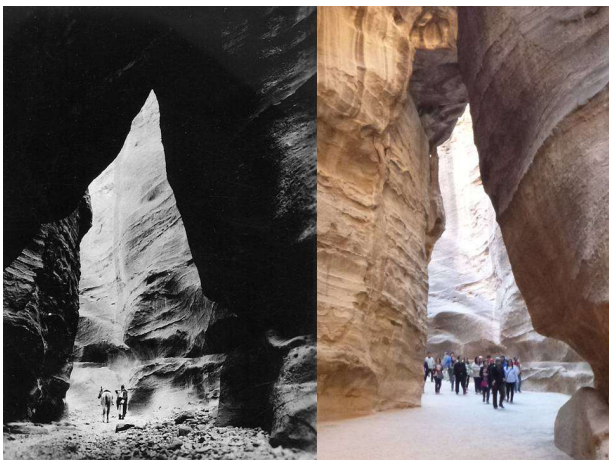
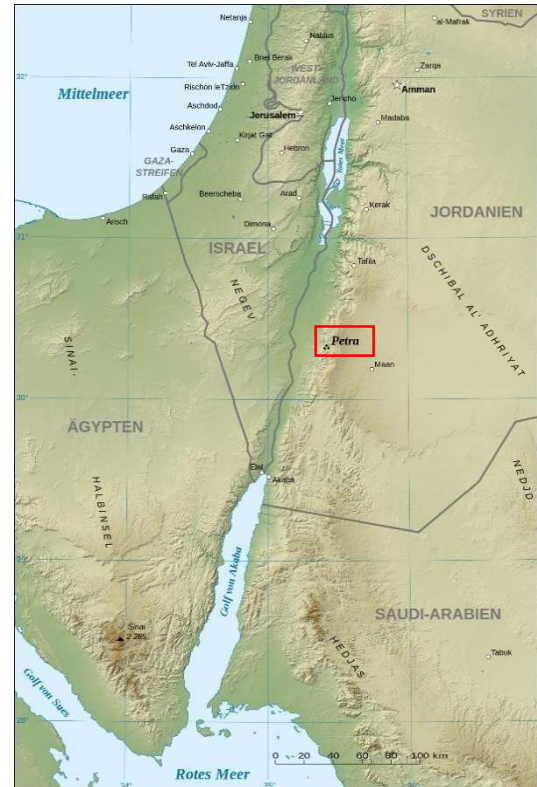
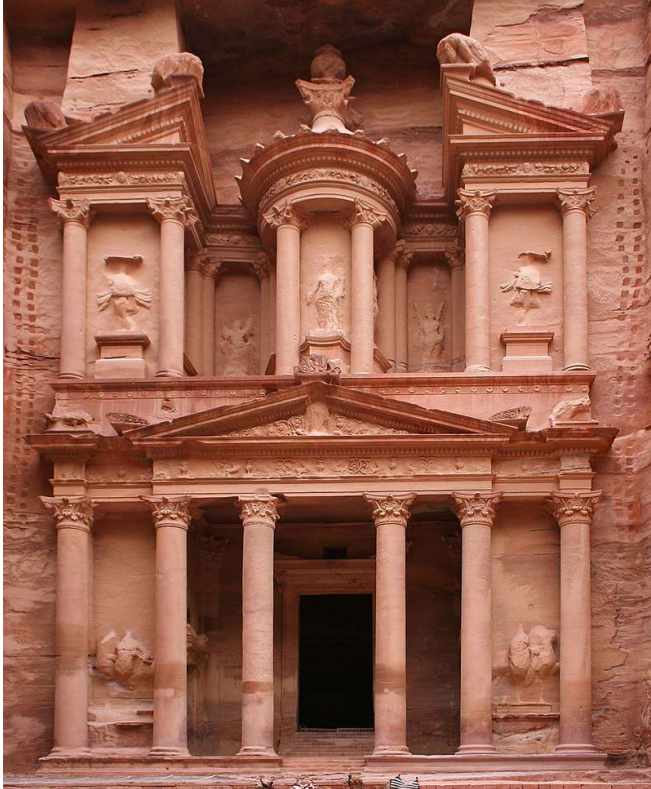
Revelation 12:15 [15 And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth.](#)

God to the rescue! Once across the river, the airport in Amman is evidently about 45 minutes away. Then they can fly out to safety.



The Wilderness

Let's move on to the next one that the professionals have utterly failed to grasp. The saying "it's plain as the nose on your face" applies here. Unfortunately, most professionals end up cutting off their nose to spite their face. It has to do with where the people living in Israel will flee to once the blinders come off and they recognize their tragic mistake. The "consensus" is that all Israel (8,000,000 or so) will flee to Petra.



Wow! No housing. Sparce water. No sewer. No fertile soil to grow anything. Utterly undefendable from an air attack. Locked in at the north with a small passage ready for the slaughter if the land invasion comes from the south.

Ya. Petra. Great idea!



So here's the question, if not Petra ... where? Where IN THE WORLD could 8 plus million persecuted peoples, fleeing in a short time period go where a ten nation combined army is not be able to reach them? A ten nation military so powerful that neither Russia nor China will be able to defeat it. Where in the world is there a people with a heart for Israel and a mighty enough military to defend them?

Let's consider our options here? Perhaps Russia or China can't defeat the 10 nation army, but neither can the 10 nation army risk nukes flying at them if they attack either Russia or China for harboring the fleeing Jews? Perhaps both countries would welcome fleeing Jews?

India and Pakistan have armies ... and nukes. Perhaps it's there that they flee to?

Australia might welcome them, but a combined arial and sea attack would take only a few days to wipe out all life on the continent. Wow!

We're really narrowing down our options here? Let's see, what's left?

Canada!

No?

South America with all of its corruption and poverty?

No.

Well, I guess that about does it.

Now we know where the “[wilderness](#)” (as John saw it in 95 AD) is. The youngest superpower on the planet. God's black box secret weapon. Warts and all, she was designed and built by God specifically for this critical end time mission. But how can that be? Who will be left there after the rapture? The professionals wonder, if 2/3 of her

inhabitants suddenly disappear, who will be left to defend the fleeing Israel? Well, as we saw earlier, there may be just about everybody left.

Advantage God!

If we're correct that the rapture takes home significantly less people than we would have thought, imagine the funk that at least the majority of the church in that place will be in? What did they do wrong? What do they do now? How can they discover what to do next?

Seems like God has that already figured out.

The 144,000

Most read the words “[sons of Israel](#)” in Revelation 7:4, and “[not defiled with women](#)” in Revelation 14:4 and conclude that these 144,000 are pure bred Jews who have never married nor had sex. Interesting? Yet another cluster improperly placed in the prophetic puzzle. What chance is there of a “pure bread” Jewish male today? Because of Rahab and Ruth, not even Jesus was “pure bred”. Perhaps rather than a pure bread issue, it’s a locational issue? Is the reference to 144,000 males, with exactly 12,000 from each tribe, who currently live in Israel? The diaspora probably negated that possibility? Could it be men living throughout the world who have some traceable blood line to the original twelve tribes? Possibly? But take a look at the list of the original twelve tribes as compared to the list in Revelation:

<u>Jacob’s sons in birth order - Gen. 30</u>	<u>12 Tribes of Israel (per God Num 1)</u>	<u>12 Tribes of Revelation 7 in order</u>
1. Reuben – Leah	1. Reuben	1. Judah
2. Simeon – Leah	2. Simeon	2. Reuben
3. Levi – Leah	3. Judah	3. Gad
4. Judah – Leah	4. Issachar	4. Asher
5. Dan – Bilhah/Rachel	5. Zebulun	5. Naphtali
6. Naphtali – Bilhah/Rachel	6. Ephraim – Joseph’s son	6. Manasseh – Joseph’s son
7. Gad – Zilpah/Leah	7. Manasseh – Joseph’s son	7. Simeon
8. Asher – Zilpah/Leah	8. Benjamin	8. Levi
9. Issachar – Leah	9. Dan	9. Issachar
10. Zebulun – Leah	10. Asher	10. Zebulun
11. Joseph – Rachel	11. Gad	11. Joseph
12. Benjamin – Rachel	12. Naphtali	12. Benjamin
	Levi is omitted, Joseph is doubled	Dan and Ephraim are omitted

Only the last four are in birth order. What’s the deal? Not sure, but one interesting fellow, Doug Batchelor, came up with the following:

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| 1. Judah means | “I will praise the Lord” |
| 2. Ruben means | “He has looked on me” |
| 3. Gad means | “Given good fortune” |
| 4. Asher means | “Happy am I” |
| 5. Naphtali means | “My wrestling” |
| 6. Manasseh means | “Making me to forget” |
| 7. Simeon means | “God hears me” |

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| 8. Levi means | “Joined to me” |
| 9. Issachar means | “Purchased me” |
| 10. Zebulun means | “Dwelling” |
| 11. Joseph means | “Will add to me” |
| 12. Benjamin means | “Son of His right hand” |

Read in order – I will praise the Lord – he has looked on me – granted good fortune – I am happy – my wrestling – making me to forget – God hears me – joined to me – purchased me – dwelling – will add to me – Son of His right hand.

Not sure if that was God’s intent for the order change, but it is interesting? At any rate, the exercise makes me think that there’s a different strategy by God at work here? Further, I would think that the feminists would be enraged by the phrase “[not defiled by women](#)” in Revelation 14:4. Wow! Didn’t know God had such a dim view of half of his human creation?

Or have we missed it?

What’s the context?

We’re introduced to the first “[woman](#)” in chapter 12, Israel – the true church if you will. We’re introduced to the second “[woman](#)” in chapter 17, the [Harlot](#) – the false church. Is it possible that the chapter 14 reference to “[not defiled by women](#)” is describing the 144,000 as not part of the plethora of false Christian denominations? Furthermore, after almost 2,000 years of driving the Jewish people from Jerusalem to all over the planet and then back again, is it possible that you have some trace of Jewish blood in you?

I note that while there are perhaps thousands of languages, there are evidently 147 major languages families. Is God pulling about 1,000 men from each of these language families together to have them as His representatives during the seven last years of prophetic history? Why the detailed list of 12,000 from each tribe? Not sure?

What we do know is that they are described as “[followers of the Lamb](#)” (Jesus) ... “[wherever He goes](#)”. But during the time they’re here on earth, Jesus isn’t? So how do they “[follow](#)” Him? Must be that they take instruction from Him and act on His behalf.

And what is the song that only they can learn in Revelation 14:3? How strange? On the other hand, if they’re working on behalf of Jesus right in the middle of the Antichrist’s territory, some form of undecipherable language may be needed?

Who knows?

I have thought long and hard about these 144,000. Are they here now? If so, what is their life like now? What will be their plight as the rapture occurs?

Initially I all but ignored the information given to the seven churches, thinking that it was just for the 7 small churches in western Turkey in about 95 AD. But the more I read, the more I thought about the possibility of dual references. Most likely, that's what God's transmitted here? When I come to the words for the church in Philadelphia, a dilemma arises.

Revelation 3:10 describes a group of people who are "[kept from the hour of testing](#)". Cool! This could be the folks who are raptured? That's the consensus today amongst the "experts". But this is yet another cluster improperly placed in the prophetic puzzle. When I look at verse 9 and recognize that this same group will be publicly recognized by the "[synagogue of Satan](#)" – the false preachers ... here on earth, I have a dilemma? What group is protected from the hour of testing ... while here on earth?

In Revelation 9:4 we're told that the "[locusts](#)" who have the power as a "[scorpion](#)" are not allowed to harm "[the grass, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads](#)".

So, who are the men who do have the "[seal of God on their foreheads](#)" that are protected?

Revelation 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the [name of His Father written on their foreheads](#)

How interesting?

Now it makes sense. The 144,000 are a group, who at one time (today), have "[a little power](#)" (Revelation 3:8), then God intervenes and perhaps "[seals](#)" them in a way that is undeniable. And they will then have, as God says, "[an open door that no one can shut](#)".

Wow!

Wouldn't it be cool to be one of these guys? An open door that no one can shut? How pleasantly different that is from most ministry here in North America today.

If the 144,000 are here with us now, wouldn't you think we'd know them?

Surely, they're the best and brightest?

On the other hand, Jesus no doubt knew Paul, but God's black box secret was to be brought out at just the right time. Could something like that be true of the 144,000? Would God have to send 144,000 people like Ananias to "clear up" the vision of these 144,000? Seems more likely that the 144,000 are already on board, perhaps being trained for their mission(s).

Do they have only a "[little power](#)" now because they don't know each other? Are they a well kept secret too?

Is their "[little power](#)" because they're discounted by folks who know them?

The “church” in North America is so full of pride and arrogance and self assurance and mediocrity that they have no time to listen to someone postulating anything other than the 1,600 year old company line(s). We churched have resources, and comforts, and entertainment. We have it all! We need nothing.

Not even God.

Have we set a table for fortune?

There were some Jews in Isaiah’s time in a similar position. In chapter 65 verse 11, God says that they had, among other things, “[set a table for fortune](#)”. Part of God’s response catches my eye:

Isiah 65:13-14

13 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD,

“Behold, [My servants](#) will eat, but you will be hungry.

Behold, [My servants](#) will drink, but you will be thirsty.

Behold, [My servants](#) will rejoice, but you will be put to shame.

14 “Behold, [My servants](#) will shout joyfully with a glad heart,

But you will cry out with a heavy heart,

And you will wail with a broken spirit.

It seems like God reverses roles. Those who are arrogantly wealthy will yield to His “[servants](#)”. To be sure, this passage had a context of 700 BC, but I can’t help but consider this with the Revelation information given to the people in the church in Philadelphia ... and perhaps to us today?

Revelation 3:8 ‘I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have [a little power](#), and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. **2** ‘Behold, I will cause *those* of the synagogue of Satan, [who say that they are Jews](#) and are not, but lie—I will make them come and [bow down at your feet](#), and *make them* know that [I have loved you](#).

Today, we’re overrun with false preachers. Those who aren’t outright scam artists, are largely in it for the money. Most of the rest are just terminally ignorant ... but so are their congregations, so they’re the big fish in the littlest of ponds. All of these will be caught off guard when the true church is taken home.

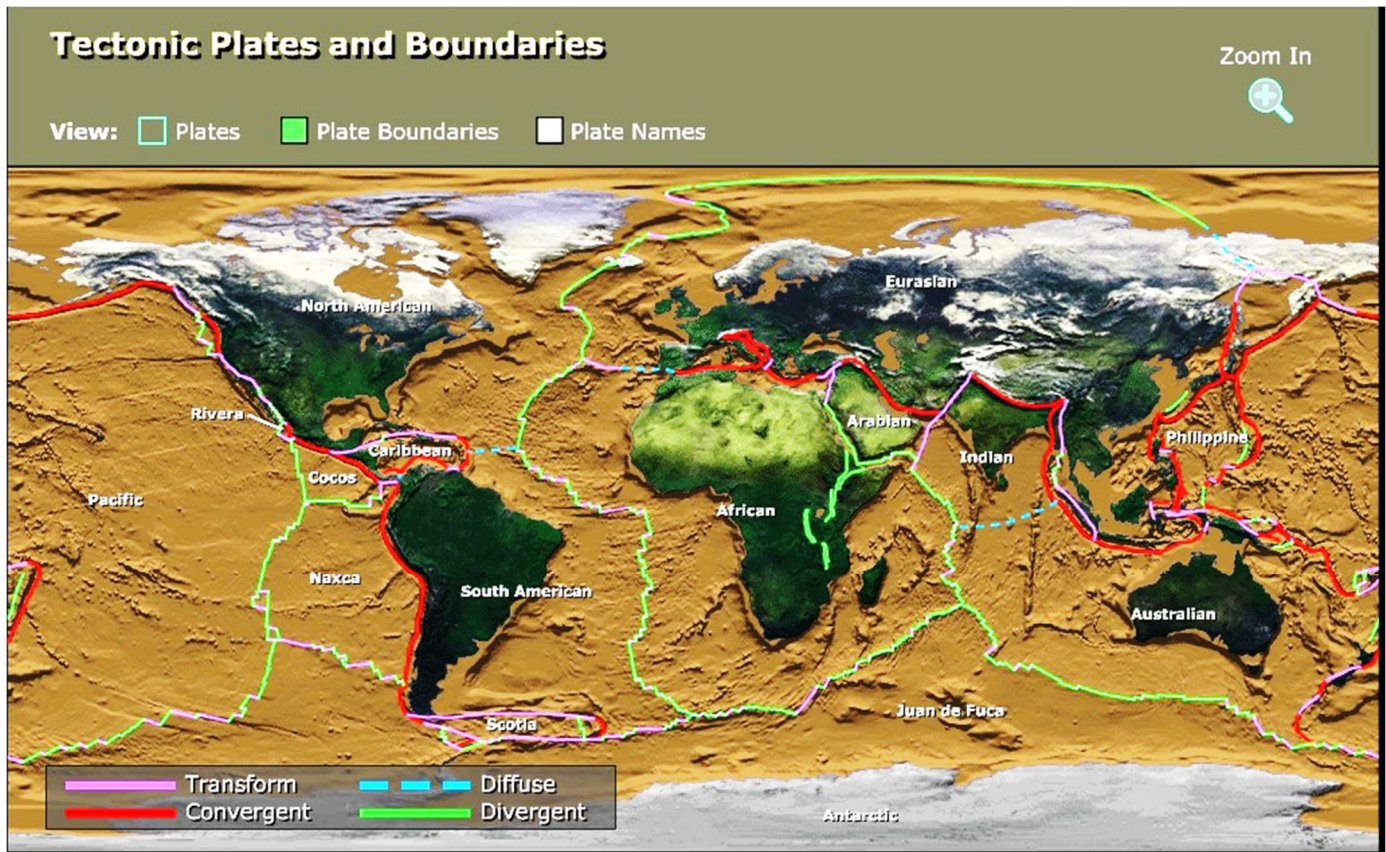
What then of these preachers when they become left behind? The preachers of the “[synagogue of Satan](#)”. Not my words, God’s words. Apparently, God causes some of them to “see the light” and acknowledge God’s chosen “[servants](#)” the 144,000. In a moment of time, in the “[twinkling of an eye](#)”, God reverses the roles.

Everything changes.

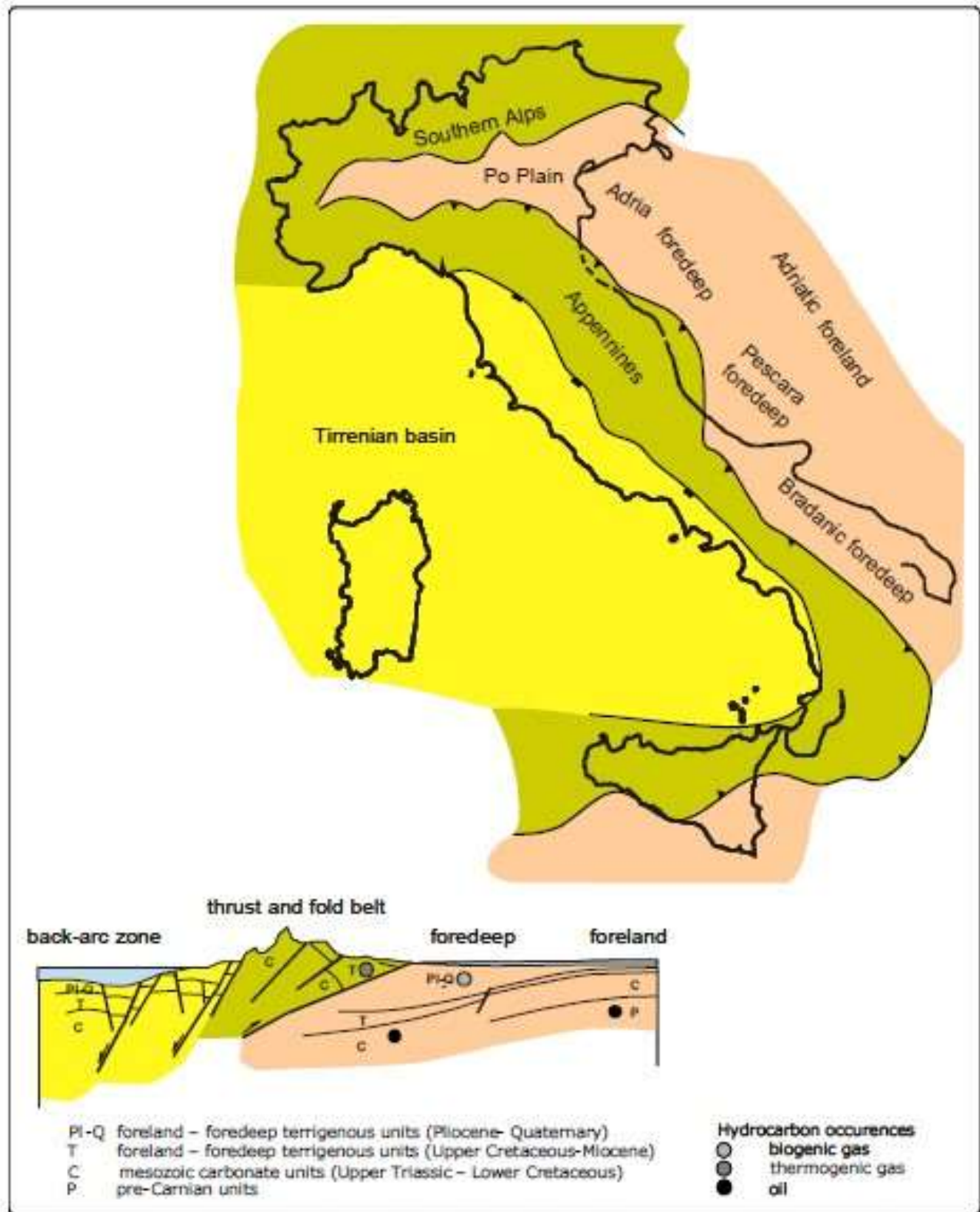
Advantage God.

Earthquakes

The book of Revelation indicates that the largest earthquake mankind has ever known will occur during the end time. Imagine the tectonic plates moving that severely? It also seems to indicate massive volcanoes. That would make sense if the plates were shifting that significantly. One of the volcanoes appears to sink into the sea. It also indicates some sort of a tsunami that covers all the islands. Evidently, 3 of the 12 most active volcanos in the world today are around Italy. Vesuvius, Campi Flegrei, and Ischia. All “in theater”. I took a look at the tectonic plates and found this:



Then I took a closer look at the “in theater” tectonic plates and found this under Italy:



What’s truly scary is if the “thrust and fold belt” rapidly moves vertically, the “back-arc zone” drops into the sea!

Antichrist

Who is the Antichrist? Well, some of the professionals think it's going to be a pope. Rome did persecute and kill the early church. Unfortunately, during the dark ages, the Catholic denomination took up where Rome left off. But the idea that the Antichrist is the pope is a stretch. The antichrist is described as a military based man who concurs as his "Type", Antiochus did. Do these guys clothed in **purple** and **scarlet** look like warriors? I don't think so. **Adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls**, yes! Lots of bling! Filthy rich, yes! But warriors? No.

We need to look elsewhere.



The book of Daniel describes the entity as "**the prince who is to come**". Why not a king? Why not a prime minister? Why not a president? Why not a dictator? A "**prince**"? Really?

We need to think what figure could militarily come to the aid of Israel when she is attacked at the beginning of the 7 years? What figure might despise the Muslim brotherhood, counterattack, and conquer lands around Israel and then give part of that concurred land to Israel ... **for a price**? What figure could economically bail out the socialistic countries of southern Europe, and combine them with the northern nations of Africa, and the western nations of the Middle East to form the 10 nation alliance? Who is it that is most capable of bringing "**peace and safety**" to Israel? Who has a viable military and a boat load of money to get all this done?

Seems like he would have to have an oil rich country, preferably with F-16's and F-35's?

Years ago, Saudi Arabia nationalized the oil company that the USA founded with them. Recently a 30 something authority in Saudi took that oil company, ARAMCO, public and it became the largest corporation by value in the world. Who runs Saudi today? There's a 60 something figure in another wealthy and progressive oil nation that championed that 30 something in Saudi. His country was the first to sign on to the Abrahamic Accords. Who runs

that country? I'll give you a hint. Both have been referred to as "[princes](#)". One has since become King and the other will also when his father, the King, dies ... which could be very soon.

The speculation around 666 is funny. We surmise that 7 is the number representing God. We also surmise that 6 then, is a number representing something less than God, the number of man. Rather than numbers, think of them as placeholders for the number of a man _ _ _.

My initials are FPM. If people in my family or my business partners saw those three letters, they'd know it was referring to me. In some sense, you could say that it's the "number of my name". See the point? Who fits all of the descriptors necessary and has a three letter "number of his name"? Look for it. You can find it.

Some of the professionals have postulated that the 30 something is the antichrist. Perhaps, but I suspect that the 30 something is more likely the false prophet. I think it's more likely the 60 something. None of the professionals suspect him. None. I suspect that's exactly the way God wishes for it to be. When you figure it out, it would be best to keep it to yourself. Both have similar "numbers of their name". Please wisely keep it to yourself.

Babylon

Many of the professionals think that the USA is the Babylon of Revelation. I have to tell you, that was my first thought as well. Arrogantly wealthy. Top of the world economy. We know that Babylon will be seaside. Think New York or Los Angeles. But as we look at the other descriptors, the USA just doesn't fit.

Some think it is the old Babylon = modern day Bagdad. But Bagdad's not seaside?

Here's a biblical riddle. How can the harlot (Babylon) "[sit on 7 mountains](#)" (Rome) and not be a part of the 10 nation confederation? Rome is dead center of the 10 nation confederation! We're told that they hate her and persecute her. How in the world can that be?

I once found two "nations" that are actually inside of another nation. Quite an unusual circumstance. You should look for those two nations yourself.

In the case of trying to identify Babylon, by using the biblical data we can identify an otherwise unknown character or symbol by using the math axiom: If $A = B$ and $B = C$, then $A = C$. Several times in the book of Revelation, the text gives us a partial interpretation, $A=B$. Later we may be told that $B=C$. We should recognize that the text is cluing us in to the fact that if we use the descriptors derived from A and B and C, we can accurately know what's being described. This is true when it comes to identifying Babylon. Take a look at Revelation chapters 17 and 18.

What do we know about:

the "[Great Harlot](#)", the "[Scarlet Beast](#)", the "[woman](#)" #2, the "[Great City](#)" and "[Babylon](#)"?

1. Israel was often referred to as "playing the [harlot](#)". She was apostate. [Harlot](#) = apostate church.
2. That [Great Harlot](#) "sits on many waters" Revelation 17:1 & 15 = the apostate church worldwide.
3. The [Woman](#) is associated with the [Great Harlot](#) – Revelation 17:1-5 = she is in a specific location.
4. The [Scarlet Beast](#) "was and is not and is about to come" – Revelation 17:8 & 11 = Antiochus (was) and antichrist is (about to come).
5. The [Scarlet Beast](#) has 7 heads (Rulers) and 10 horns (Countries) – Revelation 17:3
6. The antichrist is one of the 7 (allied with the 7) and is the 8th – Revelation 17:11. As the 8th, he will control portions of (Egypt, Libya, Somalia), Daniel 12:43.
7. The 7 heads of the [Scarlet Beast](#) are 7 mountains – Revelation 17:8-9 = reconstituted Roman Empire.
8. The [Woman](#) sits on the [Scarlet Beast](#) – Revelation 17:3.
9. The [Woman](#) sits on 7 mountains – Revelation 17:9.
10. Therefore the [Woman](#) "sits" on Rome "geographically".

11. The **Woman** is also known as the **Great City** - Revelation 17:18. - A=B
12. The **Great City** is also known as **Babylon** – Revelation 18:10. - B=C
13. The **Woman** is also named **Babylon** - Revelation 18:10. - A=C
14. **Therefore the woman is the same as the Great City and Babylon.** A=B=C
15. The **Woman** is clothed in **purple** and **scarlet** and adorned with **gold and precious stones and pearls** having in her hand a **gold cup** – Revelation 17:4.
16. The **Great City** is clothed in **purple** and **scarlet** and **adorned with gold** - Revelation 18:16.
17. The **Great City** will be split into three parts with the greatest earthquake ever seen – Revelation 16:18-19.
18. **Babylon** is exceedingly wealthy – Revelation 18:17.
19. **Babylon** is destroyed in “**one day**” and more specifically in “**one hour**” – Revelation 18:8, 10, 17, 19.
20. **Babylon** will vanish into the sea – Revelation 18:21.
21. **Babylon** is guilty of killing the prophets and the saints – Revelation 18:24.
22. A volcanic eruption occurs in the region – Revelation 8:8 – “**Thrown into the sea**” & 18:21 “**Threw into the sea**”.
23. The **Harlot** will be hated by the **Beast** – Revelation 17:16.

To identify **Babylon**, what place can you think of where we have a people who are associated with the following descriptors:

1. The Apostate church.
2. Somewhere in Rome.
3. Being hated by the 10 nation confederation = reconstituted Roman empire.
4. Close to the sea.
5. A land where volcanic activity is eminent.
6. A location where three tectonic plates meet.
7. Being adorned with purple and scarlet and precious stones and pearls and a gold cup.
8. Being immensely wealthy.
9. Killing the prophets and saints.

Fascinating that in knowing the future from the beginning, God clues those of us paying attention. He uses the term “**Great**” in front of the word “**City**”. Simply substituting the name of one of those “Nations inside a Nation” for the word “Great”, answers all 9 questions.

I think you have those pictures in your mind now.

God is so big!

There are a few professionals who have figured this one out. What astonishes me is that none of them have coupled this together with the Revelation passage that states the Great City (Babylon) will be split into three parts?

Revelation 16:19 The great city was **split into three parts**, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

Revelation 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Think about what happens at that moment? Put the pieces together. Islands fled away ... Do you see it now? Do you see why God calls to those who are following His Son to get out of the theater lest they receive her plagues?

Revelation 18:4 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues;

Then immediately after the event, Jesus returns and calls His followers from all over the globe “**four winds**” back to the theater to tend to the victims.

Matthew 24:31 “And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

God is so gracious.

Samaritans Purse times 100!

It seems evident that there will be 45 days from the second woe, at which time Jesus returns, to the end of the 1,335 time frame when I suspect the sheep and goat judgement occurs. During that 45 days, God apparently calls a global all hands on deck (back to the theater) to care for the injured and dying.

Matthew 24:31 And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Those returning followers of Jesus will be confronted with those who were not “[known](#)” and who are injured or dying and those who lost a loved one and are in shock. Millions of fallen structures with people trapped in them. An incredible nightmare. I suspect many in that intense time of need will allow the Christians to help them and for the first real time understand a portion of God’s grace. I wish that it would not have taken that level of catastrophe for these folks to see clearly, but God is so patient. He is so wise. He is so long suffering. Willing to endure his children having incredible suffering, knowing that it’s the suffering that ultimately is instrumental in creating the need that draws these individuals to Him.

Here again, I see that for the first time ever, the church has real power and impact. A global church response to the most massive geological devastation in 6,000 years. I’m encouraged by the response of the unified church. Would that we could have been that way earlier? But no. We are distracted and cut off from each other.

How unfortunate?

The Third Woe

As that humanitarian effort commences, the call goes out for world war three.

Revelation 16:13&14 13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; 14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty

If the volcanic plume drifts eastward from Europe towards Israel, it would make air defense of Israel difficult. Aerial bombing from above the plume would be virtually unchallenged. I would think that the enemies of Israel would try to take out military facilities and thus Israel's ability to defend herself from a ground incursion. Where might Jesus reside during those 45 days?

Revelation 8:8 The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood,

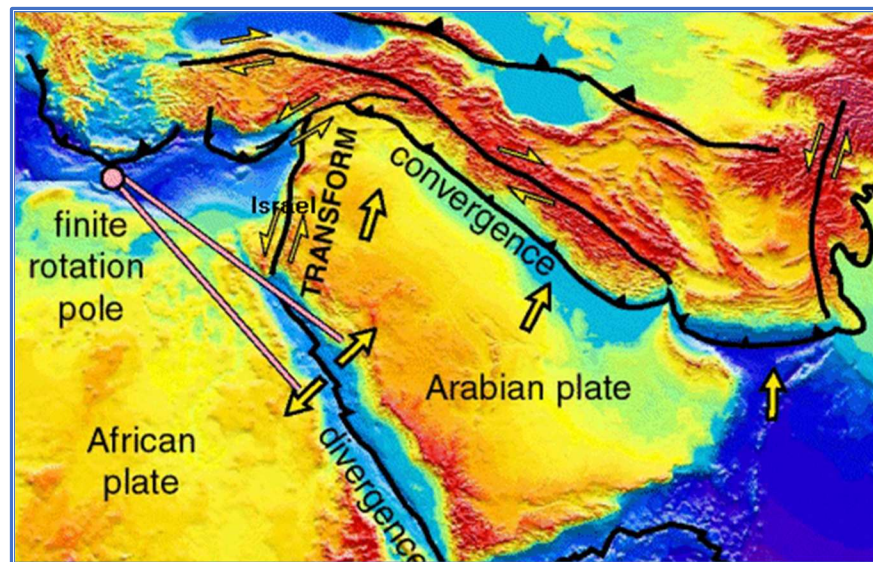
Joel 2:31 "The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

Revelation 6:12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;

Revelation 16:21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

Once the plume clears, the combined armies would be able to commence the ground invasion. The pinch point occurs at the plateau north of the Sea of Galilee. Because of the fault line that runs under the dead sea, I suspect the great earthquake will move the plates as shown below.

Consider **Zechariah 14:4** In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.



It might also cause the Arabian Plate and African plate to not only separate more, but the African plate to also sink in elevation? The reference in Isaiah to the tongue of the Sea of Egypt being utterly destroyed may not mean militarily, but rather that low lying land floods with ocean water. The Suez Canal may become obsolete?

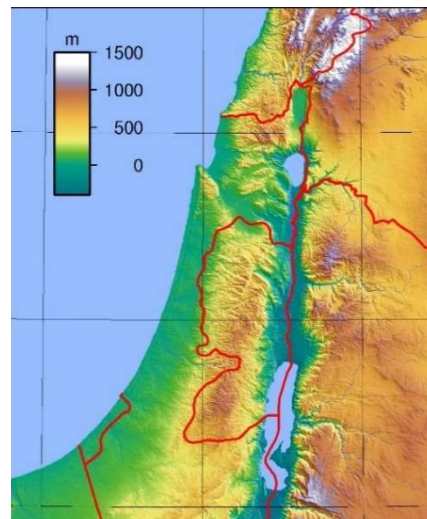
Isaiah 11:15 And the LORD will utterly destroy The tongue of the Sea of Egypt; And He will wave His hand over the River With His scorching wind; And He will strike it into seven streams And make men walk over dry-shod.

I suspect that the reference in Ezekiel to the stream of water that runs from the temple east to the Dead Sea and then describes fish in the water indicates that the earthquake also allows the Gulf of Aquaba to flood clear up to the Sea of Galilee.

Ezekiel 47:9 It will come about that every living creature which swarms in every place where the river goes, will live. And there will be very many fish, for these waters go there and the others become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

Combine that with the reference in Zechariah which possibly indicates water all around Jerusalem? If this is the case, Sea level at -0- elevation significantly shrinks the land mass of current Israel. If that happens, the only land bridge remaining for the invasion from the north is the one known as the valley of Har Megiddo.

Zechariah 14:8 8 And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter. 9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one. 10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. 11 People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.



The invading army is met and defeated by Jesus. His birds come and clean up the carnage.

Revelation 19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God,

Now perhaps the verse in Matthew makes more sense?

Matthew 24:8 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

All life would have been lost

Matthew 24:22 Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

Revelation 8:1 When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

These two verses lead me to take a guess that at the instantaneous dropping of 200,000,000 combatants, one of the leaders of the army against Israel hits the go button. Not sure if the nukes in England fire back? Regardless, I suspect Jesus stops them all, at which time God has definitively proven His point. Without Him, the human race would cease to exist ... of its own doing.

Think about the progressions. Start in a perfect environment. Add in the serpent and deception spoils it. The garden environment is gone. As time goes on, God regrets creating man. Man's wickedness is continual. Hit the re-start button with the flood. Better understanding of God's expectations, but in a fallen environment. Things go only marginally better. Add in direct input from God in various writings from Moses and the prophets. Even with that, the landowner sends his Son ... and the mob kills him. OK, so add in even more clarity and throw in the mix a concept called grace. Rather than repent, mankind drifts in utter humanism and for the first time ever creates weapons that can wipe him out, all still in a fallen environment. Bring back the landowner's Son to definitively guide humanity and this time keep the serpent out. All should be well? Release the serpent and find that even with all these advantages, some still reject God as God. Case closed. Cast away permanently the serpent and add the landowner directly in the mix.

Now we have it.

To their credit, the Calvinists are good at asking and answering the question of "what is the chief end of man" – "To glorify God". What they fail to ask is "why did God create man"?

Perhaps by studying 7,000 years of evidence, the answer will forever be seen clear that He created us as a grand experiment to counter Satan's claim that God is not just and that we are our own best gods? From Adam to the beginning of the new heavens and new earth, all evidence points to the conclusion that without God, we cannot manage ourselves nor societies. The experiment produces results that are conclusive. God is Just! Those who disagree with the conclusion are allowed to fend for themselves. Perhaps the experiment was for the benefit of the Angels all along?

Times

Unfortunately, none of the professionals are able to make rational sense of the various time frames mentioned from the midpoint on. As I mentioned earlier, a bit of data that most may not know is the real estate concept of giving a 30 day notice to vacate a premises so that it can be re-tenanted.

The relevant “times” gathered from both OT and NT passages were initially not fully clear until I decided to graph them like I would a critical path schedule. Here are the findable “times”.

Three and a half days – that the two witnesses lay in the street dead before being resurrected.

Time, Times, and Half a Time = 3.5 Jewish years = 1,260 days.

42 months = 3.5 Jewish years = 1,260 days.

1,290 days.

1,335 days.

2,300 evenings and days.

In construction, there may be hundreds of “activities” that need to occur to complete the project. To figure out which activity’s time frames are the “critical” ones, and which are not, we use a computer program where each activity’s time length is imputed along with any logic ties to all other activities that are affected. For example, the footer excavation needs to occur before the footers can be poured. However, on a large project, some footer pours can start one day after the excavation commences. The pours “chase” the excavation. There are three types of logic connections between activities that we use:

FS – Finish to Start. The first activity must finish before the second can start, sometimes with a delay such as, the concrete has to not only be poured, but must set three days before the framing can start on top of it.

SS – Start to Start with a defined lag time between the start of the initial activity and the delayed start of the next.

FF – Finish to Finish. The activities can, and sometimes must finish simultaneously

Using these logic ties, I simply did the same with all the known eschatological “activities” and their corresponding known time frames. The result was effectively a critical path schedule of events beginning with the known activity of the abomination of desolation and the ending activity of the start of the Millennium.

Additionally, there are two bits of forensic work to be done that can help nail down a portion of the timeline where no specific start or finish is directly mentioned. It has to do with the two witnesses. It’s not hard to figure out who the two witnesses are. The biblical descriptors are a dead giveaway. When they come in and what they do is a little more challenging. Recognize that at the time they are resurrected, a great earthquake occurs in Revelation.

Revelation 11:11-13 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

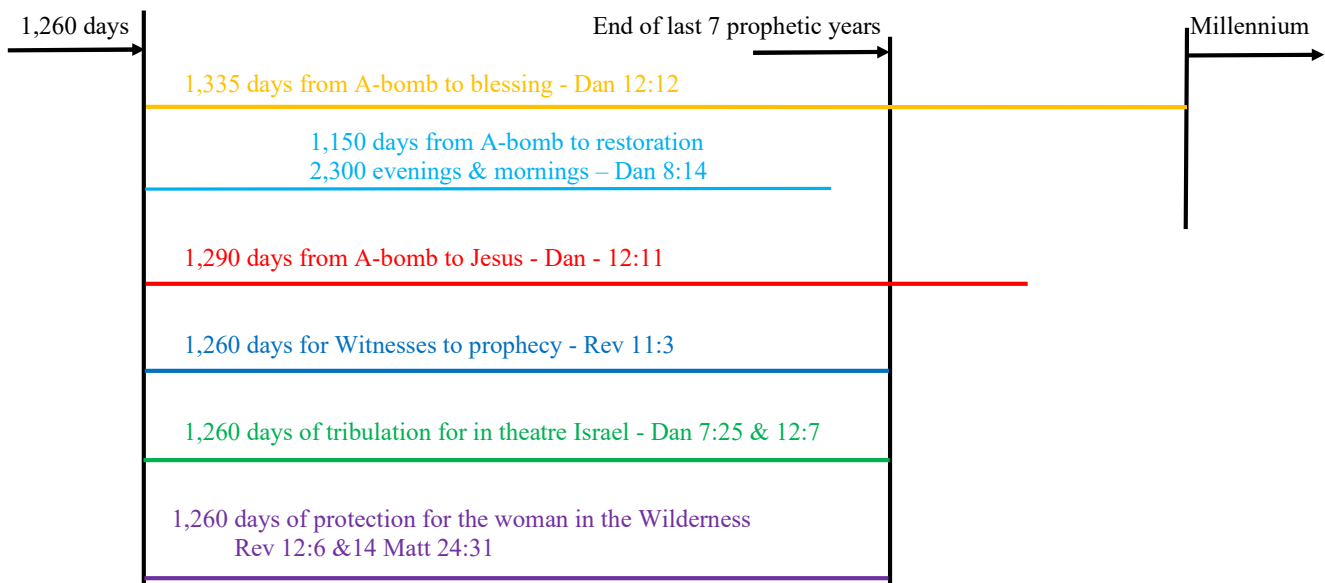
From that we know that their departure is at the “great earthquake”. Now let’s look at another passage that describes the devastation of that earthquake.

Revelation 16:18-21 18 And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty. 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

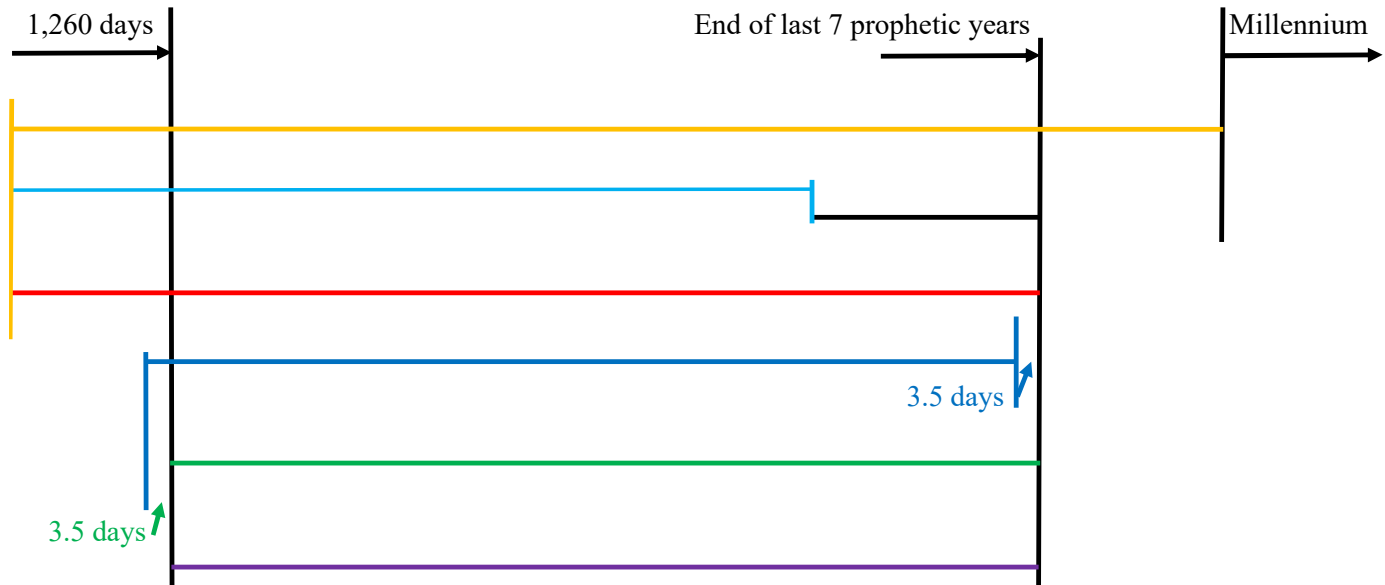
We then compare that known “great earthquake” **time** and **descriptors** to an event mentioned in Matthew describing the timing of the return of Jesus.

Matthew 24:29-30 But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. “And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

The descriptors here indicate the same earthquake and volcanic ash cloud described in Revelation. The two witnesses return to God at the same time that Jesus returns to earth. So on the time line, if we go to the end of the 1,260 days of tribulation, when Jesus returns, and back up the 3.5 days that the two witnesses are lying in the street dead, then back up the 1,260 days that they prophecy, we end up with their arrival 3.5 days before the midpoint of the seven years. At the end of this section are the passages that the timeline lengths are derived from so that if you wish you can make sure we have this correct and accurate. Here are our known time lengths:



So it appears that we have some unknown 30 day event after Jesus returns and then another 45 days to boot? This is what perplexes most folks. The key here is not trying to line up all three different time lengths at the same starting point. I need you to wrestle with this, but to help a little, I'll give you the shape of the solution. Once you think it through, you'll realize one major otherwise unknown reality that I again suspect our Father would rather have you keep to yourself ... for now. Understanding this timeline helps better understand other portions of the prophecies.



Here's a list of time line events that can be properly arranged:

Think of the underlined blue as the logic ties either FS, SS, or FF.

Daniel 7:25 – Antichrist rules for time, times, and half a time.

21 I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them 22 until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom. 23 “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it. 24 As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings. 25 ‘He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

Daniel 8:13-14 – The twice daily sacrifices are ended for 1,150 days.

Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, “How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the offense causes horror, so as to allow both the sanctuary and the army to be trampled?” 14 And he said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be properly restored.”

Daniel 12:1 & 6-7 – “Time of distress” length = time, times, and half a time.

1 “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

6 And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be until the end of these wonders?” 7 - I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

Daniel 12:11-12 – From the Abomination of Desolation to the end of “time of distress” will be 1,290 days. From the Abomination of Desolation to something worth living to (or “through”), 1,335 days.

11 “From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. 12 “How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!

Matthew 24:29-31 – Jesus returns

29 “But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. 31 And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Revelation 11:1-18 - When the temple is complete, the “nations” will rule that area for 42 months. The two witnesses are given 1,260 days to prophecy and then will be killed and then resurrected 3.5 days later. In that hour, the earthquake occurs.

1 Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, “Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. 2 Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months. 3 And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire. 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly. 15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. 18 And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

Revelation 12:6 - Followers of Jesus will be protected from the serpent for **1,260 days**.

12 **Then** the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for **one thousand two hundred and sixty days**.

Revelation 12:14 – Followers of Jesus will be protected from the serpent for **time, times, and half a time**.

But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a **time and times and half a time**, from the presence of the serpent.

Revelation 13:3-5 – **After** his resurrection, the antichrist will have authority for **42 months**.

3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his **fatal wound** was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; 4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?” 5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for **forty-two months** was given to him.

Revelation 16:18 – The great **earthquake**.

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, “It is done.” 18 And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great **earthquake**, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty. 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

Revelation 19:11-21 – Jesus **returns** and calls the birds to His great supper **then** the armies assemble for **Armageddon**.

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. 13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” 17 **Then** I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.” 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. 21 **And the rest were killed** with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Clues

While we're focused on when the rapture might occur, let's take a look at a couple clues Jesus left us with. The age old saying of "no one knows the day or the hour ..." gives cover to people who make no effort what so ever to have situational awareness of our times like the 300 of Gideon did. Reading the verse, I see the words "day" and "hour". OK. I agree. That means we could know the era, perhaps the year, and/or the season. I also recognize that at the time Jesus spoke, it was true that no one could know the day or hour. That may not mean that no one can ever know the day. Perhaps we can know the day almost 2,000 years later? We have so much more data than His hearers did then. We have John's Revelation. We have Paul's thoughts. We have the ability to compare and coordinate all the Old Testament end time prophecy with these newer ones. Why not pay attention and stay in the know so that we can better work in concert with God's plan ... in His time? Paying attention to God's timetable is important.

In fact, Jesus gives us two clues to the season that we read and unfortunately glaze right over. The first clue is in reference to the midpoint where the Abomination of Desolation has just occurred:

Matthew 24:20 ["But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath."](#)

Because of our ritualistic churchianity and our insincere "thoughts and prayers" refrains, we read right over that clue from Jesus as though it was a colloquialism. We understand it to mean "we sure hope it doesn't occur in the winter! That would be a real bummer." But just read the verse? Jesus says to His men "pray".

Ask God. Go ahead. Ask My Father.

Can you imagine his men stopping what they were doing and asking God, specifically as Jesus asked them to, only to get the reply from His Father "thanks for your earnest request, but I'm gonna have to deny it at this time. Your flight will in fact occur in the winter. Sorry about your luck!"

I suspect that Jesus is telling us that the midpoint is not winter.

Similarly, with His second coming, which is 35 days short of 7 years after the rapture and therefore very close to the same time of year:

Matthew 24:32 ["Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; 33 so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door."](#)

Knowing the incredible human catastrophe that will have just occurred moments before His return, wouldn't it have been better to use the seasonal analogy of "when you see the leaves falling, know that the coldest winter ever is near. Batten down the hatches ... the end is near!"

I suspect that He's telling us the season of His return.

Now put the two pieces together. If His return is in late Spring – April/May, then the midpoint, which is seasonally a half year offset, would be in the late Fall - October/November. Actually, fairly simple. So we can know the season. Perhaps we can even know the year?

I'm interested in Jesus' words about how His return will be “[just like the days of Noah](#)”? He also uses the word picture from the days of Lot. Water and volcanic eruptions as a judgment? Sounds familiar. Thinking about the story of the “flood”, why the mention of it raining 40 days and then the ark lifted off? Who cares that at day 40 the ark “[lifted off](#)”, when it continued to rain another 110 days? Why make a mention of the 40 days? Why did Dr. Luke mention that Jesus spent 40 days from His resurrection to His “ascension”? Why didn't Jesus hold large seminars and get it done in a week? He could have rented the equivalent of the Jerry dome, (Dallas Cowboys stadium), the Colosseum. Why not stay many more years and teach millions? Why 40 days? Why not 50? Why not 30? With those questions in mind, these next thoughts are the proverbial “spaghetti on the wall”. **Nothing more.**

What if the “[lift off](#)” of the ark and the “[ascension](#)” of Jesus were meant to be pictures of the followers of Jesus being called home? Even though it appears that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a Monday and was murdered on a Thursday, I grew up celebrating Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. I never knew that some also celebrated Ascension Day? If God did intend for the 40 day mentions to be foreshadowing, and we take a look at the dates that we celebrate the Ascension and Palm Sunday, a chart of those times can be assembled. Per Jesus' words, I suspect that the Abomination can occur on any day except the Jewish Sabbath (Saturday). I also suspect that the second coming of Jesus mirrors the day that we incorrectly think was Sunday when He rode into Jerusalem – the first coming. He said that if the people didn't vocalize His entry, the very rocks would cry out. Indeed, they would have. Also, I noticed that the religious Jews keep trying to go onto the temple mount on Nison 15 (Passover) to perform their prescribed sacrificial ceremony. If they eventually are given permission by the Jewish government, the Muslim community may come unglued. It could be the spark that ignites the Ezekiel 38 attack? With all that in mind, when I projected known dates (the days that we universally celebrate them on) with known days between events, I came up with this chart. It only works for some years and not others.

	Plus	"Rain" starts	Plus		Plus	Temple	Plus	abomination	Plus	2,000 years
Passover	3	"Reign" starts	40	"lift off"	3	Green light	1,230	of	1,290	After His death
Nison 15	days	Ez 38 attack	days	Ascension day	days	Clock re-starts	days	desolation	days	Return
Wednesday		Saturday		Thursday		Sunday		Friday		Palm Sunday
4/1/2026	=	4/4/2026	=	5/14/2026	=	5/17/2026	=	9/28/2029	=	4/10/2033

I found the information below “on the internet”, so take it for what it’s worth.

SUMMARY OF THE TIME FROM ADAM TO JESUS

* Adam to Abraham	1,948 yrs
* Abraham to Egypt	290 yrs
* From Egypt to Moses: (X) Let X = 63 X = (Kohath to Amram to Moses)	63 yrs
* Moses to the Exodus	80 yrs
* Exodus to death Joshua	70 yrs
* Judges to Samuel	450 yrs (Acts 13:20)
* Kings of Judah	513 yrs
* Babylonian Captivity	586 B.C.E.

* Adam to Jesus	4,000 yrs

I make fun of people who take coincidences and use them like we do Nostradamus. But they do make good money doing it ... because there is a sucker born every minute. But here I am doing the same thing ... except for the money part. Is it a coincidence that we have plus or minus 4,000 years from creation to Jesus, and a possible 2,000 years to His return, and then a known 1,000 year reign? Looks like 7,000 years to me.

Could it be?

If true, think about the Genesis story? We’re told that on the seventh “day” God stopped creating ... forever!

Nope.

He “rested”.

How interesting?

We know that He resumes “creating” at the end of the Millennium. A new Heavens and a new earth. Perhaps His “day” is 7,000 years? He could have easily created an earth that looked billions of years old to Adam on the day he was created. But what if the actual age of the earth is 6 days of 7,000 years each? 42,000 year old. And now add in the “day” that God “rested” and the earth at that point would be 49,000 years old.

I can’t help but think of the concept of Jubilee. After the 49th year and on the 50th year all debts are forgiven, and property returned to the original owner. Is that what our Father is doing?

He is so big!

Final notes and conclusions

Some think that the end is all about God's wrath? It occurs to me as I see a clearer big picture, that the so called "wrath" is not from God at all. At the end ... tell me what God does? What specifically is His "wrath"? Does he cause lightning to strike millions at a time? Does he line up a half billion and shoot them? Does he order His angels to bind and then tortuously cut open half of mankind? Does He send poisons snakes? What does God "do"? Tell me?

Look closely. What do the scriptures say?

Just as the word "antichrist" never occurs in Revelation, the word "judgement" also never occurs in the data that our Father gave to His Son to communicate through His Angel to John. Not even the word "judgements" occur. The word "judged" does occur in 5 locations. We self-righteous churchd long for that. We've lived a clean life ... and we long for our Father to punish those who chose not to. The older brother syndrome. But take a look at who or what is being "judged" in each case?

Rev 11:18 "And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be **judged**, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

Rev 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You **judged** these things;

Rev 19:2 BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has **judged** **the great harlot** who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER."

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were **judged** from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were **judged**, every one *of them* according to their deeds.

Consider what isn't stated as being "Judged".

Muslims

Atheists

Agnostics

Buddhists

Democrats

Liberals

The fact is that a significant number of words are spent on the description of the so called “judgement” of the “Great Harlot”. The false church who holds herself up as representing our Father, but who is at best willingly self-deceived, and at worst pure evil. The false church picked up where the self-righteous Pharisees left off. Both are rightly judged.

This is our Father. Judging those who stand up and claim they are His, but who are willingly deceived and who deceive others. For the last seven prophetic years, the Muslim, the atheist, the agnostic are given pure grace (just as we are) to come to Him. Come to Him with His arms open wide to receive them. As did the prodigal. As did I.

Utterly unearned grace.

What does our Father “do” that we think is judgment?

Only one thing. The earthquake and volcanic eruption(s). Yet, even in that, He warns those paying attention that just as in the days of Noah and Lot, there will be a catastrophic flood and volcanic eruption(s). All who are tuned in are able to evac the theatre ... and live. Those same individuals are then called back to the theatre by His Son as He returns. We return for the purpose of ministering to those who knowingly chose to stay and those who foolishly refused to leave. Samaritan’s purse ... God’s style. Grace upon grace for those who He continues to work to draw to Himself. As He did me.

All other difficulties, call them “judgements” if it makes you feel superior ... are our Father simply refusing to continue to interfere in the affairs of man. To discontinue His manipulation of thwarting evil. He finally grants us our wish that He “leave us alone”!

Indeed He will.

For 1,260 days he will not interfere.

The true glory of our Father is about to be seen through a spectacular lens. His angels have seen and know of His glory as they watched the last 6,000 years unfold. We sinful humans are about to see what they see. At that moment, I cannot imagine having the physical strength to stand. God only will make me stand.

John, who is a far better man than I, fell at Michael’s feet to worship him as John observed his glory that [illuminated the entire planet](#). Michael rightly tells John not to do that since Michel “self identifies” as a “[fellow servant of yours](#)”. I suspect the glory of our Father is significantly superior. God only will make me stand.

Wrath? No. Not for those who seek Him.

By the end of the Tribulation, God has given all living people the following sequential opportunities to realize that He is God and they are not:

- Whatever portion of their natural lives they have before the Rapture to know Him.

- The event of the Rapture itself to verify God's in control.
- The distress of a regional economic system with instantaneous loss of societal contributors.
- The difficulty of life with a regional government not run by God, that can limit buying and selling.
- The vicious wars.
- The help and instruction of the 144,000.
- The proclamations of judgment and performing of signs by the two witnesses.
- The horror of the five month suffering and the possibility of yet more.
- The horror of either a nuke or chemical rocket.
- The sight of the two witnesses coming back to life.
- The incredible sight of Babylon being wasted.
- The attack at the end from the combined armies.

Knowing all this, for years now I've tried sharing these things with the "neighbors" God's sent into my life. Most don't respond. The pull of the world at this time is too great. Initially, I was in anguish for the non-responders. They're great people! They're so sidetracked? Soil type three, but they aren't soil type two, and therefore I've learned to have hope. More recently, I've recognized that those non-responding incredible people most likely will respond when the interim report card of the rapture is sent home and the "A" they thought they had isn't there.

Reality hits!

God, in His magnificent grace, will let these incredible people know His truth "in mass" in a way that's never been done before. The marginalists, the distracted, the self-deceived, the confused, all have a chance to see it clearly. What a brilliant move on God's part. When I think about it, why would God want to pick an otherwise random moment in time and bring home all who are fully [known](#) by Him and leave those not yet fully [known](#)? Because in so doing, those not fully [know](#) are confronted with the reality that up to that point the satanic forces have masked, at which point "in mass" the marginalists become followers. For the first time ever, the "church" here on earth will be united and powerful. Powerful like never before.

Think about it? Go to any decent traditional church today. If you find even a handful of true "servants", followers of Jesus, you're lucky. The rest are playing church, "churchianity". Unfortunately, that small handful of followers has no real power today, either in that congregation, or in their community. Once those handfuls are home, the remaining larger handfuls will be in an urgent need to coordinate in their local congregations, in their towns, in their countries, and worldwide. The church will finally have real capacity. Glory be to God. How great and merciful is our God!

So the question is, what do you do with this data? Perhaps some of it makes sense ... but most of it's just Greek to you? It seems that God only allows certain people to grasp the entirety of the picture. Not exactly sure why, but it

might be that the time isn't right yet? Perhaps God doesn't want this known in mass yet? If on the other hand, this makes clear sense to you, that's most likely God's doing. The question before you then is, what does God wish for you to do now that you have this fuller picture?

My guess is that the time is short, so my hope for you is that this data brings a better or clearer understanding of what's shortly to happen. If I'm correct on what place will soon be the "wilderness", think of all the struggles and changes that must shortly take place politically, socially, in the media, and in the church, as the fully baked church comes out?

Perhaps you're wondering if God would allow you to stay and serve those left behind? I don't know? I'm mindful that He only needed 300 with Gideon. The 144,000 may well be enough? I suspect that the offer to stay is desired, even if the answer is no thank you. Since the bible seems to be silent on any staying to assist the 144,000, ruling out making the offer may not be a wise idea either? Perhaps like Abraham who was willing to sacrifice his son, the offer to stay is all our Father is looking for?

My question is whether the 144,000 know who they are? That would make sense, but often times my "sense" is different than God's wisdom. So the final question is, could you and I be some of the 144,000 in training? Is it possible that the Holy Spirit has begun working in us to pursue these things? Again, I don't know? But like a good boy scout, I want to be prepared if it is.

Reminds me of a valued friend of mine. He's the biggest Cincinnati Reds fan I've ever met. When we would go to a game, he would always bring his glove. I once asked him why he did this since we were up in the nosebleed seats? His answer was that he had the glove just in case some of the players got hurt or sick and they needed him. Wow! Quite a long shot, but I admire his desire to "be in the game".

Most of the time I'm like Father McKenzie - writing the words of a sermon that no one will hear. No one comes near. But you have come near. You found this material for a reason. Please consider carefully what God desires from you. As mentioned in the last chapter of the book of Daniel, it appears the those with "insight" will "shine brightly" and give direction to all who desire it. Perhaps you are one of "**Those who have Insight**".

If you would like more definitive data on the end time, please contact me.

God's speed on your journey