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“In your name will Israel pronounce this blessing: ‘May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh’”
(Genesis 48:17-20).

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What Comes Next for the USA

We live at the end of this age. Exciting times are coming. Jesus is going to return soon to set up His world ruling Kingdom. Before that happens, times will get really bad. Many no longer believe in the Rescue of the Saints from the Great Tribulation.

In this booklet we will cover the USA in Bible Prophecy, the Time of Jacob's Trouble, the Rescue of the Saints and who those Saints may be. We hope that this booklet will give you the hope to love and adore Jesus more than you do now. We also hope that this booklet will inspire you to obey God better than you do now. At the end of the age, this is not time to get weak with God. Right now it is time to get strong for Jesus.

Now is the time to put God first in your life. Now is the time to invest more time in the Holy Bible. Now is the time to pray more for our families. Now is time to encourage one another in Church. It wouldn't hurt to pass out some Bible materials.

We may not be able to save our country, but we can encourage any who are willing to return to God right now. We can make a difference in the area where we live. We can help those who know us to prepare for the crisis at the close. Bill Shults

The United States in Prophecy

The Bible is a coded book, sealed until the time of the end. It is currently being unsealed by the Holy Spirit and we need to look to the Bible for clues to understand end time prophecy. “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand” (Daniel 12:9). This book is trying to unlock the vital clues to understand Bible prophecy for the people who live at the end of this age. I am using the Bible to unlock the Bible. I am also using the historical record, showing what has already happened, to explain what comes next.

The rising EU is the last resurrection of the Beast system of world governance. It is also clear from the Scriptures that Russia is Meshach, Tubal, Gog and Magog from the book of Ezekiel. It is clear that China is the King of the east with a 200 million man army. So, where is the USA, the greatest single nation to have ever arisen in this world? We are hidden; we are mentioned many times in the Bible by our true God given name, but nowhere in the Bible by the name the USA.

After the death of Solomon King of Israel, at the coronation of his son Rehoboam, the nation was split into two parts. The northern Tribes revolted and became their own country by refusing the authority of the King. The southern tribes kept Rehoboam as King and became known by their tribal name of Judah. The northern tribes were known as Israel. In this event we have the separation of the national name of Israel from the Jewish people. “Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all the Israelites had gone there to make him king. When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard this (he was in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), he returned from Egypt. So they sent for Jeroboam, and he and all Israel went to Rehoboam and said to him: ‘Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but now lighten the harsh labor and the heavy yoke he put on us, and we will serve you’” (2 Chronicles 10:1-4). “The king answered them harshly. Rejecting the

advice of the elders, he followed the advice of the young men and said, ‘My father made your yoke heavy; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.’ So the king did not listen to the people, for this turn of events was from God, to fulfill the word the LORD had spoken to Jeroboam son of Nebat through Ahijah the Shilonite. When all Israel saw that the king refused to listen to them, they answered the king: ‘What share do we have in David, what part in Jesse’s son? To your tents, O Israel! Look after your own house, O David!’ So all the Israelites went home. But as for the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah, Rehoboam still ruled over them” (2 Chronicles 10:13-17). So the kingdom was split into two parts, the northern tribes called Israel, and the southern tribes called Judah, over a tax revolt. Sometimes the northern tribes are called the House of Joseph or Ephraim, because the largest and leading tribe was from Joseph, and the leading family from Joseph was Ephraim. This is important to us because our first clue is a tax revolt that led to Civil War.

Abraham was known as the friend of God. Abraham was given many promises about his people in the last days. These promises also contain many clues as to who is the pre-imminent nation in end time prophecy. “The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. ‘I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you’” (Genesis 12:1-3). God promised Abraham that he would bring a great nation from his descendants. The nation of Israel in the ancient past was not a great nation like Egypt, Assyria or Babylon. Abraham is promised a great nation on the world stage, powerful and populous. So in the end times we are looking for a great nation, mighty, powerful and populous.

As time went on, God modified and improved His promises to Abraham. Increasing the blessings and amplifying the effects in the last days. “When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared

to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless. I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.' Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God'" (Genesis 17:1-8). God is making an irrevocable covenant with Abraham to make many nations to come from him. And He is staking His reputation on many nations and many powerful nations ruled by kings coming from Abraham. God also reaffirmed the promise of "greatly increasing your numbers." So these will be populous nations, not small ones. These will be ruled by kings who are not under servitude.

After Abraham offered Isaac on the mountain of God, God multiplied the blessings and promises again. "The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, 'I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me'" (Genesis 22:15-18). It is only in modern times that the populations of nations have been high enough to warrant those kinds of numbers. There are 475 million people in the EU, one billion in India, two billion in China and 335 million in the USA. Ancient nations did not number in the hundreds of millions, because the agriculture of the time could not support that many people. So the promises could not have been for the past, but only in these last days. We live in times where nations are large enough for the promises, and nations are powerful

enough for the promises. But which nation is the one foretold to descend from Abraham? We need to look for a nation and nations with large populations and a powerful militaries.

Abraham died without ever seeing the promises; they were passed to his son Isaac. Isaac died without ever seeing the promises and they were passed to his son Jacob. Jacob wrestled with God and his name was changed to Israel. Israel had twelve sons, his favorite son was Joseph. Joseph was sold into slavery and they were separated for a time. Joseph and Israel were re-united before Jacob's death. In the last chapters of Genesis, Jacob passes the blessing onto his 12 sons. "Jacob said to Joseph, 'God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and there he blessed me and said to me, 'I am going to make you fruitful and will increase your numbers. I will make you a community of peoples, and I will give this land as an everlasting possession to your descendants after you.' Now then, your two sons born to you in Egypt before I came to you here will be reckoned as mine; Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine. Any children born to you after them will be yours; in the territory they inherit they will be reckoned under the names of their brothers'" (Genesis 48:3-6). Jacob is giving Joseph the double portion due to the first born. Joseph was Jacob's firstborn by the wife he loved, Rachel. Reuben was disqualified from the double portion of the firstborn because of immorality. Joseph's sons will be reckoned as Israel's sons. His tribe will inherit two tribes worth of land in Canaan.

"And Joseph took both of them, Ephraim on his right toward Israel's left hand and Manasseh on his left toward Israel's right hand, and brought them close to him. But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn. Then he blessed Joseph and said, 'May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the Angel who has delivered me from all harm--may he bless these boys. May they be called by my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac,

and may they increase greatly upon the earth” (Genesis 48:13-16). Jacob is placing his name and the names of his fathers, Abraham and Isaac, on these two sons of Joseph. So in Bible terms they will be called by the name of Israel. That is why when the nation split, the northern tribes led by Joseph were called Israel, and the southern tribes led by Judah were called Judah. “When Joseph saw his father placing his right hand on Ephraim’s head he was displeased; so he took hold of his father’s hand to move it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head. Joseph said to him, ‘No, my father, this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head.’ But his father refused and said, ‘I know, my son, I know. He too will become a people, and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations.’ He blessed them that day and said, ‘In your name will Israel pronounce this blessing: ‘May God make you like Ephraim and Manasseh’” (Genesis 48:17-20). So the descendants of Ephraim will be a group of nations and the descendants of Manasseh a single great nation. In Bible prophecy they will be known by the name of Israel. They will also be a tremendous blessing to all twelve tribes, and a blessing to all of the earth.

Later Jacob called all of his sons in to give them a blessing and a prophecy for the last days. “Then Jacob called for his sons and said: “Gather around so I can tell you what will happen to you in days to come”” (Genesis 49:1). The blessing and prophecy over Joseph is the most profound. Some of the blessings on Joseph could only happen in these last days because of the advancement of technology. “Because of your father’s God, who helps you, because of the Almighty, who blesses you with blessings of the heavens above, blessings of the deep that lies below” (Genesis 49:25). Who dominates the aerospace industry? Who has landed men on the moon? Who has commanded military air supremacy in the skies? The United States has been blessed by God with all of that. What about from the “deep?” Who has explored the deepest recesses of the sea? Who pioneered advanced submarine technology? Who dominates deep sea mineral extraction?

Jacob also gave Joseph the blessing of military supremacy over their adversaries. “With bitterness archers attacked him; they shot at him with hostility. But his bow remained steady, his strong arms stayed limber, because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel” (Genesis 49:23-24). God Almighty has kept the House of Joseph strong militarily over the last several centuries. Since 1800, the USA and the UK have held military supremacy over the entire world. None of the advances in technology, agriculture and science would have been possible without the peace and security of the Anglo Saxon dominance. Truly the whole world has been blessed through us. The next clue is to look for a nation and group of nations that have military success, have dominance over the skies, and wealth extraction from the deep.

Moses also gave interesting prophecies concerning the descendants of Israel in the last days. Concerning Joseph he said: “May the LORD bless his land with the precious dew from heaven above and with the deep waters that lie below; with the best the sun brings forth and the finest the moon can yield; with the choicest gifts of the ancient mountains and the fruitfulness of the everlasting hills; with the best gifts of the earth and its fullness and the favor of him who dwelt in the burning bush. Let all these rest on the head of Joseph, let all these rest on the head of Joseph, on the brow of the prince among his brothers. In majesty he is like a firstborn bull; his horns are the horns of a wild ox. With them he will gore the nations, even those at the ends of the earth. Such are the ten thousands of Ephraim; such are the thousands of Manasseh” (Deuteronomy 33:13-17). The combined USA and British Commonwealth possess most of the best, arable, well watered farmland on earth. The USA and Canada at one time produced more than half of the wheat on earth. We literally fed the world. We not only have abundant rainfall, we also are able to tap the deep water underground for irrigation. The Appalachian mountain chain is the oldest on planet earth. Those mountains are full of iron, copper, tin, coal and oil. Most Americans no longer remember, but the first oil rush was in Pennsylvania. Our industrial might was first built on the treasures found in the Appalachian Mountains. In addition our military might has subdued enemies at

the farthest ends of the earth. God has truly blessed our Anglo Saxon peoples more than any other on earth, anytime, or anywhere.

No other nation or group of nations, have ever amassed so much power and wealth in such a short amount of time. No other nation or group of nations, have ever had such success over their enemies, even to the very ends of the earth. We exploded onto the world scene in 1800 and have dominated everything since. If the USA and the UK is not the lost tribe of Joseph, what other nation could fit the prophecies by Jacob and Moses? Only our combination of peoples has ever fit the promises made to the patriarchs. So when we are looking for the USA in Bible prophecy, we are looking for the Northern Tribes, or the House of Joseph, or the House of Ephraim.

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The Time of Jacob's Trouble

The coming Great Tribulation is a time of trouble so severe that it will never be repeated again. Severe trouble has been a part of human existence from the time of Cain and Abel. Earlier prophecy teachers considered both World War I and World War II to be the Great Tribulation. What is coming is going to be much worse. Most readers were taught a seven year Tribulation. The Bible lays out the time of Jacob's Trouble, the Great Tribulation and the Wrath of God on an indeterminate time scale. While linked and related they are not the same thing. The Tribulation is the wrath of satan the adversary against the physical nation of Israel and the church left behind. The Wrath of God is on the nations of the antichrist system, those who martyred the Christians. In this chapter we are going to look at the Time of Jacob's Trouble. The Great Tribulation has two parts which overlap. The first is the Time of Jacob's Trouble. It begins with God punishing Israel for our sins.

The Webster Dictionary defines the word tribulation to mean severe affliction, deep sorrow, or acute trial. Why would our Loving God allow such awful trouble upon the inhabitants of planet earth? Because we refuse to acknowledge His existence; we refuse to obey His Word; and we have committed, and continue to commit, every form of wickedness right in His very face. Humans have earned the coming judgment of God. Every human being must repent of their wickedness, accept Jesus Christ as Savior; and then turn away from those things which God designates as sin in order to be rescued. One of the main transgressions that God abhors is Torah-less-ness. Torah-less-ness is especially evil because, when we refuse to acknowledge our transgressions of the Torah as sin, then we cannot repent of our sins. When we do not repent of our sins, we cannot be saved.

There is a coming time of trouble for the whole House of Israel. This includes our Jewish friends as well as the twelve tribes of Israel that have become "lost" to history. God said that the people of Israel would never cease to be a people before Him. "This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its

waves roar--the LORD Almighty is his name: 'Only if these decrees vanish from my sight,' declares the LORD, 'will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before me.' This is what the LORD says: 'Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done,' declares the LORD" (Jeremiah 31:35-37). So in addition to our Jewish brethren, the "lost" tribes continue to be nations before God. As a result, this time of trouble will include all twelve tribes of Israel. For more information on the "lost tribes" see Steven Collins book: The "Lost" Tribes of Israel.. . Found! This book is printed by CPA Book Publisher, PO Box 596, Boring, Oregon 97009, (503) 668-4977. Please obtain this book, it is thoroughly researched, well documented, and well written.

For the people of the former northern tribes of Israel, a terrible time is coming to turn the people of Israel back to their God. This time will precede the revealing of the antichrist, it is likely has already have started. "These are the words the LORD spoke concerning Israel and Judah: 'This is what the LORD says: Cries of fear are heard--terror, not peace. Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale? How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it'" (Jeremiah 30:4-7). God always deals with His people first before He punishes the wicked. These verses from Jeremiah predict the Time of Jacob's trouble for the whole House of Israel, not only the Jewish people. Many Christians, who live in these great nations of the earth long for the return of the Lord to gather the Saints. However, many of them do not know their prophetic identity as the lost house of Israel, and thus many of them are not ready for His return. They have a form of godliness but have denied the power thereof. We must return to the pure religion of the True God. The true religion was practiced so very long ago that we do not even remember what God told us to do with our lives. The lost nations of Israel must return to God very soon. If the lost need to return to God, how much more important is it for believers to return to God?

Leviticus 26 is the defining prophecy for the time of Jacob's Trouble. The nations comprising the lost tribes of Israel must still obey God; and in fact, every Believer regardless of nationality, must obey God. So this chapter applies to every Christian, whether Israelite or not, because God will purify His people before the Rescue. We have a clear,

sober choice to “get” ready or, we will be “made” ready through trial. “But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, then I will do this to you: I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and drain away your life. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it. I will set my face against you so that you will be defeated by your enemies; those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee even when no one is pursuing you. If after all this you will not listen to me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over. I will break down your stubborn pride and make the sky above you like iron and the ground beneath you like bronze. Your strength will be spent in vain, because your soil will not yield its crops, nor will the trees of the land yield their fruit. If you remain hostile toward me and refuse to listen to me, I will multiply your afflictions seven times over, as your sins deserve” (Leviticus 26:14-21). These punishments are the things that God is going to do in order to bring His people and Israel back to their God. In fact, the “sudden terror” has already occurred with the attack of 9/11, and the subsequent war on terror. The “wasting diseases” have started with cancer epidemics, the return of tuberculosis and the Covid-19 Pandemic. The periods of drought mentioned in verse 19 have also begun. These things are just the beginnings of this prophecy that would turn people back to the God of Israel. The near future will be no different than the distant past, so turn today!

In 2004 we had four Hurricanes of especially destructive force, and again in 2005 we had three even more powerful than the previous four in 2004. In all, we had seven Hurricanes that wreaked havoc on our shores. “If after all this you will not listen to me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over. I will break down your stubborn pride and make the sky above you like iron and the ground beneath you like bronze. Your strength will be spent in vain, because your soil will not yield its crops, nor will the trees of the land yield their fruit” (Leviticus 26:18-20). Have we been punished seven times? Did we listen and heed the voice of God? In the 2020’s we have had many catastrophic Hurricanes. Did we heed the voice of God? Many now think that God does not influence the weather. How can we repent, when we won’t acknowledge correction?

In 2007 we had the worst drought and heat wave since the dust bowl of the 1930’s. Throughout the ’20’s California has experienced

both, drought in the summer and flooding rains in the winter. Over '23 much of this country was in severe drought. With our sky like iron and our ground like bronze, did we listen and heed the voice of God? Are we ready to return to the God of Israel, the God of our Fathers, and serve Him? In 2009 the US government cut off the water to a very large swath of land in California on which a very large portion of our fruit trees were cultivated. In 2006 and 2007 we had freak freezes late in the spring season that blasted the buds off of our fruit trees and dramatically reduced the fresh fruit production in the United States. Over the past several years Texas has suffered diseases in its Grapefruit trees and Florida in its Orange trees severely limiting fruit production from these two very important states. Are we listening to God, or do we need even more punishment to get our attention? What will it take to wake our people up to our common need to serve God?

Our nation has turned away from the God of Israel and we are suffering the consequences for it. "You have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob. They are full of superstitions from the East; they practice divination like the Philistines and clasp hands with pagans. Their land is full of silver and gold; there is no end to their treasures. Their land is full of horses; there is no end to their chariots. Their land is full of idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their fingers have made. So man will be brought low and mankind humbled--do not forgive them. Go into the rocks, hide in the ground from dread of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty!" (Isaiah 2:6-10). Once, we were a "Christian" nation, but no more. Religions from the east are becoming prevalent. From New Age to Buddhism, our young people are forsaking Christianity. The more wealthy our nation becomes, the more that we turn away from Christ. We have an urgent need to put away idolatry and return to the God of Israel. "See now, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, is about to take from Jerusalem and Judah both supply and support: all supplies of food and all supplies of water, the hero and warrior, the judge and prophet, the soothsayer and elder, the captain of fifty and man of rank, the counselor, skilled craftsman and clever enchanter" (Isaiah 3:1-3). It doesn't just seem like our leaders are incompetent. The Lord has said that because of our sin, that He would take away competent leaders. When the people who are running our country don't know what they are doing, then how will we survive?

There will be a remnant within the Christian church, who will return to the Lord. It is my hope in writing this that you will be a part of that remnant. "Bind up the testimony and seal up the law among my

disciples. I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob. I will put my trust in him. Here am I, and the children the LORD has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the LORD Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion” (Isaiah 8:16-18). We must seal up God’s law among those who hold the testimony of Jesus. We must wait for the Rescue of the Saints, because the Lord had turned His face from the rest of our countrymen. “So the LORD will cut off from Israel both head and tail, both palm branch and reed in a single day; the elders and prominent men are the head, the prophets who teach lies are the tail. Those who guide this people mislead them, and those who are guided are led astray. Therefore the Lord will take no pleasure in the young men, nor will he pity the fatherless and widows, for everyone is ungodly and wicked, every mouth speaks vileness” (Isaiah 9:14-17). This will progress until the Lord brings the Day of the Lord which concerns the punishment of Israel.

The term “Day of the Lord” is used for several events; one of them is for the crisis at the close of the Time of Jacob’s Trouble. I quoted Jeremiah concerning the hands of strong men on their stomach like women in the travail of childbirth. The prophet Amos goes into more detail. “Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light--pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?” (Amos 5:18-20). Those animals are not randomly chosen. They correspond to the beasts of Daniel 7. After God has used the punishments from Leviticus 26 to bring us to repentance, He will punish us with the four beasts of Daniel 7. A better description of these beasts is in the chapter on them. The Lion is the false religion being propagated right in our very faces. Its constituent parts are the new green movement requiring penance, woke ideology with all of its attendant parts, transgender-ism with the confusion of gender roles and sexuality, and the rise of paganism with the demon possession of adherents. These forces are already at work within our precious United States and they are tearing apart the fabric of our nation.

A time is very near when the four great beasts will be released from the “great sea” and God will begin the destruction of our nation. “I will send wild animals against you, and they will rob you of your children, destroy your cattle and make you so few in number that your roads will be deserted” (Leviticus 26:22). Are the four beasts

of Daniel 7 the wild beasts that God sends to rob us of our children? Is that why the transgender movement is focusing so intensely on our children to destroy their sexuality? Why sexualize children? For a certainty, the Almighty will release these beasts to punish us for such grievous sins.

The first beast from Daniel 7 is the Lion. As we wrote, the lion corresponds to the deceptive, false religion. "You have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob. They are full of superstitions from the East; they practice divination like the Philistines and clasp hands with pagans" (Isaiah 2:6). Paganism is making a big comeback in the USA/UK. Witchcraft is the fastest growing religion in the USA. And, they are involved with this new "green" religion. Environmentalism is overtaking our governing our officials. They are issuing regulations on every part of American life, even taking away modern appliances in the name of climate change. They are closing electrical power plants of every kind, coal, nuclear and even natural gas. At the same time they are requiring electric appliances, cars and even home heating. Notwithstanding that electric appliances many times are not as efficient as those they replace. This combination of restricting supply and increasing demand, will crash our electrical grid. Various kinds of "social justice" are requiring open discrimination among our citizens contrary to U.S. law. This is fueling social unrest. Aberrant sexual conduct is now being openly displayed not only in our big cities, but also on TV. "The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! They have brought disaster upon themselves" (Isaiah 3:9). Pride parades are now ubiquitous, complete with the deviant behavior to go with it.

The second animal from Amos 5 is the bear. Could this correspond to the many prosecuting attorneys who refuse to prosecute murder, but viciously prosecute self defense? Will law enforcement be turned more intensely against the law abiding citizens who defend themselves from demon drive people intent on murdering them? Will they at the same time, release the murderers and would be murderers without bail? "I will make boys their officials; mere children will govern them. People will oppress each other--man against man, neighbor against neighbor. The young will rise up against the old,

the base against the honorable.” (Isaiah 3:4-5). There is an alarming increase among the youth in our cities to kill older people in broad daylight. “Youths oppress my people, women rule over them. O my people, your guides lead you astray; they turn you from the path” (Isaiah 3:12). They do it, because they know that they won’t face prosecution.

Lack of law enforcement now extends to the southern U.S. border. Rather than catch and deport, the border patrol is assigned to process, then pay the illegal’s to travel anywhere in the country. “The alien who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower. He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him. He will be the head, but you will be the tail” (Deuteronomy 28:43-44). Human trafficking is rampant along with drug smuggling.

The flood of fentanyl is astounding. “The LORD will afflict you with madness, blindness and confusion of mind. At midday you will grope about like a blind man in the dark. You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no one to rescue you” (Deuteronomy 28:28-29). Fentanyl is now being incorporated into many other products causing many deaths. Drug use is also fueling our violence epidemic, and the violence epidemic is fueling more drug use. This is a death spiral.

The third beast in Daniel 7 is the leopard. The leopard is given authority, the Aramaic word is sholtan. The Biden Administration is trying to force farmers to use all electric farming equipment. Even though, the battery life is too short for use in planting and harvesting. Even then, the charging times for this equipment can stretch more than 12 hours. “You will sow much seed in the field but you will harvest little, because locusts will devour it. You will plant vineyards and cultivate them but you will not drink the wine or gather the grapes, because worms will eat them. You will have olive trees throughout your country but you will not use the oil, because the olives will drop off” (Deuteronomy 28:38-40). The Biden Administration is also working to restrict the use of natural gas to produce chemical fertilizer. Without fertilizer, pesticides and irrigation we

will starve. This is famine imposed by authority, even though the officials doing this do not have the Constitutional authority to impose this.

Modern medicine is based on pharmaceuticals. Ethical drugs are made from natural gas or petroleum. The hydrocarbons in petroleum are easily manipulated into the molecules required for medicine; in the same way that they are used to make fertilizer. Without Petroleum, modern medicine is not possible. Without an abundant, stable supply of electricity and potable water, modern medicine is not possible. In addition, a large segment of our population is reliant on antibiotics. Even now in relatively good times medically, all cause mortality is rising. What would happen if we shut down the electrical grid? What about when we overwhelm the electrical system with too much demand and restricted supply? What about when we restrict the use of petroleum for medicine, backup generators and fertilizer? This is a recipe for pestilence. “But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, then I will do this to you: I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and drain away your life” (Leviticus 26:14-16a). God is very straight forward in this passage that we must keep His law or we will perish.

The time of Jacob’s Trouble is for the people of the United States as well as our brethren in the United Kingdom. Instead of praising God for our greatness and blessings, we are turning to sin on a scale unimaginable until only a few years ago. We will not sin like this in the very face of the Almighty God and continue to enjoy God’s blessings. As we are turning from God, God has begun to bring the promised punishments. As previously mentioned, the pivotal prophecies for the punishment of the tribes of Israel are found in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. In fact, all of the other prophecies concerning the punishment of Israel fit into the outline of Leviticus 26. “After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast--terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had

large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.” “Then I wanted to know the true meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws--the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left” (Daniel 7:7, 19). It is my humble opinion that the fourth beast of Daniel 7 brings the military destruction of the House of Joseph and our subsequent captivity in Europe.

Could the horns on the fourth beast be the same as the ones shown to the prophet Zechariah? “Then I looked up--and there before me were four horns! I asked the angel who was speaking to me, ‘What are these?’ He answered me, ‘These are the horns that scattered Judah, Israel and Jerusalem’” (Zechariah 1:18-19). The horns are some type of angelic entity (likely demonic) that tears down Israel. Further the angel explains: “These are the horns that scattered Judah so that no one could raise his head” (Zechariah 1:21). Could these horns be the same as those shown to the prophet Daniel? Could the ten horns on the fourth beast be the demonic powers to tear down the House of Israel at the close of Jacob’s Trouble?

The antichrist is being held back, but what is holding the antichrist back: the military force of the US and UK. These two nations stop tyrants all over the world. The US and the UK will have to be removed from military superiority before the antichrist can be revealed and take power. How will we be removed? God will punish us for our sins against Him, and we will not recover militarily. “‘Now then, I will crush you as a cart crushes when loaded with grain. The swift will not escape, the strong will not muster their strength, and the warrior will not save his life. The archer will not stand his ground, the fleet-footed soldier will not get away, and the horseman will not save his life. Even the bravest warriors will flee naked on that day,’ declares the LORD” (Amos 2:13-16). Even in the original thirteen colonies, we did a lot better job of keeping God’s Commandments than we do now. We have seen sudden terror, and unfortunately I think that we are about to see more. The problem is not with our enemies; the problem is in our pulpits. We are not teaching

people to turn away from sin. As the ministers of Almighty God, we have to teach the people from the Law of God. This is a theological problem, and a theological problem which will destroy our nation if we do not return to the Lord.

Remember, by the words of Jacob patriarch of Israel, that Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh bear his name. When we look at the prophets, the name Israel refers to the descendants of the two sons of Joseph, while the Jewish people are known by the name of Judah. God said something interesting about Israel and Judah in these last days: "Then the LORD said to Hosea, 'Call her Lo-Ruhamah, for I will no longer show love to the house of Israel, that I should at all forgive them. Yet I will show love to the house of Judah; and I will save them--not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but by the LORD their God'" (Hosea 1:6-7). The northern tribes of Israel, lost to history, will be rejected, but Judah, the southern tribes, will be saved by the Lord.

We currently know Judah by their national name of the State of Israel. God loves the Jewish people and He will save them, but for those of us who belong to the "lost" tribes He is going to withhold His love. Why, because we have rejected His Law. In every church in America, we say that the Law of God is "done away," and then to keep some semblance of moral decency we establish our own man made rules. What is wrong with the God made rules? At the same time, a remnant will be saved out of the "lost" tribes. "In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God'" (Hosea 10b). People will hear and heed the warnings, and a remnant will return to their Hebrew Roots. These people love God, want to serve Him, and are willing to obey God rather than church leaders who reject the Law of God. Attach yourself to the Living God, live by His Laws, be filled with His Spirit, honor the sacrifice of His Son, and join yourself to this remnant. The Rescue of the Saints is not some imaginary event; it is the very real deliverance of the people of God from the very real coming catastrophe. As these prophesied events become reality, we are going to need a very real rescue from disaster. For more information on the coming Rescue of the Saints, order our book *Come Away With*

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The church in the English speaking world needs to wake up and get real with God. We have been playing church for entirely too long. We have absorbed too much of the decadence from our societies into our lives and into our churches. We are no longer aware of the rising tide of sin and wickedness sweeping through our nations. God says that we will need rescue by Him. “Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me” (Hosea 5:15). We do not want to admit guilt in the modern Christian Church. We think that we are all just fine, even though we break God’s Commandments every day, we totally reject His Sabbath, most of us have never even heard of the Holy Days, and we eat everything that God calls an abomination. “Pastor Shults, isn’t that a little over the top? Isn’t that legalistic?” you might ask. Legalism is the making and the enforcing of manmade rules in the place of God’s rules, and libertinism is the neglect of God’s rules.

God’s rules are not a burden, they are a blessing. It is a blessing to live His way of life, and rejecting the rules that God has made brings misery and ruin. “My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6). He is not talking about a lack of education because we have more knowledge now than ever before. He is talking about His Law, which we have totally forgotten at best, and rejected at worst. The verse continues: “because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children” (Hosea 4:6). We have to stop seeking the hand of God and start seeking the face of God; we have to admit our guilt before Him. We have filled our churches with all the trappings of paganism and ignored the things of God. We love to lift up our hands and tell him that we love him while we live a way of life that He abhors (a strong term, but it is not my term, it is His). We must repent; which in Hebrew thinking means return to God and live right. We need to seek His face in worship and not beg Him for our next car payment. Only when we earnestly seek Him, willing to do whatever He says, when we will acknowledge Him as God, and when we obey Him, will He rescue us. Why not make that change today?

Our churches should be alive with people turning to God and living right before Him. We need to reach out to sinners, especially as the times grow dark. But sinners need to make the change to godliness, and the godly do not need to take up sinning. Where is the power of the Holy Spirit in the church today? The Holy Spirit is the key to living by the Laws of God because with God’s Spirit we can live by

“every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Rather, we take the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and turn it into a license to break all of God’s Laws. Grace is not a license to do as you please, but it is the power to overcome sin. “Put the trumpet to your lips! An eagle is over the house of the LORD because the people have broken my covenant and rebelled against my law. Israel cries out to me, ‘O our God, we acknowledge you!’ But Israel has rejected what is good; an enemy will pursue him” (Hosea 8:1-3). We are a very religious people, but we need a very close relationship with the True God instead of empty religion. God demands that we live right before Him. His Laws are not hard, they are easy. We need to let Him be God, and we need to be content with being His people.

We are so far removed from what is right that we have a hard time even considering a return to God and His Law. The death of Jesus Christ paid for your transgressions, and His grace will cover your mistakes. At the same time, we have to return to Him and obey Him. By promoting the Law of God, a constant theme in the Holy Scriptures, many of you may think that I am in a cult. Obeying God does not make anyone a part of a cult because it is the duty of every Christian. “I wrote for them the many things of my law, but they regarded them as something alien” (Hosea 8:12). Many openly consider living right because we love God, as something strange; it is, however, the main theme of the Bible.

Many openly confess that Jesus saved them from sin, yet remain ensnared by sin. Why is there such a sin problem in the church? Because we refuse to acknowledge what sin is--transgression of the law. “Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4). The Greek words in the passage for law and lawlessness, *nomos* and *anomia*, confirm that John is referring to sin as Torah-less-ness or transgression of God’s law. Do you see how far away from God that we are? The move to the Hebrew Roots that so many brethren are experiencing in the Spirit is so much more than a few Hebrew worship tools because it signifies the return to God. I think that it is necessary for the church to return to the Torah in order to be rescued. We must be Torah observant and Spirit filled. The Time of Jacob’s Trouble is intended to bring us back to God and His Torah, which we have largely forsaken.

The Four Great Beasts of Daniel Seven

We look at Daniel chapter seven the same as we look at the whole Bible; that it's all about people. Well, it's not all about people. It's about people and the fallen angels and the righteous angels. Daniel was written about 530 B.C. The Neo-Babylonian Empire was just about finished. Daniel chapter 7 was written during the reign of Belshazzar, who will die in the Persian invasion. Why would God give Daniel a vision concerning the future starting with Babylon? After its destruction by the Persians, Babylon will never again be an empire. I have concluded that the vision is both multi-dimensional and futuristic; and that the vision concerns the fallen angelic kingdoms (governments). These fallen angels influence human beings to a large extent through sorcery, zeitgeist and occasional interventions. All of the visions fit loosely, but not precisely with human history. That begs the question: just how influenced are human beings by fallen angels? How big a role do they play in the affairs of men?

After careful review over many years, I no longer think that any comparison can be made with the four beasts in Daniel chapter 7 and the ancient empires in the Middle East. Daniel was told by the angel who gave him what little interpretation that we have, that the vision was for the time of the end. "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end" (Daniel 12:9). We are near that time, or has it already begun? The four beasts and the Kingdoms that they represent concerns the time directly in front of us. The four great beasts of Daniel 7 emerge from the sea. Why were these fallen angelic kingdoms in the sea? Were they out of the sea in the ancient past? If so, who put them into the sea? And, when would they have been put there? Was the historical similarity with those past human kingdoms because the ancient fallen angelic kingdoms were influencing them? All of those human kingdoms were pagans who worshiped demons (fallen angels). "No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons" (1 Corinthians 10:20).

On careful review, I have found amazing Bible evidence to show that many of these verses apply to the ancient angelic realm; some with multiple applications. I think this is also true of Daniel chapter 7. The images seem to concern the fallen angelic realm which has imperfect influence over the nations of people. And, they seem to have recurring fulfillments in part throughout our history. This

would suggest an influence among human beings that is more consistent over time. For example the first beast to come out of the sea is a lion. If this is Babylon and nothing else, then why give it at the end of the Babylonian Empire? As the kingdoms of this world continue on, why would the Lion theme keep recurring, such as during the reign of Charlemagne among others? Even though the match is not precise, the similarity is there. There seems to be an application, but not necessarily fulfillment.

We open up the vision in Daniel 7 with the churning of the great sea. “Daniel said: ‘In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea’” (Daniel 7:2). What is this churning of the sea? Formerly we took the sea to mean the sea of people, I no longer think that fits. In the NIV Commentary on the book of Jonah, they relate the churning of the sea to the chaos that prevailed before mankind. In Genesis 1:1 God created everything perfectly. In Genesis 1:2 it is all waste and confusion (Hebrew *tohu* and *bohu*). The pagans related the order that often prevails to the intervention of pagan gods. However, chaos could erupt at any time, especially in the ocean. In all of those times when the True and Living God intervenes to control the seas, it is not about the waves, it seems to be His demonstration of power over the pagan gods, or in our case His power over the fallen angels.

In the study on Hellel, I came across this verse: “they will bring you down to the pit, and you will die a violent death in the heart of the seas” (Ezekiel 28:8). Were the fallen angels imprisoned in the sea? It seems that way. If that is true, then is this churning of the sea the releasing of fallen angels to influence mankind at God’s command? The four winds of heaven seem to be controlled by four angels specifically devoted to this purpose. “After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree” (Revelation 7:1). Jesus referred to the four angels this way: “and he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other” (Matthew 24:31). In Daniel’s vision, were the four angels with charge of the four winds, sent to churn up the sea to release these demonic beasts from their lair in the sea? Four beasts come out of the sea, the winged lion, a bear, a winged four headed leopard and a great and terrible beast with ten horns, large iron teeth and bronze claws.

In the past we equated these as a replay of the Statue seen by Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 2, but is this correct? In the past we equated

the great and terrible beast with the beast in Revelation 13 and also the beast in Revelation 17. But are these in fact all one and the same beast? In the book, What Comes Next, I think that I made a pretty fair case to separate the beast of Revelation 17 from all others. Then is the great and terrible beast the same as the beast in Revelation 13?

There is an interesting verse in Amos, which predates the Vision given to Daniel. “Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him” (Amos 5:18-19). Why a Lion and a Bear? Is this not a reference to the four beasts shown coming out of the sea in Daniel 7? The key to understanding the references to the devil and the fallen angelic realm is the snake. The devil is associated with the snake right from the beginning in Genesis 3. The Hebrew word is nachash and it means snake, but by extension the mythical creature of chaos opposed to God. Could this verse mean, first I will send the Lion, then the Bear and finally Nachash to destroy the Israelite nation? Even though this occurred in the past to the Northern Kingdom of Israel, could this prophecy also apply to the future for the USA? While the book of Amos had applications to the ancient nation of Israel; I believe that Amos was written primarily for the USA in our time.

The Lion was used by God to describe a destroyer of nations. “A lion has come out of his lair; a destroyer of nations has set out. He has left his place to lay waste your land. Your towns will lie in ruins without inhabitant” (Jeremiah 4:7). This reference has an application to Babylon. Could it be a direct reference to the demon spirit that was driving the ancient human kingdom of Babylon? The Babylonians like all of the ancient kingdoms were pagan. Maybe even a great many of them were demon possessed. That would mean the people were greatly influenced by their demonic masters.

It is easy to look at the Babylonian, Persian and Grecian conquests of the Israelites and apply that history to the vision of Daniel 7. And, it fits to some degree, but there is more. It is the inconsistencies, which push us to dig deeper. The more that we dig, the more that we find. In a reference about looking to Egypt for help against the Babylonians, God says: “But the Egyptians are men and not God; their horses are flesh and not spirit” (Isaiah 31:3). The Babylonians are not just coming against Judah with the armies of mere men; but also with the armies of the great Lion, the demonic authority behind the Babylonians. In Jeremiah God says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in

man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD” (Jeremiah 17:5). In a spiritual battle, only the Lord God of Israel can deliver us from trouble. Our “horses are flesh and not spirit.” When these four beasts come out of the sea, it takes the power of the True and Living God to prevail over them. Isn’t that the message of the whole Bible? Trust God?

The second beast to come out of the sea is a bear. There are very few references to a bear in Scripture. One of them was the passage in Amos concerning the lion, bear and snake. “And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, ‘Get up and eat your fill of flesh!’” (Daniel 7:5). Is this second beast focused on mass death? Have we not endured many of these throughout human history? We think of this in the distant past, but how about in modern times? The killing fields of Cambodia in the 1970’s quickly come to mind.

In a psalm after the fall of Jerusalem, Asaph sings: “O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple, they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble. They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food to the birds of the air, the flesh of your saints to the beasts of the earth” (Psalm 79:1-2). Is this the “get up and eat your fill of flesh?” The prophet Amos would agree. “In that day, declares the Sovereign LORD, the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. Many, many bodies--flung everywhere! Silence! (Amos 8:3). These horrible things did occur to the ancients in times past. Amos in particular is a Prophet for the USA right now. Are these the kinds of things in our prophetic future?

The third beast to come out of the sea is a leopard. “After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule” (Daniel 7:6). The only thing said about this beast is that it “was given authority to rule.” Does Paul’s writing in Ephesians 6 apply with authorities listed as demonic powers? We associated this beast with Alexander the Great because leopards are fast and with four heads it seemed to fit the dividing of Alexander’s empire into four parts after his death. But, does it fit? The Hellenistic empire overran the ancient world, but never held authority over it the way either the Romans would, or the Persians did. The four parts fought constantly with one another.

The word Daniel used for beasts is the Aramaic word *cheeva* GK #10263. It can mean an animal, but it can also mean the figurative creatures of visions and parables.²⁸ Cheeva can be an animal that you

might see at the zoo, but it can also refer to those mythological creatures that so haunted the ancient mind. Or, could we say that paganism was so rampant and active, that those mythological creatures actually did things to them. It was an interesting study when I looked up the uses of *cheeva* for “beasts.” First question that comes to mind is how many of these uses have a “sod,” or spiritual interpretation which refer to demonic powers?

Daniel 7 opens with the sea churning in chaos from the four winds of heaven and then four “great” beasts come out. Elsewhere in the Bible the four winds are controlled by four angels assigned to this purpose. Where these demonic “beasts” released by God Almighty by the efforts of these four angels? In times past we said that the sea represented the peoples of the ancient near east. We further went on to say that the four “beasts” represented four empires of people. There might be an application of what these beasts represent in human empires in various times. Nonetheless, it does not seem that human empires are beasts, either literal, or figurative. This vision does not seem to be a replay of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream in Daniel 2. Daniel’s visions are for the “end time” in Hebrew it is “*et qetz*” or the last boundary. In the opening of this vision God Almighty is stirring up the chaos of the sea to release these demonic beasts. At this writing I am not sure if it has begun, if not we are very close. It has been a very long time since western civilization has faced widespread demonic oppression. That is what is coming next. In Dan 7:11-12 the great and terrible beast is slain and thrown into the Lake of Fire, while the other beasts are allowed to live for a time. This would be hard to explain if the beasts were human governments.

The Aramaic word for beasts in Dan 7 is “*cheeva*.” The Hebrew version of that word is “*chayah*.” Both are used interchangeably for literal animals and figurative animals. Over the history of the Israelites many of them were pagans who worshiped idols. How much of the pagan mythology permeated their thinking and thus their world? Is there a “sod” level interpretation for many of the uses of the words *cheeva* and *chayah*? I think that there is. We have focused way too much on the human applications and misapplications, and completely neglected the spirit, or angelic realm all around us.

When we come to the use of beasts, wild beasts, etc., how many of these references are to demon elements? How many of them roamed their land? “I will remove savage beasts from the land” (Leviticus 26:6). With so much idolatry on the part of the Israelites, did they ever rid their land of these “beasts.” The Canaanites were notorious for their wickedness and witchcraft. With these kinds of demonic

practices in Canaan, was the land infested with demonic savage beasts? In Lev 26:6 God promises to rid the land of “*chayah*,” was this a reference to the demons infesting Canaan? Did these beasts have a role to play in turning the Children of Israel to idolatry from the true worship of the Living God?

King David was a man full of the Spirit of God; he was not willing to back down before pagan idolaters. David lived in a time when pagan mythology was reality, oftentimes even among his compatriot Israelites. “This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel” (1 Sam 17:46). It is my opinion that David speaking by the Spirit of God pronounced God’s judgment on the Philistine gods. Witchcraft and demonic possession were widely practiced by the Philistines, did the killing of the Canaanites return their demons to incarceration in the sea, or maybe the abyss? David clearly says that the “whole world will know” there is a God in Israel. This would include the demons who infested every nation of people on earth. Does it also include the “beasts of the earth?” The beasts of Daniel 7 are said to come up from the sea, but also that they rise from the earth. Were these “beasts” out roaming the earth and stirring up trouble in the time of David son of Jesse? Are these beasts so haughty, that even after God defeated them, they still need reminding?

These demonic elements affected the ancient world, as they have affected every human world since. Affect is not dominance. What we consider to be mythology, was reality in the ancient world. Paganism with its attendant witchcraft, sorcery, idolatry, drugs and lewd conduct was the dominant religion in ancient times. This is what is coming next. Daniel sees these pagan, demonic elements returning in the end times. They are given authority to rule. “The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth” (Daniel 7:17). The Hebrew word for kingdoms is *melek*, which can mean kingdom, but can also mean authority to rule. Are these rulers of men human, demonic, or both? Do they come up from the sea and rule consecutively or concurrently? After careful study, I have concluded that they come out of the sea to rule concurrently. And, that they are demonic and will destroy the nations of Israel. I have concluded that these four demonic kingdoms are the lion, bear and snake of Amos 5:19. I have concluded that the four beasts of Daniel 7 inflict the Time of Jacob’s Trouble on the nations of Israel, then the Tribulation against Christians not rescued.

Who is the Woman in Revelation 12?

In Revelation chapter 12 we are introduced to an allegory about a woman and a dragon. The woman seems to have a Pre-Christ past and a post-advent future. The “great and wondrous” sign is an astronomical sign, which means that it appears in the patterns of stars as they appear from the earth. “A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head” (Revelation 12:1). The sign of the woman is the sign of Virgo. The signs of the Zodiac were anciently used to mark the year.

The ancient calendars were lunar, which means that they are either longer, or shorter than the 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ day solar calendar. The ancients used the “celestial” calendar to keep their lunar calendar on track. Virgo is in the “sun” in the early fall, often corresponding to September on our modern calendar. When the moon is under her feet, the moon is in the new moon phase, or the first crescent. On the Hebrew calendar this would mark the first day of Tishri, also known as the Day of Trumpets, or Rosh ha Shannah. For keepers of the Jewish Holy Days this is obvious. When Virgo is in the sun, Leo is over her head, Leo is the past month, while Virgo would be the current month. Leo is always over her head. But, Leo only has nine stars. In order to get 12 stars in Leo, three planets have to be seen in the constellation. On September 23, 2017 three planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars, lined up in the constellation Leo to make 12 stars.

The sign in the heavens continues: “She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth” (Revelation 12:2). Prior to the 23rd of September 2017, Jupiter was in a retrograde motion circling in the vicinity of her “womb” for the 42 weeks of a pregnancy. The sign in the heaven continues: She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne” (Revelation 12:5). The astronomical sign in the heavens which marked the birth of Messiah was the conjunction of the planet Jupiter and the star Regulus in Leo during the month of Virgo. Does the movement of Jupiter in the “womb” of Virgo represent the birth of Messiah? And if so,

why in 2017, nearly 2000 years after His death? The child is to “rule all the nations with an iron scepter,” this is a prophecy of the Messiah’s rule over the earth. Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven to wait until His enemies be made His footstool. So it is reasonable to infer that the child from the heavenly sign is the Messiah. Again, why is the sign in 2017 and what could that mean for us? What could possibly be “birthed” in 2017 concerning the Messiah and/or His people in 2017? Could this be a marker for the beginning of the birth pangs described in Matthew 24:8?

If those are not enough mysteries, the sign continues: “The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days” (Revelation 12:6). 1260 days is 3 ½ prophetic 360 day years. There are several references to 1260 days, 42 months or time, times and half a time, all of which are 1260 days or 3 ½ prophetic years. In the past we mixed and matched these as we thought best. Nonetheless, the last blood moon tetrad started on Passover in April 2014, 3 ½ years prior to this sign in the heavens.

1260 days is used in the passage above for the Woman and it is also used for the two witnesses. “I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days” (Revelation 11:3). Does this mean that the time the woman flees from the dragon is during the time the two witnesses prophesy? Many prophecies are fulfilled in the past in parts, but not in their entirety. Could the future fulfillment of these two verses happen simultaneously? Are the various references to 3 ½ years interchangeable? Or, do they have to be applied “as written?”

With whom is the woman pregnant? In the vision it seems to be Messiah “snatched up to God and to his throne.” In the astronomical sign is it Messiah, or is it the Righteous of God ready for Rescue? The Messiah was snatched up to the throne of God in the early ‘30’s AD. Could it be that the sign in 2017 is signaling the development and readiness of something or someone else? Could this sign in the Heavens be for a righteous people of God, who are being made ready for Rescue from the Great Tribulation? We are looking into a spir-

itual vision and trying to apply it to events in this natural world. Things in the spirit realm fit only in parts in the natural realm, they often do not fit in their entirety. Jesus Christ chose to make His investiture into flesh within the righteous people of God. The righteous people of God are also the people with whom He will marry.

The Apostle Paul clearly understood that Jesus would marry His Church. “I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him” (1 Corinthians 11:2). The Apostle John also called the Church a Lady. “To the chosen lady and her children” (2 John 1:1). The phrase “and her children” could relate back to the Woman of Revelation 12, because in Revelation 12:17 she has children.

In the study of Hebrew letters, each one has a story. Aleph represents Elohim. Aleph is the first letter of the name Elohim. The original symbol for Aleph was the ox head, and oxen were sacrificed to Elohim. Tsadhe looks like a person on their knees with hands held up in worship. Tsadhe is the first letter in nearly every Hebrew word for Righteous. On further study about the letter Tsadhe, it is taught that Tsadhe is the Bride of Aleph. Are the Righteous of God the Bride of Christ? Does the sign in the heavens from a spiritual vision given to Apostle John, represent the Bride of Christ, the Righteous of God? This is not only a likely meaning, it is likely a probable meaning.

In the heavenly vision, the dragon wants to devour the male child. After the child is caught up into heaven, the woman flees into the wilderness for 1260 days. The Greek for “taken care of” implies nurturing. A remote place to which the Woman flees provides her with nourishment for 1260 days. Could this prophecy be dual? Could there be a 1260 days protection from the various “beast” governments for 1260 years as the Sabbath churches have taught for centuries? And also a 1260 days of protection in our near future?

If we apply the 1260 days, 42 months and time, times and half a time, as written and not interchangeably, then the possible second fulfillment would seem likely to occur during the time of the two witnesses. “And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they

will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth” (Revelation 11:3). These are the only two places in the NIV, where 1260 days are used. Does the Woman flee to a “place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days” (Revelation 12:6), during the time when the two witnesses prophesy? Is this why John was instructed to measure the Temple and count the worshipers? “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there” (Revelation 11:1). Every reference to the Temple of God in the book of Revelation refers to the Temple of God in Heaven. Can human worshipers be counted in Heaven?

Yes, worship by human beings on earth is a spiritual experience, which is simultaneously in Heaven, while it is on earth. Are these earthly worshipers counted in Heaven a part of the Woman of Revelation 12? I think so. These worshipers are counted just prior to the revealing of the two witnesses. Could the sign in the Heavens be symbolic of that counting? Could the astronomical sign of Jupiter in the “womb” of Virgo be the counting?


In the book Come Away With Me, we wrote extensively about the coming Rescue of the Saints. In doing the Bible study for this book, I came across a curious phrase in Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. “To be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ” (Ephesians 1:10). This term for bringing all things together under one head is an accounting term, relating to summing up a column of figures. In modern terms, we use a ten key calculator and “run a tape.” The Righteous of God, those in Heaven and those still on earth are being counted. Is this the counting from Revelation 11? Did this counting occur during the “gestation” period in 2017? Are we now waiting for the revelation of the two witnesses?

The vision of John continues with war in heaven. Michael the great arch angel of God hurls the dragon down to earth. Once on earth, the dragon pursues the woman, who is then given the wings of a great eagle to fly to another place “out of the serpent’s reach.” This time the woman is protected for a time, times and half a time. This term is only used three times. The other two are in the book of Daniel. The first time is in Daniel 7:25⁴ “He will speak against the Most

High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time” (Daniel 7:25). As you study the Rescue of the Saints, over and over again, it comes down to a subset of Saints getting rescued, while most of the Saints are handed over to the beast.

In the vision from Revelation 12 the Woman is protected, but here in Daniel, the Saints are handed over. The debate has raged for some time, “to rescue, or not to rescue.” How about rescue for the ready and tribulation for the ill prepared? The Aramaic word for time in this passage is Iddan and it is a generic term for time. This is an indeterminate word for time. In the past we would have equated a time with a prophetic year of 360 days. I do not know from which Scripture reference that was derived. A “time” is not defined in Scripture. We will cover “time” in a later work.

The other passage using time, times and half a time is also in Daniel. “It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed” (Daniel 12:7). This passage is explaining events during the time of the end. “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered” (Daniel 12:1). We already wrote about Michael defeating the dragon in Revelation 12. Is that the time when Michael “will arise?” Does Michael give the Woman the wings of a great eagle to fly away from the dragon? Is that how he delivers the people of Daniel?

The phrase: “time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then” is used by Jesus Christ to describe the Great Tribulation. “For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again” (Matthew 24:20). In Daniel 7:25, the Saints are handed over, in Daniel 12:1 the Saints are delivered. In Revelation 12:14, the Saints fly to a place out of the dragon’s reach. This could only be the coming Great Tribulation. Some Saints are rescued from it and some Saints are handed over into 

In Daniel 12:7 the word for time is the Hebrew word *moed*, which is the word used for the Holy Days. Is this an important clue? In these last days do the Holy Days of God carry more weight in observing the signs of our times? In Revelation 12:14 the Greek word for time is *kairos*, it is also used for the Holy Days. It also is used of times set by God for significant events. Can *moed* be used the same way? Or, do we need to look more closely at the Holy Days? The astronomical sign of the Woman took place on September 23, 2017, the Feast of Trumpets, a Holy Day. Three and a half years prior a tetrad of blood moons started on April 14, 2014, the Passover, a Holy season. I cannot believe that this has no meaning. During the four blood moons of that tetrad, a sack cloth sun took place on the first day of the Hebrew calendar, two weeks prior to the blood moon on Passover in 2015. Did that sack cloth sun anchor God's timing to the current Jewish calendar? For all of the calendar controversies, are we now on the traditional Jewish calendar until the return of Messiah? These Holy Days matter to current events. Our observance of them is imperative.

When we wrote about being pledged to Christ, Paul said as a "pure virgin" (2 Corinthians 11:2). Purity does not mean celibacy with Yeshua, rather it means an exclusively monogamous relationship. Worship is becoming one spirit with our Savior. "Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, 'The two will become one flesh.' But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit (1 Corinthians 6:16-17). Worship, becoming one spirit with the Lord is compared to man and woman becoming one flesh. Is worship how we become "one body" with the Lord? Things in the spirit do not exactly fit in the natural. Purity in the natural would require abstinence before the wedding. In the spirit it requires passionate worship during betrothal. It requires "knowing the Lord." The woman of Revelation 12 has to "know" the Lord to be included in His body.

Return to God for the Rescue

Terrible times are coming to these United States. In every age, and in every place where the Lord God of Israel has worked among humankind, He has always had a remnant. There are always people who love Him, know Him and obey Him in every age. The story of the Holy Hebrew Bible is the story of the rescue of His remnant. The God of Israel delivers His people. Over and over again in the Holy Scriptures, He delivers from harm those who serve Him. It seems to me then, that we should start serving Him. God is calling men everywhere to repent and return to living by His Word. Face it, this world is a wreck, and it is only going to get much worse from here. The only way out is to return to God with all of our hearts.

Many people in this late age dismiss the idea of a Rescue for the Remnant. Jesus Christ told us to desire to escape all that is coming upon the earth. “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:34-36). The KJV renders it “that ye may be accounted worthy to escape...” Jesus is telling us to watch and pray that we may escape. How can it be wrong to escape, if He is telling us to desire to escape. Watching the signs of our times, should encourage us to live by His instructions. Praying to escape should lead us to desire to be with Him on a more personal and intimate basis. As evil and darkness overtake this world, we should quickly realize that we don’t have anything here. Our inheritance is in the coming Kingdom of God. Understanding that should motivate us to live up to God’s eternal standard of living.

Jesus also gave us two examples of what the times will be like just before He returns. Both of these examples contradict the narrative in Revelation concerning the Wrath of God. Jesus returns to this earth to rule after the Wrath of God. The two examples that He gave do not indicate the worldwide catastrophic punishments of the Wrath of

God. The first example is the story of Lot. “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed” (Luke 17:28-30). So this revealing of the Son of Man is going to catch the world by surprise. The world will not be caught by surprise during the Wrath of God. It is reasonable to conclude that Jesus will surprise everyone when He comes to Rescue the Remnant. If you review the story about Lot from Genesis 19, you will discover that the angels had to drag Lot and his family from Sodom by the hand. In Matthew, Jesus tells us that the angels will gather us from the four corners of the earth (Matthew 24:31).

The other example that Jesus gave us was Noah. In both examples Jesus stresses that the unbelieving world will be completely unaware of what is going on. They will be completely surprised. He warned us to not be surprised, but rather to watch and pray that we be counted worthy to escape. “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all” (Luke 17:26-27). In the time of Noah, life was just going on as it always had, no one expected the flood. In our time, people expect that life will just go on as it always has, and no one expects Jesus Christ to Rescue His Remnant. So when it happens, no one will understand, and then the Great Tribulation will begin.

The Apostle Matthew added more detail in his account of this warning from Jesus Christ. “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come” (Matthew 24:37-42). Clearly Jesus is telling us that He is personally going to come when we do not expect Him. From the Book of Revelation it is clear that He will return to rule at the conclusion of the Wrath of God, while the gentile armies are gathered for battle at Har Meggidon.

In the phrase “two men in the field, one will be taken and one will be left” is an important clue. The Greek word for taken is *paralambano* and it is used of taking the bride to the wedding. It is also used in John 14, where Jesus told the disciples that He would take them to be with Himself. The Greek word for left is *aphiemi* and it is translated divorce three times in the New Testament. We are told to watch over our lives, and pray to be accounted worthy. All of us were betrothed to Christ when we were saved, and we are expected to make ourselves ready for the wedding. Jewish marriages are binding at betrothal and require a divorce to get out of it, even before the ceremony. In Revelation 19 the Remnant Church is called the Bride of Christ. Jesus is saying that He is going to come back at a time we do not expect, to take a people who are unaware, to be with Himself.

There are verses all over the new Testament which talk about rescue. Some are out in the open, like the ones we just went over and some are hidden. When we accepted Jesus Christ as the payment for our sins, we were removed from God’s Wrath, and placed into His Church. As we pointed out earlier, the Great Tribulation is satan’s wrath against the church and against the USA/UK. “Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him” Hebrews 9:27-28). The Greek word for salvation, *soteria*, can also mean rescue, and is translated rescue three times in the New Testament. We needed salvation before we were saved, now we need rescue. This same writer in Hebrews says that if we neglect such a great salvation we cannot be restored again. So he is not talking about being saved twice, but once saved from

God's wrath, now we need saving from satan's wrath.

In the Book of Revelation are seven letters to the seven churches. It is a common feature of eschatology to frame those letters in terms of era's of time in the church. One of those letters speaks of the Great Tribulation, which frames that letter to the end times. In that letter Jesus promises that some of His followers will not have to endure the Great Tribulation. "Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth" (Revelation 3:10). The NIV translator notes say that the phrase "keep you from" could just as easily be translated "keep you from undergoing." the Greek word for keep is *tereo* and it can also mean observe, as in observing the Holy Days, or keep as in keeping the Commandments. This same word is also used in the phrase "kept my command." Could this phrase be rendered "since you patiently kept my commandments, I will keep you from undergoing the hour of trial"?

There are many more examples of the coming rescue of the saints. For more information contact us for a copy of our book [Come Away With Me](#). Once you realize that Jesus Christ is going to rescue the remnant, it seems like you find verses and examples all over the Bible. In fact, His Hebrew name Yeshua is translated deliverer many times in the Old Testament. His name means "Yah saves," in the Hebrew that is in a physical and literal way. Jesus told us to pray always that we be accounted worthy to escape. As we consider the events transpiring in the world today, I think that we should get busy and obey Him.

"Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:34-36).

End of the Matter

We live in precarious times. There are financial problems with foreign governments abroad and a serious debt crisis at home. More people than ever before are dependent on their governments for their daily needs. There are fewer and fewer people with sufficient incomes to pay the taxes required to pay for government programs and to service the enormous debts. The Anglo-Saxon people have allowed their military superiority to collapse. And, there is a tidal wave of migration from third world countries into the first world sapping the strength of our social safety nets.

The war on terror is far from over, with terrorist plots broken up and attacks getting through with alarming frequency. Several governments around the world are pursuing aggressive policies which could quickly plunge large parts of the world into war. Many major countries around the world are arming themselves with major weapons systems, while the Anglo-Saxon countries are unilaterally dismantling our armed forces.

At home we are witnessing the complete abandonment of long held social norms for an anything goes morality. We are accepting behaviors that have been held to be aberrant for centuries. Because of the decline in morality and virtue in our society, we are experiencing an explosion of unwanted pregnancies, widespread drug abuse, a rise in crimes of all kinds, and the collapse of our education system. We cannot educate our children when they are preoccupied with drugs, immorality and gangs. This is creating a generalized unwillingness to learn. Worse still is the near complete collapse of curriculum in US schools. We no longer even attempt to teach our children the enduring values of freedom, hard work, thrift and initiative.

Right now that ancient system of governance called the beast in the Bible is slowly waking up. Those nations that anciently comprised this system are realigning in opposition to the Anglo-Saxon people. This world is setting itself up for the climax at the close. The religious system that keeps this beast alive is gaining the power it needs to awaken this beast from hibernation.

This is a very bleak picture that I'm afraid is going to get very much worse. However, I have good news. Jesus Christ is coming to clean this mess up. His Kingdom will be set up really soon and all of these problems will be quickly forgotten. Between our present time and the coming of Jesus' rule on earth there are going to be terrible times.

For more information on end time prophecy, please obtain our book What Comes Next. It is available wherever fine books are sold and it is available from the Ministry at Hungryheartsministry.com. We go into more detail about the troubling times in which we live. Also available is our book on the rescue of the Saints: Come Away With Me. It is also available wherever fine books are sold and also from our Ministry.

God is in control, God is going to bring His Word to pass, and God is going to deliver His Saints. He has given us in the Holy Bible the keys to understand world events. He has given us the steps to take to protect ourselves and our families from the time of coming trouble. Only Jesus Christ can save the USA. We need to turn today.

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